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IMPROVEMENTS ON WATER FRONT

The Bunkers Now Have Water Power for all Machinery Used There

Next Fall Rows of Electric Lights Will Light up the Wharves

How many people living in Ladysmith realize the extent and cost of the Wellington Company's water-front improvements? It is five years last October since Fred Hawes, the present efficient wharfinger and Deputy Harbor Master, first camped on the water front and began arranging for the shipment of coal from the Wellington mines at Extension. Since that time, despite conditions, Ladysmith has become a town of 3,000 people and has a future most promising. It is well known by everyone familiar with conditions surrounding Ladysmith, that the coal deposits which will be opened up by the short line now being constructed, are very extensive. Of the coal fields at McKee's lake and along Nanaimo river, Superintendent Andrew Bryden said: "The coal measures at Extension are not a patch as compared with the known fields at McKee's lake and Nanaimo river". Old miners say that the quality of the coal is the best mined on the island, and the mines could not be worked out in a hundred years. The building of wharves and bunkers has been an expensive thing in Ladysmith, and has been done so quietly that few people realize the extent of the improvements. For instance, who would think that in the bunkers alone there were more than a million feet of lumber and many car loads of iron bolts? Every pile driven in connection with the wharf is copper covered, at a cost of $75. As the wharf is over 900 feet long it can be seen that the cost of this work alone is considerable. About two months ago the company completed their water system and have now installed a Pelton wheel that furnishes all the power for running the washer and moving cars along. The water pressure is some 200 feet, and the 3-foot wheel developes enormous force. Two nozzles are given off, but only one is in use, the other will be used for developing electric light power, which will be installed this coming fall. Coal is brought down to the bunkers from the mines about two-thirds lump, and is of course sold as it is, one-half of the balance, or one-sixth is nut, and the remaining one-sixth is pea coal. Each of these grades must be washed. It is dumped at the top of the washer and screened, run through flumes, when the current assists in separating the coal from the felspar, the rock, being heavy, drags on the bottom and is carried away, the coal being screened, elevated, and dropped in bunkers as nut, and pea coal, the former selling for $3.00 per ton, the latter $2.00. So clean is this fine coal washed that less than ten per cent. of ash remains. The demand for nut and pea coal is much greater than can be supplied.

The bunkers, when filled, contain about 9,000 tons of coal. Mr. J. Rogers is the machinist and manager at the bunkers and everything seems to run like clock work. Fred Hawes, who has been a long time in the employ of the Wellington Company, has charge of the wharves and looks after coal shipments.

The Ledger representative who yesterday looked over the works, while not a judge of the cost of such structures, would say at least $250,000 or more had been expended in the construction of wharves and bunkers, another $250,000 or more is being put in by the company in building the short line. It is hardly necessary to call the attention to the fact that this all indicates a steady output from the mines, and if the coal mines are working steadily the city will prosper accordingly. It will be a very welcome sight to residents of the city next fall to see rows of electric lights along the wharf and should make it look very pretty from the town. If, as we now hope, electric lights are installed in Ladysmith by the time the long nights set in, it should be a fine sight to seethe wharves, bunkers and streets of the city all lighted up.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED

Frankfort, Germany, May 10.—The Frankfort Zeitung today, says it has received advices from Hamburg that agents of the Russian Government, have completed arrangements through the Society of German Captains and officers of Commercial Marine, for the enlistment of officers and crews for transport ships which are to accompany the fifth division of the Russian Second Pacific squadron to the Far East. These crews, it is added, will proceed to Libau on the Baltic Sea.

PREDICTS LARGE OUTPUT.

Seattle, Wash., May 10.— Mr. F. A. Wing, United States Assayer, from information he has received from all the northwest territory this winter, the receipt of gold from the Northern Country this year will total $22, 000,000, if not more. From the Klondike alone Mr. Wing predicts an output of from ten to twelve millions.

APPROACHING A CRISIS.

Tokio, May 10.—The government maintains reserve, but the Indo-Chinese situation seems to be rapidly approaching a crisis. Following the repeated assurances of the French Foreign Minister, M. Delcasse to Dr. Motono, the Japanese Minister at Paris, that the vessels of the Russian Second Pacific squadron was inside Hon Koe Bay, a short distance north of Kamranh Bay the morning of May 6th, and it is generally believed that the fourth division (Nebogatoff's) of the Russian squadron will use French waters to coal, take on board other supplies and clean their bottoms.

WYNDHAN UNCHANGED

London, May 9.—George Wyndham, who has been absent owing to illness since his resignation of the Chief Secretaryship for Ireland, returned to the House of Commons today and made it a personal explanation of the reasons for his resignation. He said he had insisted on retiring from the cabinet because political and personal reasons had convinced him that he could better serve the government as an official member. His views had not changed in the smallest degree in regard to the Irish administration. Union must be the fundamental principle of any sound Irish policy. The situation in both Ireland and England had become complicated by a personal misunderstanding for which he himself was partly to blame. He had never contemplated any detraction of legislative powers from the House of Commons other than the power of dealing with purely private bills. Consequently he had paid no attention as yet as he ought to have done earlier in the proceedings of the reform association. Sir Anthony MacDonald, under secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, erroneously believed that he, Mr. Wyndham, would approve of the proposals of the revolutionists, but as soon as he saw those proposals, Mr. Wyndham had strong objections to them. Therefore he had considered that his power for doing further useful work in Ireland was ended. Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman (the Liberal leader) then moved his resolution, which amounted to a vote of censure of the policy and proceedings of the Irish government connected with and subsequent to the appointment of Sir Anthony MacDonald.

