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70,000 JAPS AND RUSSIANS KILLED

Two Hundred Thousand Japanese Have Broken Through the Russian Lines.

St. Petersburg, March 4. —(5 p.m. —The battle going on at the front has assumed enormous proportions.

Already one of the Associated Press Russian correspondents wires that the Russian losses amount to 30,000 men and those of the Japanese are estimated at 40,000.

It is added that the attempt to draw a line around General Kuropatkin has not yet succeeded. But it is said that the Japanese from Simmintun are attempting by forced marches to cut the Russian line of communications.

General Kuropatkin, according to the latest reports, is stalled by the left, but the Russian centre is yielding slowly before the Japanese onslaught.

On Thursday Field Marshal Oyama shifted the weight to his left, seeking to envelop the Russian right 8 miles southwest of Mukden. In the bloody hand to hand fighting which followed and continued for hours, the losses on both sides were enormous.

But the most serious news is a report that the Japanese flanking column at Simmintin, about thirty miles west of Mukden, has divided, part of it moving east to roll up the Russian right wing, while the other is making forced marches north with the evident purpose of cutting the Russian line of communication with Tie Pass and closing the line of retreat. Should the movement prove successful the Russian army might be surrounded.

A DESPERATE STAND.

Mukden, March 4.—The Russians are holding on desperately to their positions. The fighting has now been in progress six days. One of General Kuropatkin's staff officers said to the Associated Press: "Oyamais strategy appears to break our centre, and then close the wings, and compel a demoralized retreat, but till now their attacks against the centre have only been in a measure successful.

"San Linpuao, which is the key to our position on the right flank, was the scene of awful carnage. The Japanese concentrated on it the fire of over a hundred guns and then attacked with the bayonet. According to the reports coming in, they were repulsed, and in a counter attack captured seven guns.

"Trains are leaving Mukden ceaselessly for the North, with wounded men and stores."

A despatch from the Tageblatt from St. Petersburg says:

"General Kuropatkin, in a telegram received here at 7 o'clock last evening said 200,000 Japanese had broken through the Russian left wing and that it was cut off from the remainder of the army."

At ten o'clock came another despatch from General Kdropatkin, which reads:

"The Japanese are marching on Mukden. My position is extremely dangerous."

In Government circles here today there is a conviction that General Kuropatkin has been fully beaten, that part of his army has been dispersed and the railroad north of Mukden will probably be cut.

AN OFFICIAL REPORT.

Tokio, March 4.—(4.10 p.m.)— An official despatch received yesterday from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in Manchuria says:

"Many counter attacks in the direction of Hsinching have been repulsed by the Japanese. In the direction of Bentsiaputze the Japanese pressed the army to his main force and are now engaged with him. The Japanese have captured Summaupaotzu and the heights north of Tangiechetun, east of the Shakhe river railroad, and have since been engaging the enemy's infantry. About a battalion of Russians attempted to penetrate Schang Wafang from the direction of Fenchiapo but were repulsed. Paying no attention to the enemy's defences west of the railroad, the Japanese are pressing northeast. Part of the Japanese force disloged the enemy from Tamintum and Summintin, the Japanese at the latter place capturing a quantity of provisions."

General Kuroki's headquarters in the field vig Fusan, March 4.— The Russian artillery kept up a heavy fire on the Japanese guns most of the day and also fired shrapnel at the attacking force. The Japanese are gathered on the slopes so close to the Russian trenches that in some places their artillery cannot give the best support. It is believed that the Japanese attack will succeed.

BATTERIES STILL FIRING.

Tokio, March 4.—(11 a.m.)—Aside from some brief official announcements the army department remains uninformed of the trend of events in Manchuria. It is evident that there is considerable activity along the entire front, which is roughly estimated to be ninety miles long, but it is doubtful if any general action has yet been commenced. At imperial headquarters nothing can be learned of the time and nature of the general movement at the front. The Russians seem to be concentrating forces on their centre and left, while contracting their line on the extreme right. The batteries of both armies continue to exchange a heavy fire.

BRITISH STEAMER SEIZED.

Tokio, March 4.—The British steamer Easby Abbey, from Cardiff for Vladivostock, was seized by the Japanese guardships on February 27.

2,000 JAPANESE LANDED.

