

**DEFRAUDS HIS BANK
OF \$1,500,000****President of First National Bank
today Admits His Appropriation of Above Sum**

Milwaukee, Wis., April 24.—Frank Bigelow, president of the First National Bank of this city, and former president of the American Bankers' Association, it is alleged has defrauded the bank's funds to the extent of \$1,500,000. The directors of the bank have deposited in the bank a sum sufficient to make the institution perfectly solid. Mr. Bigelow has not yet been arrested.

The sum of \$1,035,000 has been subscribed by the directors to meet any demands which may be made on the bank. The aggregate wealth of the bank approximates over \$2,000,000. The controller of the currency has been notified and has been asked to make an immediate examination of the bank. Mr. Bigelow's defalcation became known to the directors of the bank on Saturday night. He admitted today that the amount had been

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**THE GREAT
PANAMA CANAL****Most Stupendous Engineering Enterprise of
Modern Times Will Revolutionize the
World's Sea Routes**

The treaty between the new republic of Panama and the United States and the enactment of the legislation by the latter necessary to commence the work of construction, terminated all contention over the relative value of routes, concessions, policies, etc., which have stood in the way of the construction of an isthmian canal for at least twenty-five years, and opens the way for a vigorous prosecution of the great maritime enterprise. "No single great material work which remains to be undertaken on this continent," said President Roosevelt, in a message to Congress, "is of such consequence to the American people as the building of a canal across the isthmus connecting North and South America." It is emphatically a work which it is for the interest of the entire country to begin and complete as soon as possible. It is one of those great works which only a great nation can undertake with prospects of success, and which when done are not only permanent assets in the nation's material interests, but standing monuments to its constructive ability.

As early as 1827 the use of the isthmus for commercial transit was discussed and steps taken to secure that end. In that year President Bolivar gave a commission to J. A. Lloyd to survey the isthmus of Panama in order to ascertain the most eligible line of communication across it, whether by road or canal. Nothing came of this commission except making surveys and formulating a report in which a new line of travel across the isthmus was recommended. In 1838 the Republic of Colombia made a grant to a French company authorizing the construction of railroads, roads, and canals across the isthmus, with the Pacific terminus at Panama. Several years were spent in explorations, and reports were made which encouraged that undertaking, and it was decided to make further investigation with a view of cutting through the isthmus to join the two oceans by a canal. An elaborate report was the result of this investigation by Napoleon Garella, who recommended the construction of the canal, but nothing was done.

Events that occurred about the middle of the last century made it clear to sagacious statesmen that a maritime connection between the two oceans at the isthmus of Panama was of the very highest importance to the United States. The dispute with Great Britain as to the boundary line west of the Rocky mountains was settled by the treaty of 1846, and Oregon became an organized territory in 1848. By the treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, in 1848, following the war with Mexico, California was ceded to the United States. The discovery of gold in that state induced many thousands of people of this country to seek the mining regions, and to avoid the

hardships of travel across the plains, lines of steamships were established between New York and San Juan del Norte and San Francisco and Panama. This stream of travel led to the construction of a railroad across the isthmus, and was the means of attracting general attention to the value and importance of communication by that route, and gave fresh interest to the question of constructing a canal. The matter was taken up by Congress and a report made, in 1849 by a committee recommending surveys from points on the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean.

Nothing came from this investigation in the way of promoting a canal, but it may be said that the construction of the railroad was the result. On the completion of the road appropriations were made by Congress for carrying the mails across the isthmus. Various efforts followed to secure concessions from New Granada and Nicaragua for citizens of the United States to construct a canal, some of which were successful, but none of which accomplished anything practical. In 1878 the Colombian Government made a concession to a provisional company formed in France for a period of ninety-nine years, for the construction of a canal across its territory, and this concession was subsequently transferred to the Panama Canal Company, which undertook the work of construction, but failed and went into liquidation. Ferdinand de Lesseps was president of this company. Following the failure of De Lesseps, a new organization was perfected, and the work of construction was continued merely to preserve the concession, in the hope that the property and concession would be purchased by the United States. The price at which the property was offered was so large that the Walker Commission, which had investigated the general question, recommended the Nicaragua route; but subsequently the Panama Company offered the entire property for \$40,000,000, and the property was taken by the United States at those figures. It is estimated that the completion of the canal will cost \$144,000,000, and if the money to be paid the Panama Company and the Republic of Panama be added, it will be seen that the cost of this work to complete will be at least \$200,000,000, and may reach \$225,000,000. The total length of the canal will be 49.99 miles. This includes seven miles of free sailing on Lake Bako. The length of the Nicaragua canal is 183.66 miles, including forty-two miles of free sailing on Lake Nicaragua. Thus it will be seen that there is in favor of the Panama route 100 miles of canal navigation. It is estimated that a vessel would be three times longer in going through a canal by Nicaragua than by the Panama route.

