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ST. PETERSBERG HOTEL IS WRECKED

Bomb in the Possession of Suspicious Character Explodes

He is Supposed to Have Been Planning Desperate Enterprise

(Associated Press Despatches.)

St. Petersburg, March 11.—The explosion of a bomb at Hotel Bristol, here just before daylight this morning, blew to atoms the owner of the bomb, a man with an English passport and giving the name of Alfred Henry McCullough, and wrecked the adjoining rooms, killing the wife of an officer and injuring several other lodgers. The explosion, which was heard blocks away, created a tremendous sensation. There is not the slightest doubt that the man killed was connected with terrorists plots. The bomb was of the same power as those which killed the late Minister of the Interior Von Plehve and Grand Duke Sergius, creating the same havoc as did an explosion at the hotel DuNord last spring, and leads to the belief that McCullough was engaged in packing his effects as the hotel was to be vacated today, or preparing for some desperate enterprise today, when the bomb which, like all the infernal devices of the terrorists, was provided with gravity tubes, fell and exploded, as the one at the hotel DuNord did.

The police immediately surrounded the hotel, mounted gendarmes allowing no one within fifty paces. An independent investigation made by the Associated Press seems to establish beyond question that the man killed was a terrorist leader. His pasport of course was fictitious, but the man was a foreigner, not a Russian. At the Hotel de Paris, where he had been stopping from time to time since the middle of January, McCullough was described as a very intelligent looking man between 30 and 30 years old, resembling more a Frenchman than an Englishman, speaking French with the fluency of a native, but he also spoke English. At the hotel he kept much to himself, going away on frequent short trips.

Just before Grand Duke Sergius was assassinated the man was absent for two days, which might connect him directly with the Grand Duke's murder. McCullough professed to be engaged in business, but in view of what has happened his movements are determined to have been mysterious. Some of the police are inclined to the belief that he was a direct emissary of the Paris revolutionary organization.

HAD MANY OFFERS OF BRIBES

CHIEF MCINTOSH COULD HAVE MADE MONEY

CHINAMEN TOLD HIM OTHERS HAD DONE IT

New Westminster, March 10—Sensational developments tending to show that there was something radically wrong in the New Westminster police force before the coming of Chief McIntosh occurred in the police court this morning, while the charge against Lei Doon of attempting to bribe the chief to protect certain gaming houses was being heard by Stipendiary Magistrate Pittendrigh.

"Do I understand you to say that the accused told you that he had in the past been paying for protection for the gaming-houses?" asked Mr. J. D. Kennedy, in reference to a statement made by the Chief in giving his evidence.

"Well, he didn't say that he had been doing it, but he mentioned other Chinamen who had," replied the Chief.

"That is the Chinamen has been paying so much a month to the officers of the peace for protection for their gaming-houses?"

"Yes," replied the Chief, "he said that they had been paying so much a month to officers of the peace for permitting the gaming-houses to run."

The Chief testified that Lei had first met him on Columbia street, and had offered to pay him money to allow his cousin's gaming-house to run unmolested. The chief, however, had scouted the idea, until Lei began to hint that the chief was foolish, and that "other men" had never hesitated about taking it. The Chief said he then confidently asked the tempter how much he would give. He offered $8, but the Chief told him that he was not such a cheap man as that, and demanded more, which elicited the information that other Chinamen had been paying only $10 a month. A meeting was then arranged to take place in the Chief's office, of which Chief Watson, of the New Westminster fire brigade, was an interested and concealed witness. Lei impressed upon the chief the fact that he was his "friend" and that the head of the police force need not fear, as he would not let on to any one about the transaction. Finally the Chief agreed to accept $8 a month in return for which he guaranteed that the gaming-house of Lei's cousin should be unmolested by the police.

After he had accepted this first bribe, offers came in thick and fast, but the only one he accepted was one of $15 which now reposes in his desk next to Lei's $8, while a warrant is out for the arrest of the giver. The Chief states that he could easily have pocketed all the offers made him by owners of gaming-houses. It rests in the hands of the Board of Police Commissioners to say what shall be done regarding the statements of the Chinaman as to the bribing of the officers of the peace. The next meeting of the body will take place on Thursday, March 16th, and is being looked forward to with much interest.

After all the evidence on the case had been taken, the magistrate sent Lei up for trial on a charge of bribery.