Vladivostock, March 4.—Two thousand Japanese troops have landed at Shengudshin, northward of Korea, to which place they were conveyed by steamers from warships. A flotilla of torpedo boats covered the landing.

JAPS STEADILY GAINING.

Tokio, March 4.—(4 p.m.)—It is announced today from the headquarters of the Japanese army in Manchuria that the fighting on the right, centre and left is resulting in steady Japanese gains. The Japanese, it is added, have defeated the Russians at Sin Mintin.

General Kukoki's headquarters in the field vig Fusan, March 4.— The ed)—The hotly contested engagement waged since midnight across the Shakhe river from Witosan is still proceeding late this afternoon under conditions entailing great hardships upon the attacking forces and favoring those defending the entrenchments. A large Japanese contingent, which crossed the plain directly west of Witosan in darkness, succeeded in gaining the first line of the Russian trenches to the great astonishment of the Russians. The Russians have since been making a fierce attack on the second line of trenches on the summits of foothills, and the Japanese are attacking them spiritedly. The night was bitterly cold and today it is freezing and a thin film of snow covered the earth. The Japanese are obliged to wear the heaviest clothing which, with the continuing snow flurries, handicaps them.

SWEDISH STEAMER TAKEN.

Tokio, March 4.—The Swedish steamer Vegga was seized by a Japanese warship yesterday.

RUSSIAN RAILROADS.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—All the new rolling stock which includes 495 locomotives and 5,173 cars, just delivered, will be employed to reinforce the main Siberian line instead of being utilized in general commercial traffic as had been intended. The minister of communications has been obliged to order 15,000 more cars for the various lines in the empire.

PARLIAMENT WORKING ON SCHOOL ACT

It Is More Than Likely That the New School Bill Will Pass the House

The Grand Trunk Officials Are Saying Little but Awaiting Results

Victoria, March 4. —(Special.) — The City is almost depopulated today so far as Members of the House and their friends are concerned.

Last evening the Vancouver and Westminster contingents and many Island members left for home to return on Sunday evening or Monday. Yesterday was a quiet day in the House, the discussion on the School bill being continued, Messrs. Cameron, Williams, MacGowan, Davidson and others speaking for or against the measure. So far it seems to be conceded that the bill, with perhaps some changes in committee, will carry by a good majority. That some changes in the present school act are imperative the single instance shown during the debate that Delta, the wealthiest part of the Province, where the farming community have, it is said, $60,000 lying in the banks drawing three per cent. interest, and where they are very prosperous, pays into the province only about $23,000 in taxes and receives about $69,000 in school funds. Other instances are shown and all go to bear out the Government's claim that changes are necessary. The proposed bill will reduce the Government's expenses by about $10,000 per year. It will increase the taxes somewhat in cities of the third class, and a little more in the second class, among which are Ladysmith and Nanaimo, and will add quite materially to the taxes to maintain the schools, as they now are in Vancouver and Nanaimo. Nevertheless, while it increases taxes locally it distributes the burden more equitably, and is a fair measure. Mr. Williams spoke on Thursday in favor of the bill, but wants some changes in committee.

The question of public buildings for Ladysmith is being considered; and it is quite certain that something in the way of an appropriation will be made. It is, however, too soon as yet to know just how things will be arranged. The member for Newcastle district is evidently doing all he can to secure fair treatment for the district he represents.

On Monday the debate on the school bill will be resumed and will then pass to the committee stage. The appropriations will very likely be brought down next week or early in the week following. There is no news as regards the government's railway policy.

Officials of the Grand Trunk are here and quietly talking land grant for beginning construction at the Pacific end of the line. They claim that it will be much less expensive to build from the east through to the coast, and point out the fact that they will have no Oriental trade until they develop exports along the line of their road. This will take years to accomplish and as they build toward the west will be generally done along the line. It is generally regarded as a hold-up to ask further government aid, and it now seems very unlikely that they will receive any assistance from the British Columbia government in the way of a land grant. Twenty thousand acres per mile is the amount that it is intimated by the Grand Trunk officials would be an inducement. As to what the outcome will be remains to be seen. Some among both the government and opposition members favor making terms with them so that the coast cities may receive a portion of the $30,000,000 that will be expended by the company in building through British Columbia, very little of which will be expended on this coast unless construction is begun at this end as well as at other points.