Aside from the value of the canal to the United States, from a military point of view, it is of great importance. It will enable the United States to move its fleet from the Pacific to the Atlantic in a matter of days, and to avoid the

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**AUTOMOBILE RACE FOR
LIFE****They Saved the Negro from
Lynching, but He Will
be Hanged****An Ohio Mob Will Lynch
Bad Negroes, as is Done
in the South**

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Columbus, Ohio, April 24.—Speeding from an angry mob of 400 white people at Mount Vernon, Ohio, today Deputy Sheriff Shellenbarger in an automobile rescued George Copeland, a negro youth who had been arrested on a charge of assaulting and murdering Miss Miranda Bricker, a white woman aged 55 years. As soon as word got out that the negro had been placed in jail a mob quickly gathered. A big overcoat was put on Copeland and he was placed in the bottom of an automobile and a rapid run was made to Centerburg, 12 miles away, where the negro was placed in jail under heavy guard, awaiting the arrival of a train for Columbus.

Copeland was arrested after a pack of blood hounds had trailed him over a two-mile route to his home. Miss Bricker was a servant in the Fairchild family and was highly respected.

The engagement of the Clara Mathes troupe which closed Thursday evening, was a most successful one. Mr. Marsh states that Miss Mathes will again visit Ladysmith with her company in a few weeks.

TURFMAN IS DEAD.

New Orleans, April 24.—James J. Carroll, better known as "Virginia" Carroll, for many years one of the most noted figures on the American turf, is dead here of cancer aged 47 years.

Mr. Robert Grant, M.P.P. was a passenger home from Victoria last week. He expressed himself as directly opposed to the "Coal Mines Regulation Act" and is of the opinion that such legislation would distinctly injure legitimate industry. Cumberland News.

STORM NOT IMPROVING.

Denver, Colo., April 24.—The storm that began early Sunday morning continued today and the plains of eastern Colorado are covered with snow six inches deep. Telegraph wires north, west and south of this city generally are rendered unserviceable. Salt Lake City was entirely isolated early today so far as telegraphic communications were concerned. The storm extended from the Panhandle of Texas to Central Wyoming. Little damage to railroads is reported so far.

**ONE DEAD AND
50 WOUNDED****After a Religious Meeting
the Police and Crowd
Fight**

New York, April 24.—A Valparaiso, Chile, despatch to the Herald dated Sunday, says: One dead and fifty more or less severely wounded is the result of a collision in Santiago between a police detachment and a crowd of workmen. The latter had just attended an open air conference of a Catholic priest, Father Jose Julio, who is called the South American Sakanarola, who, while advocating the simple life, denounces the "perversity" of his former bishop and the adulteration of Christ's doctrine. When they were met by a religious procession after the conference considered by the workmen as a grotesque spectacle, the men attempted to stop it, but the police charged a score of times with drawn swords, the workmen answering with a rain of stones. The majority of the newspapers blame the police.

ANOTHER SHOCK.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, April 24.—A long and heavy earth shock was experienced here last night.

PRINTERS STRIKE.

St. Petersburg, April 24.—The printers struck yesterday, announcing their intention of refusing to work Sundays and holidays. Only the Russ and Novoe Vremya managed to appear this morning.

**President Loubet Attends
Unveiling of Gambetta
Statue****Calm Reigns Supreme in
French Capital after Recent
Excitement**

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Paris, April 24.—(1.20 p.m.)—The foreign office and other government departments and the Bourse were closed today in connection with the Easter holidays, which, with the Easter adjournment of both branches of Parliament and the departure of President Loubet and most of the ministers, except Foreign Minister Del Casse to attend the unveiling of the Gambetta statue at Bordeaux, has resulted in a period of calm after the excitement attending the Del Casse incident and the Japanese protest. The foreign office was open briefly at noon, when it was said no confirmation had been received of the reported cannonade outside of Kamranh Bay during the night of April 22nd had been received. The officials here discredited the report that the crew of the interned Russian cruiser Diana, now at Haifong Tonquin, joined Admiral Rojestvensky previous to his sailing, as the official advisers show that a daily roll call is made for the purpose of preventing the departure of the crew. The neutrality incident is officially considered as closed. M. Del Casse, not accompanying President Loubet to Bordeaux is due to the unsettled situation of the Moroccan question and to the possibility of further complications over neutrality. A telegram from Toulon says it is rumored there that orders have been received to dispatch the French armored cruisers Kieper and Derax to the Far East and to hold the third class cruisers, Cashard and Alger in readiness to put to sea.