KUROPATKIN HAS LOST 120,000 MEN AND 300 GUNS

Oyama Pushes Northward in the Direction of Harbin, in the Hope of Following Up the Recent Victory by Administering Crushing Defeat to Kuropatkin

St. Petersberg, March 11, 6.30 p. m.--It is reported in military circles this evening that General Kuropatkin has lost 300 guns and about 60,000 prisoners besides about the same number of killed or wounded.

ARMY STILL IN DANGER.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—The Associated Press learns that the despatch received by Emperor Nicholas from General Kuropatkin last night in addition to announcing the retreat of the Russian armies, adds: "Our retreat is being conducted with the enemy harrassing both our flanks. The second army, under Wilderling, has suffered the heaviest, both in killed, wounded and prisoners, how many are surrounded is unknown. The army is still in danger."

But the main point, viz.: How large a proportion of the army is surrounded, and whether it has been captured, or still has a chance to cut its way out, is not elucidated. Everything indicates, however, that Kuropatkin has suffered a catastrophe of the first magnitude, while the air is full of peace rumors, following the Russian defeat, there is an undisputed necessity for massing a new army at Harbin, if the war is to be continued. Neither Emperor Nicholas, nor the Government has taken a step in the direction of peace and probably it will require several days before a decision is reached on this point. The report that France has already been inclined to intervene is, however, positively denied. The Associated Press is enabled to to make the following statement'

"The moment might prove opportune, but the question of peace lies with Japan, and not with Russia. Russia would welcome peace and peace should be arranged not through a third power, but by direct negotiations between the two countries if Japan would propose immediate terms. As the victor, Japan is in a position to take the first step. Russia cannot, and will not sue for peace. Neither could she accept terms which did not recognize Russia as a power in the Far East. It is idle to speculate on the concert terms. The only thing is that Russia's position in the Far East must be recognized. Friends of peace throughout the world should use their influence with Japan. The victor should show moderation, otherwise no end of the war is in sight."

THE JAPANESE WEDGE.

Tokio, March 11.—(8 a.m.)— The full extent of the Russian defeat is still unknown. It is known, however, that the casualties and losses in guns and munitions of war are enormous. Even approximate figures are unobtainable yet. It is said that the prisoners will number many thousands.

It is not clear yet whether General Kuropatkin planned to stand and hold his line north of the Hun river or retire, until he found it was too late to accomplish his plan with the forces at his command owing to his confidence in the ability of the Russians to withstand assault. His action in heavily reinforcing his right in the neighborhood of Mukden incline many to the belief that he planned to hold the line on the Hun river and attempted to check the flank attacks. By a desperate onslaught, the Japanese drove a wedge through the line of the Hun river, and then, pressing northward, practically located a giant cordon round Mhkden, bagging a tremendouos force of Russians by the operation completed yesterday. Desperate fighting continued during the night, the Russians striving to break the encircling barrier. It is evident that the losses on both sides yesterday were heavy, swelling the already tremendous total involved in the capture of Fushun and the continuous heavy fighting.

It is now known that as a result of the operations yesterday, if the Japanese army succeeds in obstructing the line of retreat between Fushun and Tie Pass but a small fraction of Kuropatkin's army will emerge from disaster.

THE RETREAT.

Tokio, March 11.—(Noon.)— The wedge driven through the Russian centre on the Hun river continues to advance north. It has already arrived at Hampu, some distance northeast of Mukden. The Russians have been severely punished during their retreat along the described route, the Japanese shelling the disordered masses of the Russian army.

Minister of War Terouchi has telegraphed his congratulations to Field Marshal Oyama, the officers and men of his army, on their victory. Field Marshal Oyama, in reply, ascribes his success to the Emperor and the gallantry of his officers and men.

OYAMA'S NEW PLANS.

Washington, D. C. March 11.—With Mukden as his new base Marshal Oyama has determined to push northward, in the direction of Harbin with a large part of his army in the effort to follow up his recent victory as rapidly as possible and accomplish his one great purpose, that of administering a crushing defeat to General Kuropatkin. This information has reached Washington from an authoritive source, and accurately sets forth the present programme of Tokio war office.

HEAVY LOSSES.

Tokio, March 11.—The Russians are now retiring from Mukden. They are flanked on both sides by the Japanese troops in pursuit and are suffering heavy losses.

ENGAGED IN BATTLE.

Tokio, March 11.—The general Staff estimates the number of Russians engaged in the present battle, at 300,000 infantry, 26,000 cavalry, and 1,180 guns. The infantry calculation allows for 376 battalions with an average of 800 men each.