MASSACRE OF JEWS AT ZHITOMIR

Christians Fell on Jews and the Jews Defended

Curious People Who Commit Crimes in Name of Jehovah

St. Petersburg, May 9.—The report in this city last night said that there han been a massacre of Jews at Zhitomir, Government of Volhynia, Southwestern Russia, is confirmed in a despatch to the Novoesti, which says the rioting began on May 7, and continued for 48 hours. Orthodox Christians fell upon the the Jews in the streets. The Jews were armed and fought their assailants, many being killed or wounded on both sides.

Commenting on this, the Novesti remarks upon the coincidence that M. Kroushevan, the former editor of the Bessaranebetz of Kishneiff, held to be responsible for the massacre of 1903 at that place, had hardly returned to Kishneiff, and started the publication of a newspaper, the "Friend," before Jewish massacres commence in the neighborhood.

NO FURTHER DETAILS.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—(Noon)—No further details have reached here from Zhitomir, capital of the Province of Volhynia in Southwestern Russia. The scene of the recent attacks of the orthodox Christians on the Jews. It is asserted that a fortnight before the disorders proclammations were spread, calling on the Christians to beat the Jews. When these proclammations were shown to the Mayor of Zhitomir, the latter declared them but to be stupid, and said there was no occasion for alarm. At the Minister of Interior, it is said, that M. Bouligan sent urgent instructions the night of May 8, to Zhitomir, ordering the authorities there to protect the Jews and to prevent disorders.

200 KILLED AND WOUNDED

St. Petersburg, May 10 —(9 p. m.)—Very grave reports are current in this city as to the extent of the massacre of the Jews at Zhitomir, capital of Province of Volhynia, southwest Russia, the number of killed or wounded now being placed as high as two hundred, but precise information is lacking. The minister of the interior has called for a detailed report, which is expected tomorrow.

GOV. AGENCY QUESTION

Executive Council Will Come to Decision To-morrow

Mr. Parker Williams passed up to Nanaimo from Victoria at noon today.

To a Ledger representative who inquired what news there was respecting the government agency question, Mr. Williams said: "The Executive Council sits tomorrow and the matter will be brought up before them. What decision they will arrive at respecting this question, I am unable to say. I shall know for certain tomorrow after the meeting is over, and I shall make it my business to let the Ladysmith people know at once how the matter has been settled. I may possibly not know their decision until tomorrow night."

Further conversation was impossible as the train only waited here about a couple of minutes and Mr. Williams was obliged to go on to Nanaimo.

ARRESTED TWO AS SPIES.

Tokio, May 10.—Mr. A. E. Bougan, a prominent Frenchman, and his stepson, F. Strange, an Englishman, have been arrested here as spies.

United States Consul Smith, of Victoria, spent a few hours in Ladysmith today, and was a welcome caller at The Ledger office. Mr. Smith has been consul at Victoria for the past seven years, succeeding Consul Roberts. He is an Illinois man and is proud of the old Prairie State, but likes Victoria, where he has many staunch friends.

WILL FIGHT WITH DYNAMITE

Social Democrats Determined to Tolerate No Interference From Police

At Their Demonstrations Throughout Russia on Sunday

St. Petersburg, May 10.— Social democrats declare that their programme includes demonstrations throughout Russia on Sunday and they are provided with bombs and dynamite with which to fight the troops if the latter interfere. Precautionary measures have been taken everywhere and the authorities are convinced that the disorders will be comparatively insignificant. The cool-headed Liberals are counselling workmen against useless bloodshed.

Royal, European Russia, May 10.—At a large meeting of workmen here today, which was attended by the delegates from St. Petersburg, and a number of masked men, it was decided to proclaim a three days' strike in connection with labor day, May 14. It was further determined to serve fresh demands on the employers coupled with the intimation that if they were not complied with inside of 12 hours, the destruction of the factories by fire would follow.

RUSSIAN MAY DAY.

Kieff, Russia, May 10.—A general strike and extensive demonstrations are expected here on the Russian May Day.

BUSINESS RESUMED

Chicago, Ill., May 10.—The largest department stores and the express companies today resumed business on a normal basis. They sent their wagons into the extreme parts of the city, in some instances without police protection, and transacted their business with interruption or trouble of a serious character.

Sixteen hundred teams were at work today and the number will be increased tomorrow. There are indications tonight that the strike will shortly involve other unions. The drivers of the Wenig Teaming company, a large concern chiefly engaged in delivering flour, went out today, when one of their number was dismissed for refusing to deliver flour to boycotted houses.

The striking teamsters appointed a committee to see President Roosevelt when he reaches Chicago.

The discharge of union teamsters, for refusing to deliver goods to boycotted stores, resulted in additions to the ranks of the strikers today. The men out are drivers for the teaming company which delivers flour for the milling companies. After the Employers' Association supplies teamsters, deliveries of flour will be continued, otherwise shortage is threatened. Two drivers of the Dran Company were discharged today and all the drivers employed by the company threaten to go out.

Many business houses hitherto neutral are inclined to insist that their drivers shall deliver goods to the houses under boycott. The deliveries of retail stores are said to have been normal today.

Policemen, deputy sheriffs and armed guards rode in the wagons. Deliveries in the down town districts, were made by an additional number of wagons and there was a disturbance at one point....