JEROME CAN KEEP LETTERS.

Brooklyn, April 24.—Justice Gaynor in the State Supreme Court, filed a decision denying the petition of counsel for J. Morgan Smith and his wife for an order compelling the strict Attorney Jerome to return letters taken from the Smiths when they were arrested on the charge of conspiracy with Nan Patterson, to extort money from Caesar Young.

HEAVIEST RAIN YET.

Abuquerque, April 24.—New Mexico and Arizona have been fairly drenched by a rain and snow storm that has prevailed over the two territories for 36 hours and which, for duration and heaviness of precipitation, is unprecedented.

MAY ENTER PACIFIC.

Tokio, April 24.—Information is keenly awaited regarding the movements of Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron. It is generally believed that the Russian warships will either continue north from Kamranh Bay until they reach Chinese waters outside the territorial limit, or enter the Pacific ocean.

RAILWAY STOCK.

New York, April 24.—Northern Pacific railway stock, which has been released by the distribution of the holdings of the Northern Securities Company, was ordered in one stock in the stock exchange today for the first time in four years. It was quoted at 168 and 167.

**COLORED
MAN SHOT**

Morgantown, Va., April 24.—Moses Lewis, colored, was shot and instantly killed and James Johnson, colored, was shot three times through the body and fatally injured by two Italians named Rocco Spire and Nick Caddia. The latter was arrested but Spire escaped. The men worked for the Virginia Coal Company. They met in the public road and the Italians began to shoot because Lewis objected to one of them pushing him.

KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 24.—Engineer James McClain and brakeman man W. N. Duncan were killed today when four cars and the engine of a Big Four freight train jumped the track and turned over as the train was passing through north Indianapolis.

**FIFTY TWO WAR SHIPS
INCLUDING TRANSPORTS****This Tremendous Fleet Left Kamranh Bay April
Twenty Second - An Engagement the
Same Night is Reported****Officers and Crews Seem in Good Spirits and Ex-
pect to win the Fight - Rojesvsky
is Reported Ill**

Kamranh Bay, via Saigon, April 24.—(11.30 a.m.)—The Russian squadron consisting of 52 ships including transports, left at noon here on April 22nd, and the main portion soon disappeared in a northerly direction. Sixteen vessels, the Russian cruiser Svetlana, the Russian hospital ship Orel, four German transports, seven Danish transports and three Russian transports remained in the offing. Fishermen and others assert that they heard heavy cannonading in Kamranh Bay during the evening of April 22nd. Those who saw Rojestvensky prior to his departure say he is suffering from dysentery, accompanied by severe pains. All the officers and crews of the Russian ships appeared to be full of confidence. It is believed here that it is Admiral Rojestvensky's intention to do everything possible to have Admiral Nebogatoff join him before undertaking a decisive battle. A torpedo boat destroyer is patrolling the coast.

The French third class cruiser Le Carles left here at two o'clock Saturday afternoon for a point on the coast where a fisherman reports that he saw twenty warships.

Although the Russian crews were confident of victory, independent observers who got near enough to Admiral Rojestvensky's warships to be able to inspect them were not unanimous regarding the efficiency of the squadron.

HEAVY FIRING AT SEA.

Saigon, French Cochinchina, April 24.—The complete Russian fleet left Kamranh Bay on April 22 at midday. At night heavy cannonading was heard out at sea. It is supposed a portion of the Russian fleet was engaged with Japanese scouts. Vice Admiral Rojestvensky was reported to be suffering from dysentery.

MORE RUMORS OF PEACE.

St. Petersburg, April 24.—(5.55 p.m.)—Mysterious rumors that another attempt at peace negotiations is pending are circulating in high quarters and the United States is directly mentioned as the intermediary. The Associated Press has not yet been able to obtain any confirmation of the reports. No intimation of such a move has reached the American Embassy, but at the foreign office this afternoon an official enquired, perhaps significantly, when President Roosevelt would return to Washington.

SQUADRON NEAR SAIGON.

Saigon, April 24.—According to the latest news received here the Russian squadron was fifteen miles from the coast. The vessels are steering northward.

REPORT OF SQUADRONS.