PEACE OVERTURES.

London, March 11.—The foreign office says It has nothing confirming of the report printed by the Daily Graphic, of this city, today, to the effect that peace overtures between Russia and Japan have already commenced through France and Great Britain. The officials here say no negotiations are in progress as far as the British government is concerned, and the government has no news, forcasting such negotiations.

AFTER THE STORM.

Tie Pass, March 11.—(7.30 a.m.)— Just before sundown on Thursday, the dust storm which had been hanging like a pall over the battle field, lifted, and the artillery immediately opened fire. The bombardment had died down to almost nothing during the day, both of the armies having rested while the wierd half *gloom lasted*, although the Japanese evidently took advantage of the obscurity to remove their positions. A strange and uncanny stillness prevailed in the vicinity of Mukden during the storm. All noise was hushed, the streets were empty, and many shops were closed. The Chinese were appalled by the proximity of the artillery fire, and the terrifying calm which seemed to foreshadow the coming of evil. General Kuropatkin had held all his positions for two days, actually pushing back the Japanese north of the Imperial tombs, which were no longer respected by the enemy's shells. On Thursday evening, Gen. Rennenkampff made a counter attack on the Japanese, and took three machine guns. He then retired from his strong position at Machuntan, and fell back, making a stand in the hills several miles north of Fushun. Immediately south of Mukden the Japanese reached the head of the bridge over the Hun River. The Japanese left is supposed to be still working north, and the sound of artillery fire is increasing in that direction. The position of the Russian army at nightfall Thursday, seemed good, with critical fighting west of the railroad between Mukden and Tie Pass imminents. By Friday the settlement was clear and prepared for all eventualities.

OYAMA A GENIUS.

New York, March 11.—A Berlin despatch to the World says' "Oyama is a military genius of the highest order, ranking with Napoleon. My deliberate opinion is the Japanese infantry is the best in the world without exception."

This is the outspoken judgment of Colonel Gaedke, the most prominent military expert in Berlin, expressed today. Colonel Gaedke went through last year's Manchurian campaigns with the Russians. He said General Kuropatkin's position is dangerous in the extreme, and it would not be surprising to hear before the end of the week that his west wing had been annihilated. Generals Nogi and Oku threaten to cut through ten miles north of Mukden to make a dash for Tie Pass, if they have not already done so. Kuroki's gain is doubtful, his movements have been shrouded. Probably he has only been keeping the Russians occupied. It is likely that Harbin will be the Russian base next winter. I am amazed at Kuropatkin, who was evidently taken by surprise. Kuropatkin is an admirable administrator, but he lacks decision and loses his head in an emergency. As long as he is in chief command, the Russian cause is hopeless."

FLEET NOT RETURNING.

New York, March 11.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Times says' "Admiral Rojestvensky is not returning, as his battleships are unable to pass Suez canal without unloading. The admiralty declares it is unaware of Rojestvensky's intention, as he does not report his movements."

TOKIO, March 11.—(6 p.m.)—The following from headquarters of the Japan ese army in the field was made public today:

"In the Singking (Yonna) direction our force is now attacking a superior force of the enemy occupying the northern heights near Fushun. All our forces in the Shakhe River district entirely disloged the enemy on the right bank of the Hun River Friday and surrounded the enemy east and north of Mukden.

"According to several reports from noon, March 10th, the Russians filled the district between the railroad and the Mukden road, in the direction of Fushan, and were in a state of utter exhaustion and between San Wa, eight miles north of Mukden, retreating north in a miserable condition. We are unable to ascertain the number. Our artillery and infantry in the vicinity are pouring a fierce fire upon them, inflicting heavy damage.

"On Friday our detachment hurriedly advanced from Sing Lin Pien on the Hun river between Mukden and Fushan and reached the Pu River, one and one-quarter miles north of Mukden, and at sunset was inflicting heavy damage on the remnants of the enemy.

"Our detachment is now trying to annihilate them."

Later in the day the following despatch was received:

"Our force in the Singling direction, after carrying the enemy's position on the northern height of Fushun, pursued them as far as Huiyuangpao, five miles north of Tushun, and at 11 o'clock last night resumed a vigorous pursuit of him.

"We captured a few hundred light railroad wagons, and other spoils, which are under investigation."