It is now thought that another month will see the close of the session. There is nothing to indicate that there will be any trouble in the McBride government getting through the session unless trouble arises over the railway policy. This is hardly likely to occur.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT IN PENNSYLVANIA

TWO SPECIALS COLLIDE, SEVEN SOLDIERS KILLED

MANY ARE INJURED, SEVEN OF WHOM MAY DIE

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Pittsburg, Pa., March 4.— After the most searching investigation it is now practically certain that the list of dead caused by the collision last night between two special trains from Cleveland on the Pennsylvania railroad at Clifton station will not exceed seven. Some of the soldiers say a number of their comrades are still under the wreckage but all seem to have been accounted for.

The following is a revised list of the dead:

Lt. Donaldson, C. Schoefield, aged 38, of Company D; a Cleveland architect; Captain Jas. Kehoe, company C, Cleveland; Private H. R. Hill, company C, Cleveland; Frank Pinney, aged 10, son of Lt. O. C. Pinney of Cleveland; Dodge, Pullman conductor Chicago; Private Richard Buenger, company C, Cleveland.

Early reports had one woman among the dead. This has proved to be a mistake. The injured number 40, seven of whom will likely die. Among the seriously wounded are Major McQuigg, commanding the engineers, Cleveland, both legs broken and head cut; Lt. R. D. Smith, company H, Fairfield, Ohio, both legs broken and head cut, cannot live; Frank Johnson aged 20, Cleveland, right leg broken and injured internally; George Riley aged 35, Cleveland, guest of Major McQuigg, injured internally and suffering from concussion of the brain, will probably die; James Gray, negro cook, battery A, Cleveland, scalp wounds and internal injuries, will die; Charles H. Sturgis, aged 24, Cleveland, badly burned, condition is serious; O. A. Pinley, quartermaster Collinwood, skull fractured, may die.

HONOLULU POISONING CASE

High Sheriff Examines Late Mrs. Stanford's Servants

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Honolulu, March 4.—High Sheriff Henry has a long stenographic report of his examination of Miss Berner and Miss Hunt, the secretary and maid of the late Mrs. Stanford, relative to the circumstances of her death, but he maintains the utmost reticence and will absolutely not devulge anything until the chemist makes a report. Mr. Henry further said that there was no foundation of the rumors that the chemists' experiment thus far had revealed no poison. The results, he said, had not yet been developed.

$1,000,000 FIRE.

Southshields, Eng. March. 4.—Fire last night at the coal landings on the North bank of the Tynee caused damage to the amount of $1,000,000.

CHAMBERLAIN'S ADVICE.

London, March 4.—Speaking of the advice of friends who urged moderation in dealing with the differences in the Unionist party Joseph Chamberlain told the Tariff Reform League that the experience of the bye-elections had convinced the friends of Fiscal Reform that a bold policy was the best. A certain stiffening of the backs of the Tariff Reformers was needed in the meantime he supposed they must look forward to two or three years of the same kind of work as has already been under taken. He admitted that they did not expect to succeed immediately, but his conviction of ultimate success was if possible, stronger than ever.

MARRIED IN PARIS.

Paris, March 4.—The church marriage of Miss Eliza Porter, daughter of the American ambassador, to Dr. Edwin Mende, of Zurich, took place today in the church of Holy Trinity.

Mr. Murphy's description of a parliamentary session as being "another opportunity of putting a larger mortgage on the farm," is not entirely truthless.

MORE BOMB THROWING

A Porter Who is Believed to Have Been Implicated is Killed

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Warsaw, March 4.—A telegram from Lodz says that a bomb was exploded at noon today on the Mansion of M. Poznanski, a millionaire cotton manufacturer, and that one servant was killed. M. Poznanski's servants went on strike yesterday.

Warsaw, Mar. 4.—The bomb exploded in the hands of the house-porter, who is supposed to have been examining it. The porter was blown to pieces. Two other bombs and incriminating correspondence were in the porter's apartments.

The police believe that the bombs were intended to kill M. Poznanski.

Work was resumed at the Extension Mines this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Adam were passengers to Nanaimo at noon today.

Misses Ramsay and Teague went up to Nanaimo on the noon train.

Messrs. Daniels and Peakeath go up to Nanaimo to-morrow to play their games in the Athletic Club Tournament. Both gentlemen are "scratched" in this tournament.

