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FIGHTING AGAIN SOUTH OF MUKDEN

Japanese Have Advanced and After All Night Struggle Capture Another Village From Russians

Kuropatkin To-day Attacks in Turn and Will Bitterly Contest Every Inch of the Way

Mukden, Oct. 27.—Fighting began at 10 o'clock last evening southeast of Mukden. The Japanese have advanced to the village of Jerdagan, which they are reported to have captured after a fight lasting until this morning.

There was an artillery fight on the night of Oct. 26, on north shore of the Shakhe river, directly south of Mukden. The cannonading was continued today. The Russians are attacking the Japanese, if unsuccessful they will fight right up to the walls of Mukden.

IN KOREA.

New York, Oct. 27.—A Seoul, Korea despatch to the Herald dated Oct. 23, says: "An additional brigade is expected to arrive here tomorrow increasing the local Japanese garrison. From a reliable source I learn that the Japanese garrison throughout Korea are to be increased to a total of 20,000 men. That number is considered necessary for the preservation of quietness in the provinces during the coming winter, the extreme poverty of the people usually causing unrest and depredation. The Korean crown princess is at death's door, but the court declines the services af the capable European physicians attached to the palace, replying on the incantations of the Sorcerers to effect a recovery

The Japanese outposts in eastern Korea are gradually pushing northward, meeting little opposition from the Russian scouts, with whom frequent but unimportant brushes occur, which are followed by the retirement of the Russians to positions a few miles distant.

The Japanese forces in eastern Korea are insufficient to drive the Russians north if determined opposition were encountered, but apparently none will be offered south of the Russian base at Song Chin.

THE HARRISES MARRY AGAIN

Divorced Husband and Wife Reunited By Wreck of Clallam

William J. Harris, once a semimillionaire as a result of the Le Roi sale, and well known in British Columbia, was remarried to his divorced wife, Mrs. Carrie Harris, in St. Louis last week, says the Spokane Spokesman-Review.

The reunion is a direct outcome of the Clallam tragedy, near Victoria, B. C., about a year ago, when their daughter, Miss Louise, was drowned.

Prior to their divorce three years ago the two reached an agreement for a division of property. From her proceeds Mrs. Harris built the Victoria hotel, at Mill street and First avenue, worth $125,000, and she owns the Aberdeen hotel, at First avenue and Stevens street, worth perhaps $40,000. She has other property over town, and it has increased greatly in value under her careful management.

'Twas different with Mr. Harris. He is a pretty good single handed spender himself, and when he has when he has money he doesn't mind putting it in circulation. After the big cleanup in Le Roi he branched out into other mining ventures, and he lost his fortune hand over fist. He has some mining interests in Josephine county. Oregon, and a fine stock ranch near town, but the bulk of his wealth is gone.

Somewhat more than a year ago Mr. Harris decided that the division of his property with Mrs. Harris when they were divorced was illegal, and immoral and wicked. He brought suit to have it set aside, and he planned a new potlatch in which he would put his Josephine county mining stock, and his ranch and his other holdings, while Mrs. Harris should put in her Victoria hotel and her town lots. Then the court was to make a new distribution from their common pile. The case was in court for some time.

Since the tragic death of Miss Louise, sorrow has brought the parents together and their former difficulties have been forgotten. Mr. Harris has been the kindest of men, devoting his time to making Mrs. Harris happier, and his courtly attentions have been so noticeable that friends have been gossiping for months that there would be a reconciliation.

Several days ago Mrs. Harris left for St. Louis, en route to Europe. About the same time Mr. Harris departed, ostensibly to Idaho on mining business. They met in St. Louis and last week their friends were immensely pleased to get telegrams from them announcing their remarriage. It is expected that they will make the trip to Europe together, returning to Spokane, will settle down and make their home there.

Mr. Geo. Fletcher, of the well known Nanaimo music firm was in town yesterday. Mr. Fletcher whose agent in Ladysmith, by the way, is Mr. B. Forcimmer, states that his firm's business in Nanaimo, Ladysmith and Victoria, has been very prosperous of late and the outlook for trade for the holiday season is good. Mr. Fletcher is a firm believer in the power of printers ink, and has placed an advertisement with the Ledger.