Admiral Ito, chief of the general staff, and Amiral Yamaoto, minister of the navy, have telegraphed their congratulations to Field Marshal Oyama.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Nanaimo, March 11.—On Monday next the Oxford Dancing Club will hold an entertainment in their hall on Nicol street for the benefit of Nanaimo Hospital, which will be one of the most attractive and enjoyable that has been given in Nanaimo for some time. The Oxford Club is composed of about forty young men, who hold dances and social evenings at regular intervals during the month in their hall, and their private entertainments have proved so enjoyable to those who attend that they have been induced to let the public in on the lay once in a while.

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The young ladies of Wallace Street Methodist Church will give an Shadow Social in the school room of the church on Wednesday evening next. The entertainment will consist of a programme and refreshments and something-else implied in the word "shadow," that will be demonstrated to the satisfaction of all who attend on that evening.

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Harry Vollmers, the Galiano Island boat builder, arrived in Nanaimo last evening with a new boat to add to the already large fleet of powerful launches that make Nanaimo their headquarters.

COUNTY COURT.

Judge Harrison held County court here today. No cases of importance were brought before His Honor.

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Miss Frame went up to Nanaimo at noon.

AT THE ABBOTSFORD.

T. Burnside, Vancouver.
A. E. Planta, Nanaimo
Madame Griselda, Vancouver.
Miss Farron, Vancouver
Mrs. Sangster, Vancouver.
E. Guethen, Toronto.
A. Merritt, Toronto.
Judge Harrison, Victoria.
R. T. Richard, Toronto.

WILL REPLACE THE NELL.

It is reported that still another northern packet is to be built for the upper coast trade. The Nell, which was destroyed by fire last year, will, it is said, be replaced this spring, the vessel contemplated being one of similar lines in so far as the hull is concerned, but slightly different in superstructure. The machinery of the Nell has been saved and put in good condition for future service. The new hull will be put together at the Georgetown mills, where all the timbers can be got.—Victoria Times.

DIED AT AGE OF 102.

Halifax, N. S., March 11.—Dr. P. Fisholm, oldest resident of Cape Breton, is dead at Loch Lomond. He was 102 years old. Mrs. Charles Muir, of Queens County, is dead at the age of 104.

GUILTY OF MURDER.

Grand Piles, Que., March 11.—Wallace McGraw has been found guilty of murder in the first degree by the coroner's jury, investigating the death of Percy Howard Sclator, at Grand Anse.

The wife of the murdered man is also held as an important witness, she having admitted complicity in the crime.

McGraw's love for the wife of his employer is the motive assigned for the crime, and witnesses have sworn that he declared he would kill Sclater if necessary to get possession of the little woman.

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A FRIENDLY WORD.

The following letter speaks for itself, but very few sensible people who read it will believe the so-called Christian scientists other than many of them have shown themselves to be in British Columbia, viz: ignorant, bigoted and not good citizens.

Inasmuch as occasional criticisms, unkindly and misleading sentences, and sometimes lengthy attacks on Christian Science are being woven into books and pamphlets, purporting to have been written on other subjects, we deem it but just to publishers that we should call their attention to this fact. In writing on other subjects it is not necessary to include an attack on Christian Scienc and such an attack cannot but interfere with the mission of the book containing it, while at the same time it undoubtedly jeopardizes the good name of the publisher.

We believe all publishers will agree with us that it is only fair and just that all incorrect allusions to Christian Science should be eliminated from manuscript intended for books and periodicals, and we would suggest that Christian Scientists would assist publishers in determining the accuracy of matter relating to Christian Science. Christian Science is comparatively new and many write, not after a correct knowledge of the subject, but from a mere cursory reading and from data carelessly gathered from flippant critics.

The body known as Christian Scientists is largely recruited from the intelligent and educated classes, and the number is rapidly increasing and we assume that all publishers desire to extend the same courtesy to Christian Scientists that is accorded to members of other denominations, that they will welcome the information which this letter is intended to convey, and will accept it in the same friendly and brotherly spirit in which it is written.

Yours sincerely,
ALFRED FARLOW.

SUDDEN DEATH

New York, March 11,— Henry Norcross Munn, editor of the Scientific American, died suddenly last night at his home in this city. Mr. Munn was a member of the firm of Munn & Co., of which his father was president, publishers of the Scientific American, and patent solicitors, etc

RACE TRACK WAR.

A recent despatch from Chicago says Rome Respess, Edward Corrigan, T. C. McDowell and Capt. S. S. Brown all prominent race horse owners, have been blacklisted at a meeting of the Western Jockey Club according to a statement made by one of the high officials of the Western Jockey Club. The ruling by the jockey club means that those mentioned will not be allowed to race on Western Jockey Club tracks this summer.