Sam L. Prenter, will, it is said, be made trainmaster of the Pacific Division when Mr. Goodfellow assumes charge of the E. & N., as assistant superintendent.

TWO BATTLESHIPS GROUNDED.

Morsoer, Denmark, March 4.—The German battleships Mecklenburg and Wittelsbach grounded today off Haman Reef, east of Samsoe Island. The Wittelsbach was refloated but the Mecklenburg remains fast.

GAYNOR AND GREENE ARRFSTED

In Accordance With the Recent Judgment of Privy Council

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Quebec, March 4.—The absorbing topic of conversation in the parliament buildings here today, is the utter mixing up of the political situation by the events of yesterday. No one knows how it will eventuate. Leblanc's motion for a Committee of Inquiry, fell like a bombshell on the house and completely disconcerted all plans of factionists. It is pretty generally conceded that Parent got the best of the scrimmage, which will prevent Messrs. Gouin & Turngeon from re-entering the government without having to seek re-election from the constituents. If Leblanc fails to prove the specific charges against Parent on Tuesday, the latter will resign.

Gaynor and Greene, the American fugitives from justice, were arrested this morning in accordance with recent judgment of the Privy Council in which contention of the United States, that their offence was an extraditable one, was sustained. They will be taken to Montreal to appear before Judge Lafontaine, of the Extradition Commission. It is understood they will not resist further proceedings, and will agree to return to the United States and stand trial, when the proper time comes.

AT THE ABBOTSFORD.

J. H. Franck, Victoria.
G. Hemmy, Everett.
Geo. H. Ramsay, Vancouver.
C. R. Bishop, Victoria.
F. J. Calvert, Vancouver.

Judge Harrison passed through to Victoria on the morning train.

IMPRESSION MADE BY IMPERIAL RESCRIPT

St. Petersburg, March 4.—The imperial rescript announcing that Emperor Nicholas had decided to convene an assembly of elected representatives of the people to elaborate and consider legislation has produced a wonderful impression. The war and the battle below Mukden are forgotten. The rescript is hailed by many as a second emancipation proclaimed on the anniversary of the first, the Novoe Vremya characterizing it as marking Russia's happiest hour. The Liberals are amazed, and in the flush of enthusiasm are reading it in recognition of the elective principle and the complete surrender of autocracy, but discriminating people, while regarding it as a great victory, realize that all will depend on the manner in which the reform is carried out. Slight hopes are now entertained by the government of calming the present agitation which is convulsing the country.

It is expected that the out and out revolutionist can be appeased, but it is hoped the rescript will help to destroy the effect of revolutionary propaganda among the really peacefully inclined. Bloodshed is feared in Poland and other parts of Russia today and the authorities have taken the most effective measures everywhere. Here the rescript has already had a quieting effect on the workmen and Governor-General Trepoff today said he was convinced no disorders on a large scale would occur.

WILLIE HOFINE DROWNED TODAY

At 12.15 today, a small boy aged 5 years, named William Hofine, was seen by Mr. Dalcourt to have fallen into his well, and was immediately taken out by him. He was still alive when taken out although his head was down on the bottom of the well, it being only four feet to the water and a depth of 5½ feet of water in the well.

Drs. Wasson and Frost were hurriedly summoned, but failed to restore the vital spark that was so nearly out when the lad was taken unconscious from the well. The father's name is William Hofine, a miner, who arrived home after the sad accident.

Constable Hannay who was promptly on the spot, states that the well was properly enclosed and covered. The boy had evidently lifted off the 16-inch cover, and tried to dip up a small pail of water and had lost his bucket, which had a string attached, in the well, and fallen head first after it. The family's home is next to the Finn Hall.

While there is no authoritative statement given out as yet, it is quietly understood that the old employes of the E. & N. Railway will continue in the service, and all rights will be recognized. Mose certainly this is as it should be, and the C.P.R. will add to their services as bright and accommodating a lot of employes as any section of their line from the Atlantic to the Pacific can produce.

The Driard Hotel, at Victoria, under the capable management of Mr. Harrison, is a very pleasant Hotel—home-like, commodious, good tables and good service.