The strikers made a motion in the United States court to have the Federal injunction dissolved, but the court deferred the hearing of the argument.

THE LATEST.

Chicago, Ill., May 10.—Promises of peace and order for today, the President's day, were made by both sides of the teamsters' strike. The Employers Teaming Company decided to reduce its teaming and delivery operations for today. The Teamsters joint council has voted against a general strike, and determined that no further sympathetic movement should be made, except in cases of teamsters ordered to make deliveries to boycotted places, in which event, individuals should walk out. A statement of the situation was prepared to be presented to President Roosevelt by a strikers' committee, which desisted at his request, from meeting him on the way to Chicago.

The labor representatives planned to inform the President of legal proceedings which have been taken by the employers, and make a proposition that the President act as an arbitrator of the differences, choosing as associates one man from the labor ranks and one from the employers. The Employers say they will not officially approach the President. "We have no intention of bothering President Roosevelt with our troubles," said counsel for the Employers' Association today. "It is likely, however," he added, "that the Employers' side will get the President's ear for a quiet discussion of the situation some time during his stay here."

A late bulletin says: The representatives of labor have abandaned their their plan of petitioning President Roosevelt while in Chicago today to use his influence in bringing about a settlement of the strike. This afternoon C. P. Shea, president of the Teamsters' Union, said: "President Roosevelt will not be asked to arbitrate the strike. None of the committee appointed will call on him. We do not see what good it will do labor to ask the President to arbitrate the strike."

ROOSEVELT WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION

Makes Emphatic Statement to This Effect and Says He Means It

He Expresses Earnestness in Regard to Railroad Legislation

Omaha, Neb., May 10.—The Bee quotes President Roosevelt as making the emphatic statement that he will not be a candidate for re-election. The Bee says:

"You are authorized to state that I will not again be a candidate for the office of President of the United States. There are no strings on this statement. I mean it. I made my speech at Denver for the purpose of convincing the people of my earnestness in regard to the matter of railroad legislation. I will not be satisfied with any compromise that does not bring relief to the people, from the conditions that now exist in regard to transportation affairs in this country. No compromise bill from congress will be accepted."

This is President Roosevelt's reply to published statements shown him to the effect that he would be forced to accept a re-nomination by the people who would be aroused if the failure of the congress to enact remedial legislation.

TRANSFERRED TO MADRID

Washington, D. C., May 10.—Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador to the United States, has been transferred to Madrid. He will be succeeded here by Baron Rosen, until recently Russian minister at Tokio. Count Cassini was offered the Ambassadorship to Madrid two months ago, and accepted it. He will leave in June for his new post.

VICTORIA MINE WAS VISITED

Mr. W. H. Sandford and son, C.A. Sandford, who is a mining engineer lately graduated from an English school, were visitors out at the Victoria mine yesterday. Mr. W. H. Sandford is the principal owner of the Bo'son mine, in Kootenay, a mine which has made small fortunes for each of its owners. For the past seven years dividends of $4,000 to $5,000 per month have been paid. Lately, with depth, the ore has become very base, zinc predominating, so that Mr. Sandford has shut the mine down for a while until a better price can be realized for the output. Both of the gentlemen who visited the Victoria expressed themselves as favorably impressed with what they were shown, and believe there will be a mine of value developed. Mr. Sandford also expresses himself as much impressed with the quartz showings in the northern part of the Island, which he has lately visited. Both of the gentlemen left this morning for Victoria.

W. M. WHITNEY DEAD.

Albany, N.Y., May 10.—Wm. M. Whitney, head of the dry goods firm of W.M. Whitney & Co., and one of the oldest and best known merchants in this part of the state, died here today.

LINEVITCH IS A GREAT COMMANDER

A Hard Worker and Already Has His Army In Good Order

Of the Naval Situation Nothing New is Learned--Agitation Continues

Gunshu Pass, May 10.—Day after day since the assumption of the command, General Linevitch goes steadily about the inspection of the troops both those on the positions and the units arriving from European Russia, mounted on a small sorrel horse wearing an old overcoat devoid of trappings and with only the simplest indications of rank, Linevitch, accompanied by his adjutants, two orderlies and the chiefs of the reviewed troops, but almost without further suite, rides along, company after company, battery after battery finding something to say to each. Sometimes a reproof, recognizing here and there veterans not only of the Chinese expedition, but also of the Turkestan campaign. This sympathy and faith the soldiers have in the fighting ability of "Papa" Linevitch, makes a most inspiring impression on the troops regularly at the termination of the reviews, General Linevitch gathers about him, the chiefs of the various sub-divisions and in brief, incisive and oftentimes quaint words, sets forth his opinion of the situation of affairs, the condition of the troops and his demands, orders and suggestions for improvements.

He uses no petty phrases full of the self-abnegation promises and transparent hopes to which the officers were formerly accustomed, but the language of a soldier breathing strength, determination, firm faith, and full realization that his task is most difficult and heavy, that the work for him and his subordinates, is collosal. Even the non-military observer, however, can see a decided change for the better in comparison with the Kuropatkin regime. Jealous and bickering have notably decreased. There is apparently less spirit of self advancement more subordination and "team work," Suggestions are no longer frowned, and the subordinate, with a plan or criticism, is given a hearing.

The impression by a ride along the positions now occupied, is astounding. It is difficult to believe that the well-clothed, well shod troops, heatty and spirited and even gay of face, are the same men who a month ago underwent inhuman hardships, and the supreme test of a mortifying defeat.