Mrs. B. Weinrobe returned home yesterday from Vancouver, where she was in attendance upon the burial of Mrs. A. Robertson, for many years a friend and neighbor. Mrs. Robertson dying unexpectedly while her husband was in the East, the burial was delayed for nearly a week awaiting his arrival home from Ottawa.

MAY BAR THE RUSSIAN FLEET

Belief That Channel Squadron May Hear Them at Gibraltar

London, Oct. 27.—4.41 p.m.—While no time limit for the receipt of Russia's reply has been fixed. it is generally believed today that the route of the Russian squadron past Gibraltar will be barred by the Channel squadron. commanded by Vice Admital Lord Charles Beresford. At 3 o'clock this afternoon, Lord Lansdowne expressed his belief that a peaceful settlement would be arrived at.

PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

A leading merchant said to a representative of the Ledger today: "I tried the effect of a special price for a leading household article last week in my regular space to satisfy myself as to what the results of advertising it would be." As proof that the Ledger is read closely in the families of Ladysmith, he added:—"We sold out the entire line within a few hours directly as the result of the advertising."

SWEDISH SHIP FIRED UPON BY RUSSIANS.

London, Oct. 27.—The correspondent of Lloyds at Gafle, Sweden reports that the Swedish steamer Aldebaran, from Hull, reports that she was fired at by a supposed Russian warship in the Skagerack at ten o'clock in the evening of Oct. 21, but sustained no damage.

RUSHING WORK ON THE WARSHIPS

Navy Yards Work Over Time to Get Fighting Machines in Good Trim

Home Fleet Will Be Brought to Full Strength Rapidly As Possible

New York, Oct. 27.—A long cablegram to the Herald from London, dated today, on the Anglo-Russian crisis, says' "Until late last night clerks at the Foreign Office and the Admiralty were very busy working at high pressure, only usual in times of crisis. The first Lord of the Admiralty gave officials special instructions to send with all haste, to himself and the various heads of Departments, immediately on receipt of certain telegrams from the continent, About a dozen of the chief experts at the Foreign Office, remained in attendance until a late hour, ready to inform the other departments of state immediately, upon definite news. The Admiralty was in communication with Portsmouth, Chatham and Devonport during the evening and special instructions were given to the resident clerks to remain on duty throughout the night. Half a dozen cabinet ministers were within calling, a most unusual thing before the commencement of the annual series of November cabinets. The government has not consulted other powers with regard to any concerted action. Significant orders were received at Portsmouth yesterday, however, with the result that overtime is being ordered on board the battleship Triumph, a new battleship purchased not long since from the Chilian government which was damaged recently in a collision. The Triumph is one of the most powerful units of the home fleet and it is evidently the intention of the Admiralty to bring that squadron to its full strength at the earliest possible moment. Orders have also been given for the Good Hope and the Drake of the cruiser squadron, to be got ready for sea again as quickly as possible. The only two vessels attached to the cruiser squadron at present at Davenport, are the cruisers Donegal and Monmouth, both of which are under repairs in the dockyards.

Night and day shifts are working on the Donegal, which is having her gun mountings altered. Orders have also been given that no work on the vessels of the reserve or in commission, be started unless it can be completed in a fortnight.

Fiume, Hungary, Oct. 27.—The Division of the Mediterranean squadron now here, has received urgent orders from the Admiralty to unite with the division anchored at Potal, Austria, and to continue their voyage eastward.

HELPING THE HOME TRADE

It is a very good sign for Ladysmith's prosperity that Nanaimo merchants are complaining that they do not receive anything like the amount of trade from this section that they did a few months ago. It shows conclusively that as the town advances the merchants are not behind in stocks and fair prices, and if a merchant wants to do business with Ladysmith wage earners, he must sell at reasonable rates, and be a resident. This is certainly as it should be, for nearly every wage earner has property of some kind here, and the propsperity of the city means values for properties of all kinds. It is only right and reasonable that people should patronize home institutions.