It is a very pretty stretch of country from Cobble Hill, along the railway line to Nanaimo. Ten years from now, where the land along the line is cleared of trees and stumps, there will be other neat and tidy little railway villages that compare with Duncan, at present it is the prettiest place along the line of the Island Railway.

CORRECTION.

In an item appearing in these columns yesterday relating to the Gramaphones given away monthly by the White Swan Soap Co., it was stated that a coupon for the same was given away with every seventy-five cents worth of soap bought. This was a mistake, it should have read "with every twenty-five cents worth.

PRESIDENT INAUGURATED.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, and Charles Warren Fairbanks, of Indiana, were today inaugurated respectively president and vice-president of the United States. A few months ago they were elected with the greatest popular acclamation ever accorded president or vice-president by the people of the Republic.

LORD TURNOUR'S MAIDEN SPEECH

Boy Politician Opens His Career Very Promising ly

London, March 4.—An interesting incident of yesterday's sitting of the House of Commons was the promising maiden speech of Viscount Turnour, who is not yet 21 years of age. He was warmly congratulated by many members, including Sir Edward Grey who complimented him on sharing the record with the "Boy Premier, William Pitt.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—Imperial censor has been adminstered to the University of St. Petersburg in consequence of the disturbances of February 20th, when the Emperor's portrait was destroyed. The rector has been reprimanded and all the students have been rusticated, but were granted permissian to petition for admission.

ANOTHER TRIAL.

New York, March 4.—Ngn Patterson, the show girl, who has once been tried on the charge of murdering Caesar Young, must be given another trial by May 1, or released on bail A decision to that effect was given today by Justice Gaynor, of the New York State Supreme Court, in Brooklyn on an application of Miss Patterson's counsel for a writ of Habeas Corpus, and a review of her case on the ground that she had been denied her constitutional rights of a prompt trial.

The resignation of Clifford Sifton, is stated by Eastern despatches to improve the chances of Mr. W. W. B. McInnes' appointment as Governor of the Yukon District.

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IN THE HOUSE OF PIERS

London, March 4.—In the House of Lords today, Lord Ellenborough the conservative, drew attention to the dangers to which the country might be exposed to during the few hours preceding a declaration of war or the first few days of a contest if the Government was unable to check the dissemination of news and asked if the Government would take steps toward an alteration of the laws in this connection.

Lord Selborne, first Lord of the Admiralty replied, saying he knew of no law which could prevent the baleful dissemination of news. This most patriotic journalist, innocently jeopardized the issue, parliament and the press might be urged to consider a remedy. Japan, Lord Selborne pressing news. He discussed at she has but for her power in suppressing news. He discdssed at some length Lord Ellenborough's question regarding the admiralty's precautions against the possibility of a surprise naval attack simultaneously at Port Arthur and an invasion of Great Britain by a foreign power. He said he did not propose to discuss the question whether Great Britain or any other country was liable to attack from a foreign power at a moment of profound peace when there was not even a diplomatic cloud on the horizon. He said Lord Ellenborough had greatly exaggerated the danger of a surprise invasion and underrated the difficulties which would confront an invader. A temporary loss of the command the sea from negligence or accident by Great Britain will never enable an invader to land in this country. The whole experience of existing war lent force to that conclusion. Lord Selborne laid stres on the importance to Japan of the disposing entirely of the Russian fleet. He said the whole issue of the war hinged on this, and everyone who followed the history of the war had noted the intense nervousness of the Japanese so long as a single vessel of the Russian squadron remained afloat.

SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OD 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 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 one 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 upon 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 square; entry fee, $5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or beach, 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 rivet 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 1st day 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 the 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 general direction of the creek or gulch length, measured on the base line or the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

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 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 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.

Potroleum—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, and within the Yukon Territory are open to prosecpting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected, an area of 640 acres.

Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well and such other land as may be determined, will be sold to the discoverer at the rate of $1.00 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council.

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Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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So writes Mrs. Theodore Sutro, club woman, musician and society dame twenty years after her marriage, says the World.

From these occasional and special manifestations of her husband's affections, she has compiled a book whose dedication, which follows, is self-explanatory:

My Own Dear Theodore:

Accept this little compilation of some of the very many beautiful letters you have written me. I have called them "Milestones on Life's Pathway." May they recall to you the happy occasions, and may the thought that I have preserved them inspire you to continue those lovely milestones—which mark the way on the Road to Happiness, strewn with your kind deeds and loving affection.