All the trainers, jockeys and horses that have participated in the city tark track meeting at New Orleans were catalogued among the list of outlaws.

This action by the stewards means that the fight for supremacy between the Western Jockey Club and the new organization controlled by Edward Corrigan is to be a fight to a finish, and in all probability will result in the closing of Chicago races for this season.

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TWENTY-SIX WERE KILLED.

Cardiff, March 11.—Twenty-six lives were lost as a result of the explosion, which occurred yesterday, in the Cambrian colliery at Clydachvai in the Rohndda valley.

ACTIVE TRADE IN SMUGGLING

Revolvers Concealed in Crates of Tinware Cloth and Bananas

Berlin, March 11.—An active trade in smuggled arms, at Ostroywo, Prussia, and at Kalisch, Russia, was broken up this week by the joint action of the Prussian and Russian police. The arms intercepted consisted chiefly of the poorest quality of revolvers, worth $4.25 wholesale. There is no evidence that the smugglers were agents of revolutionists, or that they were connected with any organization. They were only mere adventurers, traders who sell goods on the other side of the border at $3 or $6 profit with little risk on this side of the frontier, although those caught in Russian territory are severely punished. The illicit trade has always existed, but it has increased to large proportions during the recent months. Cheap revolvers are now abundant in any Polish town, but are becoming dearer farther in the interior. The arms are concealed in many ways, as goods sent into the country in crates tinware, packages of cloth and bunches of bananas. The frequent experiences of German commercial travellers is that buyers of goods will request that ten or twenty revolvers shall be concealed in their packages, not because the merchants are antagonistic to the government but it is regarded as good business. Some firms have been quite willing when the customers ask them to throw in a few revolvers, and boxes of cartridges as an inducement to buy.

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Ald. Nicholson is making some needed street and sidewalk improvements in front of the Opera House.

THE ISLAND BRANCH.

The C. P. R. Officials' car has made its first official trip the whole length of the local line. May Superintendent Goodfellow be as fortunate and successful in the management of the company's affairs as he now hopes. The public, with whom Mr. Goodfellow will have dealings as the head of the Island branch, will find him accommodating and perfectly fair with all. The old employees, as it is generally understood, be all retained have the good wishes of the traveling public. They are accommodating and a thoroughly good lot of railway men who will compare favorably with the other railway lines of the C.P.R., or any other company's employees.

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MISSIONARIES ILL.

Toronto ,March 11 —The Methodist Mission Board has been advised that Rev. Dr. Service and Rev. Dr Adams, Canadian missionaries, are ill with fever at Kiating, China.

SWALLOWS NOT DUE.

The sudden change from the warm weather of yesterday and the past week to the comparatively cold weather of today is perhaps to remind us "that the swallows are not yet due."

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A GIFTED MUSICIAN.

Miss Farron, the gifted musician, who will play the accompaniments for Madame Griselda this evening, is a sister of George Farron, the well known newspaper man of Vancouver.

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The concert tonight should be enjoyed thoroughly by all who like music, whether they have been so fortunate as to have received a musical education or not. The programme contains several numbers that are plain, simple links of melody that join and harmonize, making the effect such that every baby must thoroughly appreciate, when given by one gifted with the power of song as is Madame Griselda.

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EMPEROR'S OPINION.

Vienna, March 11.—In an autograph letter thanking Admiral Von Spaun, Austria-Hungary's representative on the international North Sea commission, for his labors, Emperor Francis Joseph expresses the opinion that the result will tend to promote the reference of international disputes to arbitration.

STEAMER ON FIRE.

Manila, March 11,— Fire has broken out in the main hold of the British steamer Heathburn, which arrived at Manila January 31st from Barry, Wales, and is spreading. The cargo is being discharged and the holds are being flooded.

THE MAT

Vancouver, March 10—Articles will be signed today for a wrestling match to take place shortly at the Opera House, between Dan. McLeod and Jack Garkeek, two former world's champions. Mr. Carl Barch has the arrangements for the affair in hand and yesterday had a conversation over the long distance elephone with Garkeek, who is at present in Bellingham and the latter stated he was quite willing tom eet McLeod. A date for the match will probably be set today.

Catch-as-catch-can wrestling will govern and the match will be for the best two out of three falls.

PECULIAR AND PERTINENT

The best cork comes from Algeria. There are 2,500,000 acres of cork forests in that country.