St. Petersburg, April 24.—(11 a.m.)—The admiralty is disposed to accept with reservation all foreign telegrams announcing the whereabouts of Vice-Admiral Kamimura and the Japanese ships, believing that many of them are purposely sent out for strategic deception. The Novoe Vremya this morning prints a rumor that the opposing squadrons were already engaged Saturday, but the paper has nothing to support the report and no credence is placed in it.

OYAMA WAITING FOR TOGO.

St. Petersburg, April 24.—The news from Manchuria indicates that Field Marshal Oyama's plans await the result of the naval battle, it being too risky for the Japanese army to undertake any serious operations while the outcome of the sea fight is in the balance. Should Admiral Rojestvensky reach Vladivostok, and Admiral Togo still be able to protect the Japanese lines of communication, the general belief at the war office is that the Japanese will forthwith attempt to cut off and invest Vladivostok and make of the place another Port Arthur.

CASTRO TAKING A TRIP.

Caracas, April 17.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—For the first time since he advanced himself head of the Venezuelan government, six years ago, President Castro is making a tour in the interior of the republic. Remote villages and cities formerly unknown to the president are to be visited by him on this excursion, which includes many days of travel on horseback and in small steamers, among practically unexplored portions of the Apure and Orinoco rivers. President Castro left Caracas by train on April 15th.

JEWELRY**ROBBERY**

Chicago, Ills., April 24.—On the pretense of serving a search warrant three men gained entrance to the apartments of Mrs. D. Gilmour, in Twentieth street, and at the point of revolvers robbed Mrs. Gilmour and Edward Gilmour of \$2,500 worth of diamonds. The victims were then bound and locked in a closet. Mrs. Gilmour, after much struggling, finally released herself and untied Mr. Gilmour, who kicked out the panels of the door, through which they crawled. About \$5,000 worth of jewelry had been overlooked by the robbers.

BASEBALL.

Vancouver, B. C., April 22.—The Northwestern Baseball League met today and put up forfeits for the season. The league found great difficulty in attempting to arrange a schedule so as to not interfere with the cross-country and Vancouver is to play on Saturday instead of Sunday in British Columbia. Adjournments were taken four times and the matter was finally referred to President Lucas, after four schedules were turned down. All attempts to arrange the schedule of the Northwestern Baseball League tonight have proved unavailing. The delegates have decided to work right through tonight till train time tomorrow morning to get the schedule fixed. One difficulty is that the teams all want to open in the park in Vancouver, there to face the record crowd on these grounds, the grand stand of which has cost \$25,000.

The funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Palmer took place Saturday afternoon from the residence of James Hardy, Pridemore st. and was attended by quite a large number of friends of the bereaved parents. Rev. A. Silva-White conducted service.

Nanaimo photographers have hit upon a way to make their subjects "look pleasant." After peering through the apparatus and emerging from under the black cloth, the photographer says: "By the way, would you like a drink?" "Well, I don't mind," says the man from Nanaimo, with a pleased smile. "What have you got?" "Beer, whiskey and wine," says the photographer, and then, before the man can say which he'll have the camera does its duty. The "expression" of his photograph is always lifelike.

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THE TRAVELING MEN.

The imposition of a tax on each man selling by samples for any company that does not carry a stock in the province, is not unfair, nor unjust, as is claimed by the men taxed or by a portion of them, for some admit freely that it is only a matter of right that they should be made to pay something into the provincial treasury. It is only right to encourage the wholesaler who carries stock on which he is taxed in the province, by so far as possible equalizing rates, and this can perhaps be done as easily by the Commercial Travellers' Tax as any other way.

Most bountifully has nature provided stocks of gamey fish in the waters of British Columbia. The inland waters in northern British Columbia or the Kootenay lakes abound in trout. There is scarcely a body of water to be found anywhere in the interior but that good fish are found in it in great abundance. For hundreds of years to come British Columbia will furnish attractions to fishermen. Hunters are now paying special attention to the province, and the game and fish found in such abundance will, if wisely conserved, serve as a source of income by attracting the lovers of sport, who not alone spend but frequently invest money, if a country suits their fancy. Wise game and fishing laws that can be enforced and will not be irksome should only be imposed, and under such conditions every man in the province should take a personal interest in their enforcement.

GREAT BATTLES.