Fondly, FLORENCE.

Oct. 1, 1904.

These letters and verses Mrs. Sutro had printed on their twentieth wedding anniversary, October 1, last "It is bound in asbestos, in case" Mrs. Sutro explains, "the house should burn down."

Mr. and Mrs. Sutro gave an "at home" and to each of their 300 guests they gave an inscribed copy of the book.

The following extracts are given by permission of Mrs. Sutro. In his letter on their twentieth anniversary Sutro writes at St. Louis, where he and his wife were attending the exposition:

My Darling Florence: For twenty years the sun has smiled upon October 1. Even here, far away from home, the lowering skies and pouting rain have been dispersed, and as I write, nature typifies my own thoughts, rejoicing that the anniversary of that happy day, which bestowed upon me the fairest flower of the garden of womanhood, has again arrived.

The following was sent by telegraph to Mrs. Sutro at Steinway Hall, Chicago, as president of the National Federation of Woman's Musical Clubs:

Flash this greeting, O, East to the West;
To the loveliest, the brightest, the best,
Whether president or not she be,
Three cheers for my little wife,
Who will ever preside over me
As queen of my heart and my life.

This is what he wrote on her last birthday anniversary:

My Own Dear Florence: The sun again has come out to greet you in all its glory, as it always does on your birthday, no matter how stormy the elements have been just before. So no doubt, it always was on the day when you first saw the light—nature rejoiced at the advent of that beautiful, smiling cherub so appropriately christened Florence Edith, a flower indeed, sent from God.

And thereafter you were sent to me and have now for nineteen years been in my keeping. I also rejoice with the whole world, and my heart is filled with sunshine at the thought that the storms o' life and its sorrows have passed but lightly over my precious flower. It blooms today and smiles today in the fullness of its beauty and lustre—undimmed and undiminished, with greater fascination than ever.

That you may long so continue is the fond wish of your devoted and loving husband,

THEODORE.

May 1, 1904.

This is from verses written on "Our Crystal Wedding," October 1, 1899:

You and I have differed, anon,
As men and women always have and will,
But love, at last, the battle always won,
And held us in his bonds, triumphant still.

The sentiment following seems to be inspired by thankfullness Mrs. Sutro's recovery from a dangerous illness. It was written "at Lodge on Beaver Island, Me." October 1, 1901, and says:

My Darling Florence: When seventeen years ago I pressed my sweet little May flower to my heart I vowed to myself, far beyond that the church or ceremonial could impress upon me, that I would shield my rare flower from every storm and strive to keep it in all its bloom and radiant beauty as long as my life should last. Two such storms have passed, the last, the most terrible, during the year now ending, in which again my May flower lives and exhales the sweet fragrance of its benign influence for my delight and the delight of all the world as in the halcyon days of yore.

On October 1, 1897, another marriage anniversary was celebrated by some gifts, including an exquisite piece of millinery and this letter:

Sweet Baby? Still a baby, always a baby, although matrimonial anniversaries now reach XII.

Your cheeks are just as round—all the dimples are there—your smile is just as sweet, and your prattle just as infantile as when our anniversary was I., although since then you have become the wife of an "Hon." and the president of, etc., etc., owner of country estate and town house and what, in the eyes of the world, usually is yclept "grande dame." So, mein liebchen, was willst du noch mehr? For my part these childish traits are the most highly appreciated gifts which could bestow on this anniversary. Preserve them. They constitute your loveliness. The wish that I expressed in feeble verse many years ago has become true!

Some of the women's clubs are greatly worried over how the feminine American should "salute the flag when they meet it on the street. More real respect and less outward show is a good thing to cultivate towards the nation's emblem.—Boston Transcript.

THE ONLY SURVIVOR.

Portland.—The death on February 9th of Mrs. Susan W. Wirt, of Portland, recalls, says the Oregonian, the Whitman massacre of 1847, of which Mrs. Wirt was the last survivor.

At the time of the massacre Mrs. Wirt, then a girl of 16, was accompanying her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan S. Kimball, across the plains from Indiana to the territory of Lewis and Clark. The family were natives of Vermont, where Mrs. Wirt was born in 1830. Three years later they journeyed to Indiana, where they remained until the spring of 1847. After untold hardships, the family reached Whitman Mission, near Walla Walla, late in the fall, where they decided to remain for the winter.