In the corps of General Tserpisky, which, holding the extreme southwestern angle of the positions round Mukden, withstood the brunt of the fierce Japanese attack. A strict, almost parade order, prevails, though some complain that Tserpisky's hand is too heavy, his orders too stern, the result of his strictness are patent. The troops on the positions, officers included, are living in tents. Various considerations rendering the housing of the men in huts impracticable, though the dampness of the ground and the climatic conditions, are not especially favorable to life under canvas—a great deal of discomfort is the result. Difficulties in provisioning the troops due to various complications which cannot be touched upon, and to the onerousness of life, but with the advent of settled weather, a decided betterment of conditions may be looked for. At that time, too, the present era of insignificant skirmishing and reconnaisance work may be expected to give way to really serious operations.

AT THE GOVERNOR'S REQUEST

Saigon, May 10.—The Russian cruiser Jemtchug and the Russian auxiliary cruiser Rion, belonging to Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron, arrived off Cape St. James near here during the night of May 8, and left yesterday at the request of the Governor of French Indo-China.

Tokio, May 10.—The Japanese administration of occupied territory includes only those portions which Russia formerly administered upon and is practically limited to the Liao Tung peninsula. Military control is continued in Chinese territory occupied by Japanese troops, but Chinese sovereignty is recognized. Chief Counsellor Ishizuka, of the Formosan administration, will be administrator of the Liao Tung peninsula, and the administration will largely follow the plan now in vogue in Formosa.

The despatch from Saigon announcing the recent presence of the Russian cruiser Jemtchug off Cape St. James, disposes of the report circulated by the Exchange Telegraph Company, of London, today that this warship had succeeded in reaching Vladivostock.

These cruisers which brought instructions for Rear Admiral Nebogatoff anchored three to four miles off shore. A heavy sea was running exposing a good deal of the ships' hulls which were quite free from barnacles or sea weed. The ships appear to have unusually large crews, and it seemed that the men were all in good health. The main Russian squadron is said to be well provisioned, but to be short of tobacco and cigars.

It is considered likely here that Nebogatoff's division has already passed Cape St. James. The Russian hospital ship Kostroma, whose arrival here was announced May 8th, sails May 12th.

BREACHES OF NEUTRALITY.

Tokio, May 10.—The Jiji hopes that France will cease her flagrant and deliberate breaches of neutrality, in reference to the treatment accorded the second Russian Pacific squadron in French waters, and satisfaction is expressed at British representations to the government in Paris, showing that England is alive to the danger menacing Japanese interests.

The Nippon says that French interest in Russia, is more of a financial and economical character than political, and that the alliance between the countries has ceased to be of any practical benefit in Europe. It expresses the belief that France is upholding the alliance because her honor is pledged diplomatically.

MORE WAR DOGS.

Tokio, May 10.—The report that Japan plans to order the construction of two battleships and six large cruisers abroad, are renewed. The representatives of English naval construction are here endeavoring to secure orders, but it is doubtful if the government has reached any decision in the matter.

Paris, May 10.— The Marquis De Barbelmy, who with Count de Pourtalos, operates the French Concession at Kamranh Bay, Annam, in the course of an interview today denies that his establishment furnished coal or provisions to the Russian Second Pacific Squadron.

"The maximum of our coaling facilities is 700 tons. A small coaling depot exists on the Kekong river, not far from Saigon. At the outset of the war the Russians bought a large tract of land there, erected sheds, and accumulated supplies particularly coal, which was bought origin lly from Japan. It is to this depot that Admiral Rojestvensky sent his colliers, but no warships approached the depot. This was Russia's coal, placed on Russian land, and loaded upon transports; this was not a violation of neutrality. France could not prevent the Russians taking their own coal on their own land If the natives were at fault in selling the land to the Russians, the Japanese would not have waited fifteen months before protesting. Although the Marquis De Barbelmy, giving the foregoing as a refutation to the charges the statement concerning the Russian coal depot on the Mekong may open a new phase of the question. Admiral Dejonquieres, the French naval commander at Saigon, confirms the announcement of the departure of the Russian squadron from Vaufeng Bay, and the report of the junction of rear Admiral Rojestvensky outside French waters, is also considered to be official.

Premier Rouvier conferred with the Foreign Minister, Delcasse, today, concerning the pending situation but it is said that the conversation referred mainly to internal affairs.

Mrs. J. Bickle went up to Nanaimo on the twelve o'clock train today.

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THE STATE OF RUSSIA TODAY.

It is curious, indeed, to reflect that even today everything about Russia is crude, shifting and problematical. The fundamental problems of national type and character that every other great power has settled, except Austria, which is too irredeemably composite to settle anything. Russia is still shaping slowly to an issue which not even the Russians themselves can discern. The political future of the country, too, is no less uncertain and speculative than the lines along which its mental and moral development will run. Russia is an empire in flux, an empire which has not yet found itself, an empire of which anything and everything may be predicted, an empire, in short, of colossal doubts as well as colossal hopes and possibilities. So far is she from falling under definite and categorical headings that her oldest question, the question that ethnologists and statesmen have wrangled over since the days of Peter the Great, is still unanswered. Is Russia, by her genius and temperament, her origin as well as her destiny, European or Asiatic? Is she the most backward part of Europe or the most progressive portion of Asia, the most eastern of western or the most western of eastern nations? Or, as the Slavophils insist, is she neither, but something unique and distinctive, and purely Russia?