Some interesting comparisons are being made between the numbers engaged in the battle of Mukden and other great battles of modern warfare. At the former it is estimated that there were nearly one million men in action. Statistics of a number of the greatest battles known in history give food for thought. If we except one or two ancient times, about which there may be reasonable doubts as to the authenticity of the records, Mukden ranks first in history. Says the St. John Sun:

Leipsic, the most gigantic of modern battles fought before the beginning of the Russo-Japanese war, involved altogether 480,000 men. Blenheim was fought by armies numbering respectively 60,000 and 50,000. The total at Austerlitz was but 30,000 more than the total at Blenheim. At Dresden one army of 120,000 men was opposed to another of 100,000. At the Borodino, where only a section of Napoleon's invading army of 500,000 was in action, the numerical strength of the forces was 280,000. At Gettysburg the aggregate was never more than 160,000. At Waterloo, if we include the Prussians whose arrival decided the issue, the figures were 181,000. About 115,000 fought Sadouva to a finish.

SPORTS

SHECKERS.

The following are the results of the checker tournament played by the Ladysmith Checker and Chess Club recently:

T. Gemell, 32 points; P. Dunne, 43 points; A. Brown, 18 points; R. Walkinshaw, 48 points; W. Bailey, 32 points; D. McKee, 30 points; R. Mackley, 23 points; W. G. Simpson, 31 points; T. Doherty, 30 points; E. Mulholland, 42 points; J. McMurtrie, 34 points; J. Ryan, 44 points; C. Callander, 6 points; M. Woodburn, 18 points;

BASEBALL.

The secretary of the local baseball club has received communication from the Fernwood Y. M. C. A. baseballers asking that arrangements be made for a game between the two teams in the near future.

Miss L. Clay was a passenger to Victoria on the morning train.

BULL FIGHTS AGAIN.

New York, April 21.—Bull fights were held Sunday in many towns all over Spain for the first time since the law prohibiting their being held on that day was promulgated. Owing to the popular opposition to the measure and to the protests being sent from Torosadors, municipal authorities and others interested, the government suspended the law.

COL. SMART DEAD. St. Augustine, Fla., April 21.—Col. Charles Smart, ranking assistant surgeon-general of the United States army, died here yesterday. Though an invalid, his death was not unexpected. He was a native of Scotland and 67 years of age. He was one of the best known officers in his department. He has written numerous papers on medico-military and sanitary subjects.

STORM IN COLORADO. Denver, Colo. A heavy storm of rain and snow has interfered with

telegraphic communications to the Pacific coast. The storm reached from Arizona to Montana. In Colorado after 24 hours, the temperature lowered and then turned to snow.

STEAMSHIPS SOLD.

Chicago, Ill., April 21.—The Tribune says: It is reported that the "Ore Fleet" of ten whaleback steamers has been sold to eastern capitalists, believed to be John W. Gates and his associates in the May wheat deal, the plan being to ship wheat direct from Chicago to Europe. The fleet which has been operated by the Pittsburgh Steamship Company, one of the subsidiary corporations of the United States steel corporation, is now on dry dock at Detroit, being remodeled for ocean voyages. Some of these vessels already have crossed the ocean with cargoes of steel rails. Mr. Gates declined to be interviewed. T. J. Hyman, secretary of the Illinois Steel Company, said he did not hear of the sale of the fleet, but did not deem it probable.

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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.

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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 fees, 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

PANAMA CANAL.

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itary point of view, it will prove of great value to the industrial and commercial intercourse between the Atlantic and Pacific sections of the United States and in the trade between the Pacific States with Europe impose a serious limitation upon the progress of our industries. Cheaper and more expeditious access to the Pacific markets will benefit not only the Northwestern States by furnishing cheaper raw material and larger markets for their industrial products, and the Southern States by increasing their exports of cotton, and its manufactures, forest products, iron and steel manufactures, but also the Central West, which is now manufacturing extensively for the foreign and domestic trade. The

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. 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 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 out put 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.

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 prospecting, 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 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.

canal will benefit all these sections by furnishing a larger business with the Pacific coast, and enhance their ability to compete with Europe in Western South America and the Orient. It will place Europe and the United States on a basis of equality in distance for the trade of the Far East and Australia, the advantages at present being greatly in favor of Europe.

The report of the Walker Commission points out that the canal will have an especially direct and important effect upon the market for American coal. Vessels engaged in our own or European commerce through the canal will find it to their advantage to purchase American fuel on our Atlantic or Gulf seaboard, or in West Indian and Central American stations. The larger commerce which the canal will cause to move across the North Pacific may cause an increase in the demand for the product of the Puget Sound mines. The low cost at which coal can be placed on the tidewater on the Gulf and Atlantic seaboard, and the fact that there will be a considerable movement of vessels in ballast or with part cargoes westward through the canal, makes it probable that coal required for industrial purposes on the west coast of South and Central America, and for commercial uses in those regions, and to some extent in the coaling stations of the Pacific, will be supplied from the mines in Southern and Eastern sections of the United States. The demands at home for the coal of all the mining centres of the United States will be enlarged by the canal in proportion to its effect upon the development of American industries.