The day before the massacre Mr. Kimball tried to convince Dr. Whitman that the Indians were planning a raid, but the doctor would not believe anything was wrong. The following afternoon the Indians began the battle, which resulted in the death of thirteen men and one woman, Mrs. Wirt's father being one of the number.

The Indians stole all that was of value to them, and left the sick and almost helpless women and children at the mission. For some time Mrs. Wirt remained with her mother at the Mission, but finally came to Oregon City. Later the mother of Mrs. Wirt married again, and the family settled upon a farm near Portland, where Mrs. Wirt resided until she was married, and came to Portland to live.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Illinois has turned its back on tradition by erecting a statue to a woman in the Statuary hall in the national capital. There where New Hampshire has testified in marble to its admiration for Webster, and Missouri has perpetuated the memory of Benton, Illinois places the figure of Frances E. Willard.

The rule is that each state shall have room for two statues of citizens conspicuous in its history. Most of the men so honored shared at one time or another in the political life of Washington. Some were generals, some governors, a few hardly more than local celebrities.

Of Miss Willard's good work there will be none to pass by in ignorance As the life and soul and head of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for many years, her influence was as wide as the nation. Indeed, so wide was the range of her labors that few could have named the state to which she owed citizenship.

Gambling made fashionable among women is a rather serious matter. It is bad enough among men, but when the mania extends to women, who are held tighter in its grasp, the moralist has special reason for fearing the consequences. Probably there has never been a time when the vogue of gambling among women of fashionable society was wider than it is now, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that it will increase. Luxury palls and new varieties of social stimulation are sought. The devil finds mischief for idle hands to do. By the side of the excitement of gambling the routine of the usual fashionable amusements is dull and stale.

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CONCERT.

A Gramaphone concert will be given in Messrs. Blair & Adam's store this evening under the auspices of the White Swan Soap Company.

Cosmopolitan, Strand for March at Knight's.

In another column will be found a letter from Rose Jones on "Power of Parliament." Miss Jones is a pupil of Division 1.

SPECIAL MEETING.

All the Rathbone Sisters are requested to meet at Mrs. Isabella Tate's, the Island Home Hotel, on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, to transact important business.
KATE TATE.
M. of R. and C.

All Story Magazine, Smith's and Tom Watson's Magazine for April, at Knight's.

SCOTSMEN'S CLUB.

The following notice has been handed in to The Ledger for publication:
"A meeting will be held in the Checker Club rooms on Sunday, the 5th inst., at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the advisability of instituting a Burns' Club.
All gentlemen who are favorable to such, are requested to attend.
JAMES GOURLAY.

CLARKE—McDONALD.

A pretty wedding took place at the residence of the bridegroom on Fourth Avenue at 8.30 o'clock last evening, when Rev. Schlichter united in the bonds of matrimony Basil S. McDonald, assistant principal of the local school, and Miss Margarite Clarke. Only the members of the families of the contracting partiesand the members of the school teaching staff with a few immediate friends were present.

The bride, who was attended by Miss L. Ingham, was robed in a gown of white organdie, with a fine wreath of snowdrops and carried a bouquet of white hyacinths and roses. Her only ornament was a handsome gold locket and chain.

Miss Ingham, the maid of honor, wore a pretty gown of white cloth.

The groom was attended bt the brother of the bride, Mr. E. Clarke.

After the ceremony, the bride and groom received the hearty congratulations of those present, which they gracefully acknowledged.

Dainty refreshments were served, after which the remainder of the evening was spent with music, dancing and various jolly games. It was after midnight when the merry party broke up, and as the guests left the house, the best wishes of all were again extended to the happy couple.

Included among the many presents was a handsome silver tea set from the members of the teaching staff of the local school.

Both the bride and the bridegroom are well known in Ladysmith, having been residents of this town for a length of time. They enter into their new state of life with the best wishes of their numerous friends.

Dr. R. B. Dier is thoroughly pleased with the results of his notice to the people of Ladysmith that he was ready to do good dental work For the past week he has had but little idle time, and is now thoroughly satisfied that there is an opportunity here to build up a good and permanent business. His office is on High Street, and he may be found there at any hour of the day.