Much depends on that question; it is not one of mere pedantry. It represents a cleavage in Russian thought and tendencies that has existed since Peter the Great set out to Westernize his country.—Sydney Brooks.

THE PATTERSON CASE

New York, May 8.—Nan Patterson's fate is still uncertain, bail has been offered, but District Attorney Jerome has not yet decided what action he will take in her case. After a long conference with Messrs. Jerome and Rand, Miss Patterson's counsel today carried the news that she must remain there at least a week longer. The prisoner bore the announcement well, although she had been led to believe that she might be granted her freedom either today or tomorrow. At least two bondsmen are willing to give bail in any reasonable amount, and counsel for Miss Patterson says that surety will be provided without delay, as soon as the District Attorney expresses a willingness to act.

A HARD PROBLEM.

"Is this Madam Pompon?" breathlessly inquired a man who had climbed several flights of stairs and been admitted into a darkened parlor.

"It is," replied the stately personage whom he addressed.

"The famous clairvoyant and fortune teller?"

"The same."

"Do you read the mind?"

"With perfect ease."

"Can you foretell the future?"

"The future holds no mysteries that I cannot unravel."

"Can you unfold the past?"

"The record of all things past is to me an open book."

"Then," said the caller, feverishly taking from his pocket a handful of silver, "I wish you would tell me what it is my wife wanted me to bring home without fail this evening, and name your price. Money is no object."

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The large cotton manufactory in Saco, Me., was burned, the loss being $300,000.

Napoleon controlled the entire military department of Holland.

The Portugese government ordered that all ships, prizes of the English, should quit Tagus, and that no such prizes should again be admitted.

Napoleon received the foreign envoys, who presented letters of congratulation from their respective courts upon the birth of Prince Napoleon.

The English government ordered that

The English government ordered the United States should be admitted into all British possessions.

The slave trade bill, presented to the House of Commons, provided that no negro slave should be admitted into any of the British colonies.

Fifty Years Ago.

The Union army took possession of Wilmington, N. C.

Sherman's cavalry were reported on the North Carolina border, with communication between Charleston and Richmond cut off.

Charleston, S. C., was in the possession of the Federal troops.

The War Department announced the capture of Columbia, S. C., by Sherman.

Lee took general command of the Confederate armies and recommended the enlistment of negroes.

Announcement was made in the North that Mexico and the Confederacy had entered into a treaty by which Confederate deserters were returned.

BISHOP ON GOODY GOODINESS.

The Bishop of Carlisle, speaking at Carlisle in connection with the Diamond Jubilee of the Young Mens Christian Association, said he wanted that body to be more broadminded. Not a few young men had been driven away by what they termed its goody-goodiness. He adored goodness, but he loathed goodiness and he was glad to see a broadening and a "common-sensing" of the Young Mens Christian Association going on. Smoking might not be a very lofty or noble occupation, but there was nothing terrific about it. If young men could not smoke at the Young Men's Christian Association, they would go elsewhere. He suggested that the association should be made more use of as the training of civic municipal and national life. He favored all sorts of debates, including political, and so long as they did not hit below the belt, there was nothing like hitting out in earnest. As to athletics, he believed the association had got hold of the right stick. Athletics could be overdone, but not when begun with moral and religious influences. He warned them not to place too much reliance upon lectures for the lecture was the most deceptive thing in the world except a sermon.

Tricked the Stamp Fiend.

Stamp collectors are delighted when they secure a specimen which was issued before some mistake in printing was detected. During the Buffalo exposition the government issued a stamp to commemorate the occasion which depicted the Empire express train. A practical joker cut out the central part of one of the stamps which contained the train and carefully replaced it so that the train was in an upside down position. This he pasted on an envelope and mailed it to a friend who was a rabid collector.

The practiced eye of the stamp fiend at once discovered the misplaced position of the train but did not notice the deception, and the collector was almost wild with joy until he offered it for sale, when he was informed that it was not a "rare" but a "cut out" stamp he preserved.

Women take a lot better care of their evening gowns than those in which they are seen daily. Isn't it strange how many women will wear a tailor made day after day every time they go out, yet never think of having it pressed? Yet a man always has the suit he isn't wearing in the hands of his tailor, being cleaned and pressed. Women's tailor mades are a good deal like men's clothes nowadays—that is, in the cloths of which they are made. They are almost as liable to being kneed or wrinkled, and there's nothing freshens a gown like a good brushing and pressing.

Treatment of Burns.

In a serious burn as soon as the fire is extinguished the clothes must be removed. If not already thoroughly wet, the injured part should be drenched with water and the clothes cut away. Everything must be sacrificed to getting them off without pulling, as the slightest dragging may bring the skin off too. If patches of the clothing adhere and will not drop off, they must be allowed to remain. Dip cloths in a thick solution of common washing soda in water and lay them over the burned surface, bandaging lightly to keep them in place. As soon as a dry spot appears on this dressing, wet it with the soda and water by squeezing some on it. There will be no smarting while it is saturated and excludes the air.

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Ladysmith, B. C., May 2nd, 1905.

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Time Table No. 54,
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Victoria	0:00	12.06 Victoria	4.30	7.55
Shawnigan Lake	10:20	10.46 Shawnigan Lake	5.17	6.46
Duncans	11:00	10.02 Duncan	5.55	5.55
Ladysmith	11:57	9.10 Ladysmith	6.45	5.00
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Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2½ per cent. of the sales of the products of the location.