The effect of the canal upon the railroads in the eastern and southern sections of the United States will be favorable. The lines in the central West will feel the competition in rates somewhat more than will the Eastern and Southern roads, but the only business that can be diverted from them is the low-class, transcontinental traffic, and this will be fully compensated for by the larger traffic due to the canal's effect upon the development and diversification of the manufacturing and power industries of the section they serve. The railways connecting the Mississippi valley with the Pacific ports are the roads with which the canal's competition will be strongest, and the rates on a large share of their through business will be regulated by the water route.

It is calculated that the canal will be completed in ten years, or in the year 1914. From an examination of statistics of vessel movements between the Atlantic and Pacific it is estimated that nearly 6,000,000 net tons will pass through the canal in 1909 and about 7,000,000 net tons in 1914. Assuming that the rate of increase in traffic during the first ten years of operation would be 62½ per cent., the tonnage that would pass through the canal in 1924 would be raised approximately 10,500,000 net tons. At the rate of one dollar per net ton of register, the income from the canal would be in 1914 about \$7,000,000 and in 1924 about \$10,500,000. The annual cost of operation, it is estimated, will be \$2,000,000. The extent to which the canal will be used will depend largely on the rate of tolls charged. Light charges will give the Panama Canal a large part of the trade that now goes by the Suez Canal from the Atlantic ports to the Philippines and the East. The tolls by the Suez route are more than \$2 per ton. The Suez tolls are levied by a corporation, whose object it is to secure the maximum of revenue. In fixing the charges for the use of an isthmian canal owned and operated by the United States government, the principle of maximum revenue could not wisely be followed. The revenue producing functions of the canal will be minor as compared with its services in promoting the industrial and commercial progress and general welfare of the United States. The exaction of tolls that would much restrict the benefits derived from the canal would not be to the advantage of the people of this country.

Regarding the relative advantages to be derived by Europe and the United States, the report of the commission says: "As compared with Europe, the United States will derive from the canal greater benefits, both commercially and industrially. The commerce of Europe with the Pacific coast of North, Central and South America, under existing circumstances, is about as large as the total volume of the present traffic of the United States that may be considered tributary to the canal, but this fact does not indicate the relative advantages which the canal will possess for the trade of Europe and that of the United States. As soon as it has been opened, our trade with the west coast of South America will increase more rapidly, as will also the volume of our trade with the Orient. An isthmian canal will strengthen the unity of the national and political interests of the United States, develop its Pacific territory and promote the commerce and industries of the entire country. The benefits which Europe will derive from the canal will be commercial. In addition to this, ours will be political and industrial."

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LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. White and Mrs. Thornley went up to Nanaimo at noon today.

Mrs. and Miss Uren were passengers to Nanaimo on the noon train.

Mr. W. W. Walkem went down on the morning train to the capital.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall went down to Victoria this morning.

Miss F. Boyce, of Nanaimo, passed through on the morning train to Chemainus.

Jas. Ross, living on First Avenue, is just recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. Young was among the passengers on the nine o'clock train to Victoria this morning.

Chas. George, a stock man living in Vancouver, paid Ladysmith a visit on Saturday.

Already families are beginning to gather at Crofton, where a large wharf is in course of construction. It is said that work will be begun at once and quite a large force of men employed.

SPRING IN LADYSMITH.
Spring is now well advanced, although Ladysmith people do not seem to realize it. It has a good effect on the appearance of this city. At the top of the hill there are many extremely well laid out gardens looking beautiful with their wealth of spring flowers. The flowers in some of the gardens are well worth a walk up the hill to see. Also there are many residents in town suffering from the spring cleaning fever, and some are busily painting their homes and altogether improving the look of their property.

Among one of the prettiest yards in the city is that of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Axelsons, on White street, where flowers, fruit trees, etc., combine in making this one of the most tasteful and well laid out yards on the island.

A PRESENTATION.
A Ledger reporter was informed this morning that an interesting event took place at the railway station on Saturday evening last. Mr. Beauchamp was met at the train by a delegation from the local sport clubs and presented with a gold collar stud as an acknowledgement of the valuable services he has rendered the various clubs during the past few months. The ceremony was a most impressive one.