A club is being formed in London with the single purpose of playing the game of bridge.

The Japanese strictly enforce a law which prohibits the use of tobacco by boys under 20 years of age.

The fall of Port Arthur caused a sudden and great rush for all kinds of Japanese goods in the shops of London.

Russian exiles in London rejoiced over the news of the fall of Port Arthur, seeing in it the "beginning of the end of the tyranny of Russia."

The worker in a Massachusetts factory gets 27 per cent. of what he produces, while the laborer in South Carolina gets only 19 per cent.

Georgia has held the lead in the production of peaches for the eastern market since 1902, and for years to come is likely to be leading peach state in the Union. She has over 7,000,000 trees. The supremacy was wrested from Maryland.

One of the new sports in England is falconry with motor cars. The sportsmen go out in their motors with falcons and goshawks on their wrists and await the advent of the game that is driven towards them from the coverts which the roads adjoin.

In Birmingham, England, resides one Tommy Tank, who has spent his life in alternate attempts to live up to and to escape the hoo-doo of his name. He has signed the pledge 40 times. Last week he made his 117th appearance in the police court.

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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 bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

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

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the 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 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 1stday of August in the year of the the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, $100 per mile for 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.

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

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, February, 1904.

W. CORY
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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Snail farming will no doubt strike readers as a very singular industry, and probably many will now learn for the first time of its existence But to appease the quaint taste of the French for the slimy mollusk, there are hundreds of farms dotted all over France, where snails, and nothing but snails, are farmed in millions, much as poultry and cattle are farmed elsewhere. Indeed, so great is the demand for snails in France—Paris alone eats 10 tons a year, representing about 200,000,000 snails—that farms have been established in Germany, Switzerland and Italy.

One of the largest snail farms in France is situated at Orgelet, in Jura, where one gazed over a vast expanse of what looked like innumerable boxes ranged in rows across a ten-acre cabbage field. There were hundreds of these boxes, each measuring six feet in length by three in width. A distance of a yard separated them one from another, while there was a space of two yards dividing the rows. So it will be seen that of the total area the boxes occupied just one-half. They were the cradles of the growing snails, which, though not visible at the moment, were there in their millions, for a family of 2,000 occupied each box.

Examination of the box-like erections proved they were not real boxes, but shelters with wooden sides and roofs. Inside the earth was covered with a bed of bone-dry moss wherein the snails reposed from the heat and glare of the sun during the day, emerging only at night to feed. They feed to some purpose, too, for in wet weather 100,000 of them will demolish in a single night a market wagon load of cabbages that two horses could not easily pull.

As they have to be maintained for three or four years before they attain a salable size at good prices, it naturally follows that to cover the expense of their keep and the pay of the farmhands they need realize good prices when they are sent to the market. Commercially, there are two kinds of snails, a large, whitish breed known as Gros Blanc, and a smaller one, having a dark shell, known as the Petit Gris. They are sold by the thousand, and price fluctuate according to season.

Snail collecting gives employment to people living in the neighborhood of the farms, and whole families engage in it, earning a good living. The collectors, men, women and children, set out at daybreak, carrying big baskets and iron hooks. They search along the foot of hedge-rows and under the ivy covering trees and walls. With luck a good collector can secure from 1,000 to 1500 snails a day, which means a weight of from 20 to 30 pounds. This earns about $1.25 each a day, which is good for these localities.

JACK RABBIT.

"Jack Rabbit" is the name applied to a new brand of booze now on the Seattle market. It is noted for its courage-giving powers, for it has been put to the test. Pat Sullivan returned Sunday from a hunting expedition, and is authority for the following remarkable narrative.

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ANGLING.

Quite a lot of curiosity has been expressed in regard to the clause in the Game Act regarding the use of lime in the taking of trout, as very few sportsmen understand such a thing.

Lime heretofore has been used in fishing by "unsportsmlike" fishermen in two ways—one way is to let down nets in streams and throw lime into the water. The lime drives the fish into the nets. The other way is to procure an empty bottle and fill it with lime and water. The bottle is then tightly corked and the lime ferments, the bottle explodes and kills the fish.

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The Judge—Did you ever see Othelo, colonel?

Tac Colonel—Once, sah. In my opinion the black scoundrel should have been lynched in the first act.

ARE TAKING NO CHANCES.