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

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

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

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ESCAPED DEATH BY A MIRACLE

Blown by a premature explosion from his hold on a bucket being hoisted from a depth of nearly 700 feet in the Marble Oay mine shaft, dropped twenty feet among a nest of unexploded charges in which the fuses were rapidly sputtering to do their deadly work, and yet escaping alive by a miraculous accident, was the remarkable experience of John Guy Monday morning.

Guy, who is a miner employed at the Marble Bay mines, Texada Island is now in St. Paul's hospital undergoing treatment. He reached the city on the steamer Chehalis, which made a special run to port on account of his case. Guy's attending physician states that he will be as well as ever in a few days.

Guy descended the Marble Bay shaft to fire eight holes. The shaft is being put down in order to open up another level. In sinking shafts it is the practice to drop an iron ladder, known as a chgin ladder, from the end of the permanent ladderway to the bottom of the shaft. This chain ladder is a flexible affair, and when charges are to be fired, it is Marble Bay chain ladder is between pulled up out of harm's way. The 20 and 30 feet long. This time the ladder was pulled up by means of a rope and Guy was lowered by the hoisting bucket to the bottom of the shaft to fire the holes.

When the eight pieces of fuse had been lighted, Guy clambered on the bucket and hanging on with one hand he signaled to the surface to hoist. Up the bucket started, but when it was 20 feet from the bottom a terrific explosion occurred. Guy was blown from the bucket. He fell to the bottom of the shaft, and, strange to say, he was uninjured by contact with the hard rock, although he dropped 20 feet.

All around the miner fuses were spitting and sizzling, and for him it was a moment of the kind which turns men's hair grey. All unconscious of untoward occurrence, the hoisting engineer on the surface was rapidly winding up the bucket, and it could never reach Guy before the remaining charges exploded and scattered him in minute particles about the walls and sides of the shaft. Guy's wits gathered the imminent peril as soon as he struck the bottom of the shaft.

Almost co-incident with Guy's descent among the threatingly burning fuses and dynamite charges there was a rattling against the footwall of the shaft, which, to man's practiced ears meant salvation if he could only avail himself of the opportunity.

The chain ladder had dropped!

As if by a miracle the explosion which had blown Guy from the ascending bucket had also torn asunder the rope which held the chain ladder above his head.

Grabbing the ladder and mentally uttering a prayer for a few minutes delay on the part of the dynamite, Guy swarmed up the chains. His life was the prize which lay at the other end of that ladder and it was a race between himself and the dynamite. Ninety-two feet lay between the climbing man and safety.

He made it one second before the explosion of seven holes below him occurred. Utterly exhausted by the physical and mental strain which he had undergone, Guy was found by fellow miners lying in a heap on the deepest level. His legs were badly lascerated and filled with rock from the charge which had prematurely exploded, but otherwise he was in good shape.

Mr. Alexander Grant, superintendent of the Marble Bay mines, put Guy on board the steamer Chehalis which happened to be at hand and came to this city with the injured man. His escape from death is looked upon as marvellous by miners and men who know from experience what the chances against him were. Had the rope which held the chain ladder not broken, Guy would have been blown to atoms.

WILL FEED HER WELL.

The Crown Prince Frederick is improbably reported to have hit on a highly Teutonic and original present for his betrothed.. He has sent to the lady his favoirte chef, in order that her tastes in respect of cooking may be carefully studied. He wishes to provide, after marriage, such entertainment as will not give the Duchess Cecilia the sligest reason for regretting the step which she intends to take. There used to be a proverb which admonished young ladies, to the end that their marriage might be happy, to "feed the brute", but in this case it seems that the proverb is reversed.

England's future King, Prince Edward of Wales, now eleven years of age, possesses a child's habit of saying the unexpected thing. When visiting King Edward the other day, the King asked him what he was studying, and the little prince said, "All about Perkin Warbeck." Asked who Warbeck was, the Prince replied, "He pretended he was the son of the King, but he wasn't, he was the son of respectable parents."

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WILLIAM JOSEPH.
By his duly authorized agent,
HENRY REIFEL.

Ladysmith, B. C., May 2nd, 1905.

Ladysmith Temple No. 5 Rathbone Sisters meets in the Oddfellow's hall 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7.30 p. m. Mrs. Kate Tate, secretary.

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LOCAL ITEMS

BORN—To the wife of Mr. Frank L. Reynolds, Methuen street, Ladysmith, B. C., a son.

BORN—On Sunday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greives, a son.

Mayor Coburn went down to Victoria this morning.

Mr. C. Walters returned from Nanaimo this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Muir went up to Nanaimo at noon today.

Mayor Planta, of Nanaimo, was in this city on business this morning.

Rev. Father Verbeke went down the line on the morning train.

Rev. R. J. Bowen, was a passenger on the nine o'clock train for the capital.

Mr. A. C. Stewart, School Inspector, left this morning for Victoria to inspect the school of that place.

The management of the Ladysmith Lumber Company are making arrangements to have their shingle mills connected with the manager's office by telephone. The line, it is understood, will be constructed without delay.

The McKenzie Barge was launched last Sunday evening and is expected into Ladysmith soon. This barge, which takes the place of the Georgian, lately wrecked, carries 15 cars on its decks. It will run between this port and Union.

Sheriff Drake, of Nanaimo, was in town this morning. While here he gave Constable Hannay full instructions as to his duties as bailiff of the district. The sheriff returned on the noon train to Nanaimo.