Pearson, Everybodies, Ainslee, Argosy, Frank Leslie, Ladies' Home Journal, Wide World and Metropolitan for May at Knight's.

EASTER SERVICES.

At the various churches in this city yesterday, Easter Day, special music was rendered.

The Church of England choir was heard at its best and the beautiful anthem, "The Resurrection" was faultlessly sung. The church was prettily decorated with flowers.

The music at the Presbyterian church also was very fine, and a solo was rendered most feelingly by Mr. T. Lewis. Rev. Boyle preached a most interesting sermon on the Resurrection.

At the Methodist church a large congregation greatly enjoyed the pretty music given and the powerful sermon preached by Dr. White.

At all the City places of worship yesterday the attendance was very good.

Get your Sunday Colonist at Knight's bookstore, which is open free 12 o'clock to one on Sunday.

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DEPRIVATION OF THE BANK.
The bank a large sum of money. It is a family tragedy as well as a tremendous shock to the financial circles of the city.

The father, Frank G. Bigelow, had Chicago speculative connections with the firm of Tracy & Company in which his brother, Gordon Bigelow, was a member. The Bigelows were caught in the late Armour-Gates wheat battle and sharp fluctuations of the market which have come during the last few days.

A Chicago despatch says the announcement made by Tracy & Co. concerning the dissolution of partnership gave no particulars as to the cause leading to such action, stating simply that Mr. Bigelow would no longer be a member.

DUNCAN LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. W. Speck and family, of Victoria, are spending Easter with the brothers P. and E. Speck, at their ranch at Sonoma Lake.

At the Quamichan, Mr. S. Gough, wife and child, J. W. Graham, W. Harvey, Nanaimo; F. H. Stanton, Manitoba; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bruy and family, E. S. Morris, F. H. Harrington, F. W. McLaren, J. Reid, J. R. Lowry, J. Fullerton, Victoria; A. S. Christie, Ladysmith.

Mr. W. Marshall, the well known, genial dispenser of fluids at the Tzouhalem, met with a nasty accident last night. While cycling near Cowichan wharf he collided with a wagon and received some severe bruises. Dr. Perry says a few days will restore his usual happy smile.

The trout are inconsolable—not one but is mourning a relative or friend. Shawigan especially has been visited by a perfect forest of fishing rods. It is said that for every dollar taken out of the Klondike a dollar is spent. Has any statistician ever reckoned what trout cost per head?

Every stage leaving Duncan for Cowichan Lake carries guests for the Cowichan Hotel. Between 20 and 30 people are already enjoying the elegant fishing and boating. Many guests at this resort prefer wall tents with floors to stopping in a house. All in all, Cowichan Lake is a most enjoyable place to spend a few weeks during the hot season.

Among those registered at the Tzouhalem Hotel are: G. J. Harvey, W. H. Bremner, W. L. Sampson, C. Wilson, J. R. Mann, A. A. Green, W. Foote, C. Lawson, H. Herd, A. Greenwood, W. Lehl, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Savage, H. Christie, C. E. Lang, J. B. H. Rickaby, E. Schlar, M. N. Cuzner, P. Richardson, P. M. Linklater, C. B. Daniels, M. Lenist, W. Cook, Victoria; H. E. Robertson, Vancouver; Mrs. Lessingham, Toronto.

CHERMAINUS.
Chermainus, April 24.—Posters are distributed liberally through the district announcing the visit tomorrow evening of the Ladysmith Harlequin Dramatic Club. The members of this society will perform in the Chermainus hall the two farces recently presented in Ladysmith. Also a good musical programme will be provided. The proceeds of the entertainment, over and above the expenses are to be given to a local hospital. After the concert a dance will be held. No doubt all Chermainus will turn out for the affair, for many who saw the Harlequin Society perform here last year remember the excellence of the entertainment provided for them, and if report speaks truly the artists are greatly improved since then. Then, again, the cause of the affair is an excellent one and should appeal forcibly to everyone.

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BAZAAR IN PROGRESS

This afternoon the Presbyterian Church Bazaar is in progress and will be continued throughout the evening. Some splendid articles are on show and those who require useful slippers, dainty tea cloths, etc., should not lose this rare opportunity of killing two birds with one stone, obtaining what one really requires and at the same time contributing to the funds of the church by purchasing the article at the bazaar.