POWER OF PARLIAMENT.
(By Rose Jones, Div. 1.)

In 1258 parliament was called at Oxford to raise money to pay the pope, and the barons came to the meeting armed and prepared to force the king to accept advisors who would reform the government. Simon De montfort's parliament was called only to get money. In 1295 Edward Like Simon, he summoned two knights from each shire, and two burgesses from each borough, as well as the nobles, bisnops and higher clergy.

In the reign of Richard II. the parliament had much power and could refuse to grant money until grievances were redressed; but it had no power to appoint the king's advisers. Besides, parliament was much under the control of great nobles, and was often moved by a spirit of faction. In 1387 a council of eleven was appointed to look after the king's affairs.

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THE CUE.

At the Portland Hotel billiard tournament last evening, M. Woodburn defeated J. Calverly, scoring 200 to his opponent's 182. B. Jones was victorious over J. Ford. Score: Jones 200; Ford 182.

H. McSweeny played W. Waring, defeating him by 5 points. Score: McSweeny 200; Waring 195.

The second drawing is as follows:
1...M. Woodburn, scratch; R. C. Thomas receives 30.
2.—J. Anderson scratch; R. Jones, scratch.
3.—D. Stewart receives 30; Bob. Critchley receives 40.
4.—Dan Daniels scratch; and Hugh McSweeny receives 90.

The Billiard tournament was resumed at the Portland Hotel this morning. Dan Daniels defeated McSweeny. Score 200 to 134.

BOWLING.

Admiral Dot, the midget who traveled with Gen. Tom Thumb for years, is looked upon as the crack bowler of Westchester county, New York. He also enjoys the distinction of being the smallest Elk in the world, and he wears a badge on his breast to prove it. The badge is studded with diamonds, and was given him at the convention in Cinrinnati a few days ago. The dwarf attended as a delegate from the White Plains (New York) lodge, and while seated in the convention hall he had to have cushions placed on his chair so that he would be on a "level" with the other members. The admiral made a score of 156 on the White Plains alleys, and on the Columbia he defeated William Lucy, a giant Harlem Circle alleys, in Manhattan, player, who stands 6 feet 6 inches, in a very exciting game.

FOOTBALL

The footballers have been taking advantage of their holiday during the past few days, and have been turning out regularly to practice. They appear to be in fine shape now, so some very interesting play can be expected in the match between the North and South Wards tomorrow afternoon. As announced yesterday a collection will be taken up during the afternoon to defray expenses.

Mr. T. Winsby has been selected to play half back for North Ward.

HOCKEY.

A meeting of the members of the Ladies' Hockey Club will be held at the residence of Mrs. Macklin on Monday afternoon at 3.30 p.m. All are requested to attend.

Maurice Davis, until recently employed at the Cecil Mine was married last week in Victoria to a lady lately from Maurice's old home across the water. Mr. and Mrs. Davis, will, most likely, go to Quesnelle to reside, and Mr. Davis will engage in placer mining in that section, having some valuable hydraulic ground on Terry Creek that will be opened up this year.

IN VICTORIA.

Times in Victoria are quiet politically. That is to say that there is a tameness about the discussions and an inclination to be very polite one to another, that is not always seen.

To a casual visitor, a sight of Joe Martin, Smith Curtis, Eberts and other old-timers, who would rather fight than legislate, would be a relief. There seems to be no talk of defeating the government, and even the promised and still forthcoming railway policy, does not create either enthusiasm or antagonism. All seems to be drifting and the general idea is that a month more and the session will cease without any blue lights being burned or bombs exploded. It seems to be the general opinion, that the McBride Government has done as well as it could under the difficult conditions that it obtained at the time it took charge, and that more time must be given them to get everything shipshape.

LADY ROSS AT COURT.

A London despatch says: The first appearance of Lady Ross, the wife of Sir Charles Ross, who is well known at court, created a sensation, for she had been so little seen. Her jewels and gown attracted no little attention, but her shoes won the admiration even of royalty.

She is small, rather dainty in appearance, and her bright coloring was shown to great advantage by her dress of eau de nil moire, with Brussels lace draped so heavily over the whole as almost to hide the rich foundation. Her train was cloth of silver, and this, too, bore quite a small fortune in lace in its sweeping folds.

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