SACRED CANTATA.

The Church of England choir are preparing a sacred cantata which will be given in the church building in the near future. The cantata is entitled, "The Choicest Gift." The members of the choir are working hard under the direction of Mr. Gould and the practices are said to be going on very satisfactorily.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Residents whose taxes are due are notified that the 1st of June is the last day upon which they will be granted rebate on their taxes. Until that date one-sixth of the amount due, from them, is refunded. It is certainly to the interests of the taxpayers to settle up on or before June 1st.

Just look in at Knight's window and see the new souvenir goods just in. New Post cards, books of views, leather post-cards and a number of other souvenir goods of Ladysmith. Don't forget Knight's Bookstore has them for sale.

AT THE ABBOTSFORD.

F. J. Stephen, Vancouver.
S. Goldsmith, San Francisco.
J. A. Murphy, Vancouver.
A. E. Smith, Victoria.
G. H. H. Gennett, Victoria.

PUBLIC WHARF.

Mr. D. Thomas, building superintendent of the government wharf, stated that he hoped to have the same completed by Monday next. The timber work will be finished tomorrow. The work, Mr. Thomas said, is going very smoothly and satisfactorily.

RETURNED TO OTTAWA.

London, Ont., May 10.—Hon. Chas. S. Hyman, returned to Ottawa last night. Before leaving, he said he had not been offered a portfolio by the Government, but if he should decide and accept, he would run in London, and nowhere else.

TO AMALGAMATE.

Halifax, May 10.—The shareholders in the Peoples' Bank of Halifax, have practically unanimously adopted a resolution to amalgamate with the Bank of Montreal.

Quebec, May 10.—The post-office authorities are investigating the disappearance of thirty-four registered letters from the mail bag from River Pentecost, along the north shore of the St. Lawrence. The letters contained settlements from north shore merchants for Quebec and Montreal shippers.

SPORTS

BASEBALL.

The first baseball match played here this season, will come off on Bunker Grounds on the afternoon of May 14th, when the local team will meet the boys of Chemainus. The match ill start at 2 o'clock sharp, and being the first of the present season, will, no doubt, attract a large crowd.

The secretary of the local club requests the members to turn out tonight to complete the clay diamond. On the remaining nights before the 14th inst., full practice will be held.

The line-up for the coming match will be published in these columns later in the week.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

The Colonist published the following letter from W. H. Shewan which explains itself:

"I would like to publish through your paper an acceptance in behalf of Bert Clark of the challenge issued by George Hannay for W. Shepherd, of Ladysmith, to meet in a 20-round contest.

THE GOLF CHAMPION.

New York, May 10.—Willie Anderson, three times open golf Champion of the United States, and the present western champion, will sail from New York on Saturday to compete in the open championship of Great Britain at St. Andrews, Scotland, June 8 and 9.

REACHED VLADIVOSTOCK.

London, May 10.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, from St. Petersburg says it is reported there that the Russian cruisers Almaz and Jemtchug, belonging to Rear Admiral Voelkersam's division of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron, have eluded the Japanese warships and reached Vladivostock.

GERMANY SYMPATHIZES.

Berlin, May 9.—The German newspapers condole with Great Britain on the uncomfortable position she has been placed in in connection with both Japan and France by the action of Admiral Rojestvensky. It is rather difficult to restrain the satisfaction felt in Germany over this check to the understanding between Great Britain and France which has been the subject of much thought on the part of the government here. Germany's own course with respect to Rojestvensky should he put into Singtiu (Shan Tung peninsula) will, it is said, be strictly in accordance with the 24-hour rule which will be enforced as in previous instances.

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, May 10.—At a large and completely harmonious meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's church, held in the Institute Hall last night, plans and specifications for a new church were presented by the church committee and unanimously approved by the congregation. This move definitely commits the congregation to the construction of the church, which will be on the site of the present one and will commence as soon as possible. A building committee will be appointed by the church committee this week and work will be proceeded with at once. During the construction of the new building the usual church services will be held in the Institute Hall.

The meeting last evening was presided over by the Rev. A. Silva-White, and in addition to the business of the new building, the usual annual reports were presented, showing the congregation in an unusually flourishing condition, and the following church officers and committees were elected:

Vestry Clerk—T. W. Jones.

Church Wardens—W. Kirkham, Rector's Warden; E. M. Yarwood, People's Warden.

Committee—W. T. Heddle, Captain Yates, D. Stephenson, A. W. Bowman, F. C. Stearman, G. R. Beattie, M. Bate, jr., W. Rumming, G. L. Schetky, W. Wilson.

Lay delegates to Synod—W. Kirkham, G. L. Schetky, E. M. Yarwood, M. Bate.

Ushers—B. Stephenson, Fred Rowbottom, W. Akenhead.

Henry Wilson and others have a libel in the United States District court against the American steamship Meteor for $34,000 damages. The libel alleges that on Thursday last the Meteor ran into and sank the schooner A. B. Johnson in San Francisco bay. The schooner is valued at $25,000, the damage to her cargo of lumber is estimated at $6,000, and for other damages and earning capacity while being rehabilitated $3,000 is claimed.

A DRUNKEN SAILOR.