This evening a concert and social will be held which will be a most enjoyable affair. On the programme are the names of some talented singers and an ebullientist, while the drills by a number of young ladies are very pretty, and such as are not often seen here. The members of the ladies' Guild of the Church have been working very energetically for some time preparing for the affair, and their efforts deserve to be rewarded with every success. Following is the program:

Barbell Drill 10 young Ladies Solo Mr. Roberts... Maid of Athens

Recitation Miss Leisk Selected Song (comic) Mr. T. Lewis

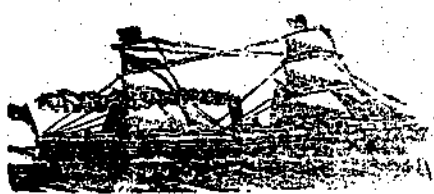
Solo Dear Sing Song Solo Mr. Jessie Evans

Solo Dream of Paradise. Solo Mr. John Thomas

Solo Anchored. Solo Miss Gladstone Selected Recitation Miss Leisk

Duet Messrs. Thomas and Roberts Flow Gentle Deva

Grecian Drill 12 young Ladies. Song D. Lewis Selected.



S.S. Thistle is in at the wharf.

S.S. Wellington is loading at the wharf today.

S.S. Tricolor left on Saturday evening with a cargo of 6,500 tons of coal.

New York, April 24.—Arrived, steamer Minnetonka from London.

New York, N. Y., April 24.—Arrived, steamer Kronland from Antwerp.

THE FISHING PARTY

Yesterday four well known residents of Ladysmith left town in the travel gear of fishermen. Two of them have always prided themselves on the great fight their ancestor, for whom they were named, made against Goliath. As one of them remarked it was always natural for his family to throw a stone or cast a fly. Another one of the party carries around vast quantities of red tape when he is at home. At times he visits officially one of the structures erected and maintained by the Dominion government.

The fourth member of the party started out independently, in fact, starting is a strong point with him. Yesterday he pushed hurriedly down the car, looking at nobody. He appeared, however, to see the party above mentioned, as he slid by, backed back a couple of cars and pulled in. "Now," said he genially, "If you fellows will drop that Scotch and talk English a little while I'll tell you how to catch some fish today." Tom looked at the two Davies and both glowered at the "butter in" "Ye insultin' vealain," said one of them "ye lie to the public and call yersel' a fisherman, and then ye come down to tell a Scotsman how to talk English." As the train pulled out the railroad man was still sparring for a drink, but his success looked like failure. Each one said to the newspaper man that they would let him know how they came on up at Sonoma.

This morning the notes came in. One note reads as follows: "I caught 72 trout in three hours, five large ones, could have caught more but it would have been unsportsmanlike. None of the others had any success. It was delicate work, but my flies worked to perfection." The second note read: "Am sorry to inform you that the other members of the party had no success. I alone caught fish. My cast was very successful and I employed the others in taking the fish off the hook for the most of the time. I filled all of the baskets in three hours. The third one read: "I

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"These gentlemen all say they had excellent sport and caught large creels." "Sonny," said the railway man to the junior, "good men consider it right to exaggerate their fishing exploits, and never report a failure. The four guys you have been enquiring about have been going fishing with me once a week throughout the season for years. They never get any fish unless they buy them, but they are such cheerful chaps we often pretend to believe their stories just to keep them in good humor."

Stuffed Eggs.
Stuffed eggs for luncheon or supper are always good. Boil the eggs hard and after they have cooled cut in two crosswise. Mash the yolks and mix with blotto or anchovy paste, minced parsley, salt and pepper. Minced ham or chicken may be substituted for the fish paste, and chopped sardines are sometimes liked. A little lemon-juice is a necessity when fish is used. Fill the white cups neatly and place on ice to chill. If the dish is to present an appearance, serve the eggs in aspic with lettuce leaves underneath. Mayonnaise accompanies the eggs.

Bedsteads.
"Among all the useless things that clutter society," said the housekeeper, "it would perhaps be impossible to find anything more entirely absurd than the high headboards and footboards with which beds are still made. A bed needs only a footboard and headboard high enough to support the pillows and keep the coverings where they belong, and the superfluous materials now put into such projections not only make the bed clumsy and hard to move, but necessitate its being placed not where one wants it, but with the high headboard against the wall."

The Sewing Machine.
The sewing machine still bothered me by running hard even after I had thoroughly oiled and cleaned it, says one woman. But at last I found one place that I had neglected the throat plate. All that was necessary was to remove the screw and lift that little cover where the needle runs in and out. There was such an accumulation of dust and dirt that the trouble was easily accounted for.

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