With the Japanese western armies, March 11.—(10 p.m., via Fushan.)—During the night General Oku's army advanced almost to the railway, despite a desperate resistance, occupied Sutjaton station, the main Russian supply depot, and captured enormous quantities of supplies in proportion. The Japanese are now hurrying their movements determined to lose no chance to make victory certain and decisive. They are confident of the success of their plans.

THE RING.

After the brilliant showing made by Battling Nelson in his fight with Young Corbett, there is a marked desire on the part of promoters to obtain his signature to articles for another fight. He is recognized as one of the best drawing cards just now. There are two men in sight, either of whom would make a suitable opponent for the Battling Dane. Britt and Gans are on the ground, and both seem willing to meet him. Nelson has expressed a desire to meet Britt at any weight the latter may elect to name. It can be 130 pounds; 131, 132 133 or catch weights.

As both boxers are known to be at their best at 133 pounds, that will undoubtedly be the weight if they come together. The additional three pounds will make Nelson a more formidable fighter than he proved in his recent battle, as it was apparent he was below his natural weight.

The public seem to have forgiven Gans for the part he played in the Britt fiasco, judging by the reception accorded him at the Nelson-Corbett fight. If Nelson feels that Gans is no harder proposition to solve than Britt he may prefer to take on the man from Baltimore. The house would be fully as large as if Britt was his opponent. If he defeated Gans he would gain the lightweight championship and all the future profit the title would carry with it.

The gate receipts for the last fight reached a total of $13,208, although the prices were small when compared with those of other fights. Both fighters elected to accept a guarantee. As Corbett was considered the drawing card he received the larger share, which amounted to $3,552. Nelson received $3,500. The fighters were to receive these amounts whether they won, lost or fought a draw. The club's share was $7,156. The winner would have received more than $5,000 had he been fighting on a percentage basis.

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It is said that "music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, etc." If anyone is feeling particularly savage at this time an evening at the Griselda concert should be soothing. The music tonight will be of such a class that those of us who are not musically educated, yet still enjoy a song will be grateful for. On the programme are several simple songs and ballads. Madam Griselda promises to please and entertain.

MARINE.

Tug Sunbury was in with a scow for coal from the Mainland.

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Tug Flyer took on bunker coal this morning.

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Steamer Selkirk was in at the wharf this morning.

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Schooner Alexander is back from Comox for another cargo of coal for the coke ovens.

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Vancouver, March 10.—Completing her initial voyage of the season, the C.P.R. steamer reached here at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the north. The steamer left Skagway on Monday last and made a fast passage. Capt. McLeod stated upon arrival that splendid weather prevails in the north, and that he experienced a pleasant voyage, both north and southbound.

After lying in port for a couple of hours the steamer proceeded on her way to Victoria. She is scheduled to sail North again on Monday evening, coaling at Ladysmith on her way up.

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Yours truly,
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MADAM FREED-GRISELDA

Arrangements have been made by Manager Nicholson, of the Ladysmith opera house, for the appearance of Madame A. Freed-Griselda tomorrow evening. The noted artiste will be here tomorrow evening and the hour at which the concert will commence will be announced in tomorrow's Ledger. It will likely be at 8.30 sharp. The programme wgich will be given but which may be added to somewhat, is published below. Tickets have been sold, as was necessary to raise the rather large sum, that Mr. Nicholson had to guarantee to induce Madame Griselda, who brings her own accompanist on piano and violin, to appear here.

Seats are on sale at Blair & Adam's today and will be until six o'clock tomorrow evening. All who intend to be present should secure their seats as early as possible, and all who have already reserved seats are requested to call at Blair & Adam's and secure them promptly, so that seats not spoken for may be sold.

The following programme has very kindly been selected from the repertoire sent forward by Madame Griselda by Mrs. (Dr.) Wassan and Mr. Robert Allen, as being in their opinion, one that will be most interesting to a Ladysmith audience.

In addition to these, there will be two numbers by local talent, that will be announced tomorrow.

PROGRAMME.

Could I ..... Tosti
Thy Beaming Eyes ... ... MacDowell
The Rosary ..... Nevin
Ave Maria ..... Bach-Gounod
Il Bacio ..... Arditi
I've Something Sweet to Tell You—Fanning.

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Jamie .... Bishop.
All Souls Day ..... Lassen
For All Eternity ..... Mascheroni

The following account of Madame Griselda's Victoria Concert, is taken from the Victoria Colonist of the 17th of Feb. The Vancouver papers all publish long articles, highly commending of the artist. A few extracts only, from their reviews are given below.