Officer Hannay asks The Ledger to state that while there were calls for him by telephone yesterday to look after the drunken sailor, he was at his office at the time at the city hall. There seems to be some unfortunate conditions whereby the central office failed to notify him promptly. The results were that it was nearly an hour before he received word that he was wanted. The drunken sailor was taken aboard the Tricolor by him after the ladies living on the Esplanade declined to prosecute him. The captain of the ship promptly put the man in irons. No particular damage was done by the sailor, but he made himself a thorough nuisance and used vile language. At one house the proprietoress turned the hose on the man and when he tried to take it away, another woman knocked him over like a shot. The general opinion is that such a man should be hauled up and fined or imprisoned, and not allowed to escape. In this particular case, as no one would prosecute, it may have been the right thing to do, but will not do ordinarily.

WORKMAN AND BARONET

Fiction cannot, of course, hold a candle to fact. Sir George Augustus Jervis Meredith, baronet, cab-driver of Hobart Town and follower of many other trades, has arrived in London on his way to Ireland, to take posession of the estates of his ancestors. On the death of the late Sir Edward Meredith, last October the present Sir George, after nearly 73 years of globe trotting, and rough living, succeeded to the title and the family seat. The fortune attached to the title is not a great one, but the farms and tenancies are said to be worth about £ 0) per annum. The baronet is a little man with a thin, clean-shaven face, and a nervous manner. His voyage to England on the steamship Ortona was a honeymoon trip, for the day before the boat left Melbourne he married his second wife, who is very much younger than himself. His arrival at St. Pancras was a pathetic sight. He stood on the platform surrounded by a rampart of luggage, and dazed by the busy scene around him. He turned a look of comradeship on a cabman who hailed him, but was too excited to reply. "Don't leave go of me," he whispered to his bride, as he clung to her arm, "I am so stupid." But Lady Meredith had never before seen a bigger place than Hobart Town, and was more lost than her husband. Few of the onlookers who saw the little old man, and the sweet-faced woman to whom he clung, sitting pathetically amid the chaos of luggage guessed that they were a real baronet and his lady. "Not a penny have I ever had that I did not earn myself," said Sir George to a press representative, when he was comfortably installed at his hotel in the evening. "I have had nothing from the estate yet, which accoun for my wife and myself being steerage passengers. I am going to Ireland now to claim and live upon my inheritance. My title too, it is acknowledged, but there will possibly be some litigation with reference to a portion of the proceeds of the estate."

Sir George's story is unusual in the ranks of the baronetage. For three years he worked as a shoemaker, and saved enough money to pay his passage to Hobart Town, where his cousin was a well known merchant. When he arrived his cousin had gone to California and Geo. was penniless. He worked his passage back to London in the ship that brought him over as a passenger. He picked up a precarious living in London for a year, and then worked his passage to Australia, and went to the gold fields. Fortune, however, did not smile on him, and he acquired more experience than money. He went again to Hobart Town, and spent a dozen years in a wool-pressing firm. There he learned how, in those days, blocks of stone, logs of wood, and carcases of sheep were packed in the bales, and sold with the wool at a shilling a pound. He then went to sea again, and served four years before the mast. After that he spent fourteen years in the Hobart police force, and had several affrays that nearly lost him his life. "A broken beer bottle did that," said Sir George, showing a scar on his right temple, "and a boot did that," he added, revealing another scar on the other temple. He saved enough money as a policeman to buy a cab, which he drove in the streets of Hobart. He lived in the suburbs of the town in a wooden house, which he built entirely with his own hands. "I have got my living in twenty different ways," concluded the baronet, "but it has always been my work. Now, I am going to live live without working, and I think I deserve it." Sir George, whose title is recognized in the current issue of Burke's Peerage, was born in Stepney on Dec. 11, 1832, and was the son of Major C. B. Meredith, of the Royal Marines. He had two sons and three daughters. The name of the estate to which he is entitled is described by Burke as "Greenhills, Co. Kildare."

BOOTBLACK MONOPOLY

A prominent business man in Seattle who believes there is a fortune in the humble business of shining shoes, is planning to appear before the corporations committee next Wednesday and ask an exclusive franchise giving him the sole right to operate shoe black stands on the streets alleys, in area ways and all public places over which the city has charge in other words, he wants the monopoly on the shoe polishing business, and proposes to ask the city council to sanction his ambition.

When the matter comes up for consideration before the city fathers, there will likely be considerable excitement in bootblack circles, for it is expected that the Italian and colored bootblacks now operating innumerable stands throughout the city will be out in force to fight the embryo monopoly.

The business man who is back of the scheme asserts that he means business and will go into the shoe shining industry on a scale such as Seattle people have never dreamed of if the city will only give him an exclusive franchise. He claims that his scheme is not a new one, but that it has been tried in Eastern cities and found to be very successful. He claims that in Omaha the monopoly has built up a business of large proportions, and that the scheme has proved thoroughly satisfactory.

The promoter of the new monopoly it is understood, proposes to establish shining stands at every convenient location available, operate the business on the same business principles that any other big business would be operated, and show the people of the city how shoe shining can be done by a trust.

If the franchise is granted, the independent bootblacks, from the Italian proprietor of a pretentious stand down to the barefoot urchin who carries his box and outfit on his shoulder, will be put out of business on the public streets and all public places over which the city has control, and it is expected that these people will declare war the moment the intended monopoly presents its petition for a franchise.

TENDERS.

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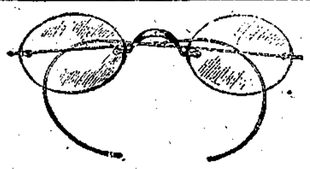

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