"This noted singer who is now returning to England after a concert tour extending over several years in India and Australia, which was for her a constant succession of triumphs, will shortly give a concert in Vancouver. It was her first intention to have the recital on the evening of February 28, but inasmuch as the ball for the benefit of the Children's Aid Society was arranged for that date, she cancelled the engagement rather than seem to oppose in any way the work of this charitable institution. The recital has now been arranged to be given in Pender Hall on Wednesday March 8, and will be under the auspices of the Art, Historix Society.

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"Mme. Freed-Griselda's voice is a fine and powerful soprano of great range, which the artist has under perfect control and uses with much effect. It might be said, without fear of contradiction, that such a voice, combined with so magnificent production, has not been heard in this city during many years.

"Her programme had been well chosen, both with regard to the inherent musical interest of the various numbers and as affording the artist great opportunities for showing her versatility and her command of the several different schools of composition and styles of rendition. Mme. Freed-Griselda has the advantage of being as much at home in German and Italian as she is in English. She was equally charming and satisfactory in the German music of Brahms and Goetz, in the French Saint-Saens and Gounod, in the Italian of Tosti and Arditi, and in the Scotch of "Annie Laurie," which last song was given an encore number and sung with correct accent, and such refined and true feeling as to bring tears to the eyes of many of the hearers.

The Province says:—"Mme. Freed-Griselda showed the possession of powers and qualities that are rarely found in woman singers, for not only is her range of voice very large, and her organ of uncommon quality and power, but her entire absorption in her work is evident from the moment she sings her first note. She is a woman of wonderful strength and self restraint, and she allows herself to be entirely inspired by her theme, so that the very soul of the music is as it were incarnated before us.

The News-Advertiser says: "There was a large and very appreciative audience at Madame Freed-Griselda's concert in Pender hall last night and it must be acknowledged the encomiums bestowed upon her, both by the press of this and other countries, have been well deserved. She has a fine soprano of wonderful compass and her powers of vocalization are really wonderful. The audience last night was a keenly critical one; from a musical standpoint, and the applause which followed every number showed only too plainly the pleasure derived from the charming artist's singing. The programme, too, was a varied one, ranging from songs of high dramatic order to the more simple ballads. In the former, notwithstanding the complimentary notices which had preceded her, her singing was simply a revelation while the sympathy expressed in her songs of a more simple description was remarkable and afforded the large audience the greatest pleasure. In the exquisite singing of Bohm's "Still Wie Die Nacht," well known to all music lovers, she was at her best, while in her song "Melisande in The Wood" (Goetz), she aroused the greatest enthusiasm. Arditis well known waltz song, "L'Estasi," was another of her choice numbers, but where all were so good it seems invidious to particularize. Suffice it to say that should Madame Freed-Griselda again decide to favor a Vancouver audience, she may be assured of a packed house.

Miss Coburn was a passenger to Nanaimo on the noon train.

Parker Williams, M.P.P., passed up to Nanaimo from Victoria on the noon train.

NOTICE.

(Dissolution of Partnership.)

The partnership heretofore subsisting between Chu Ming and Chu Lung Ho, of Extension, B.C., trading under the firm name of Wing Lung & Co., has been dissolved.

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There is no doubt that in tomorrow's match the Ladysmith team will be one of the strongest that has ever fallen to the lot of this city. Since last Sunday the men have been out continually practicing and a most pleasing result was obvious in the scratch match last night. The combination was vastly superior to that seen in the game last week, while many of the players showed considerable skill in long shots. In last night's game the men one and all worked most energetically, and at the end showed scarcely any signs of fatigue. This without doubt speaks well for the success of the home players tomorrow, in the first match with Nanaimo for the B. C. cup.

The visitors are bringing a good lot of men down with them, men who know the game and who are said to be in the best of shape. They are as follows:

Goal, Robt. Vivond; Fullbacks, H. Farmer and C. Rosewall; Halfbacks, J. Longridge R. Gilmour and E. Snowden; right wing, J. Blundell, (Capt.), T. Burns; centre, W. Graham; left wing, J. Boyce and W. Robinson; spare man, W. Steele.

The home team is picked as follows:

Goal, E. Leahy; fullbacks, J. Nimmo and J. McCletchie; half-backs, J. Hunter, J. Eno, T. O'Connell; forwards, R. McMillan, J. Salmon, J. Adam, (centre) R. Crosier, J. Sanderson.

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