FRANCE WILL NOT FIGHT FOR RUSSIA.

London, Oct. 27.—A very definite impression prevails in diplomatic circles that France has given both Russia and Great Britain explicitly to understand that she will not be involved should the disputants resort to hostilities.

OYSTER FARMS LINE THE HARBOR

Ladysmith Has Supply Along Waterfront of Desirable Shell-fish

And Shipments Are Made By the Owners During Season

A Ladysmith industry of which very little is known, even by many people living in the city, is the cultivation and shipment of oysters. Along the water front there are at least 150 acres of oyster beds, not the big fellow that needs two bites to surround when you pick him up from the half shell, but the smaller native, peculiar to the Pacific Coast These water farms are leased from the Dominion government, the names of those engaged in the business in this harbor being John Brenton, the pioneer in oyster culture in this section, David Page, David Thomas, Joseph Ferguson and Richards Brothers. The business is quite a lucrative one. the united capacity of the beds being something like 40 sacks and the shipments are made weekly through the season to the city markets. The season lasts from September to May, the other months being spawning time for the bivalves. Some attempts have been made to propagate the Eastern oyster here, but without much success, although Mr. Brenton has a few which were planted as long as twelve years ago. It has been noted however, at the various places on this coast at which Eastern oysters have been planted, that while the oysters themselves grow in size, they never increase in number.

On the Sound and in parts of British Columbia attention is being paid to the growing of Eastern oysters for the market, the very young ones being plaoted and taken up when they have attained a good size. This has proved very profitable, but in Ladysmith harbor it is found that the star fish is a difficulty in the way as they prey upon the new comers, whose habits are of the deep water order, while the little natives are planted in the shallows. When the tide goes out the oysters are gathered for shipment. Mr. Brenton is extending his operations and is stocking another bed in Oyster harbor.

NOMINATED AT NANAIMO

Three Candidates For This Constituency Now Officially in Field

Nominations for candidates at the Dominion election took place to-day throughout Canada. In this constituency, in spite of the rumors that one of the men might withdraw, all three parties have their candidates in the field. Ralph Smith, M.P., being nominated by the Liberals; Clive Phillips-Wolley by the Conservatives, and William Fenton by the Socialists, the nomination papers being handed in at Nanaimo to Mr. C. H. Barker, the returning officer.

Mr. Smith is to-day canvassing in the Islands, but will return to Victoria tomorrow and speak at Metchosin the same evening. Rev. E.S. Rowe, who was in town today for a short time on his way to Nanaimo, will be one of the speakers for Mr. Smith at Metchosin.

The Conservatives have secured the Opera House for Monday and Wednesday evenings and while it is not definitely arranged it is expected Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper will speak here on at least one of those evenings, and may also be present at Mr. Smith's rally in the Opera House on Tuesday.

The foreman of the pile-driving appliances on the new wharf is nothing if not thorough. Yesterday a pile point struck some impediment and the foreman promptly went down to the bottom of the harbor to see what it was, as he explained. He didn't stay down long, but like McGinty he was very wet when he was hauled out.

ROJESTVENSKY GIVES STRANGE EXPLANATION

Pretends He Fired Because He Was Attacked By Torpedo Boats in North Sea

Russian Filaure to Comply With British Demands Has Caused Gloomier Outlook in London

(Associated Press Despatches.)

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—(2.26 p. m.)—Vice Admiral Rojectvensky's explanation of the trawler incident is fully as sensational as the news of the firing upon the fishing fleet which set all Britain aflame. He declares he was attacked in the darkness by two torpedo boats, which came upon the squadron from the direction of the fishing fleet. He opened fire and believes he sank one of the torpedo boats, the other making off for cover among the fishermen. So soon as he noticed the fishermen he ceased fire. He proceeded on his way without leaving any vessel behind and says he believes the vessel which the fishermen reported remained on the scene for six hours without offering succor to the drowning men, was the other torpedo boat, either waiting for her consort or repairing damage inflicted by the fire of his ships.

In concluding his telegram, Admiral Rojestvensky expressed in the most warm hearted way the regrets of the whole squadron to the fishermen who had suffered and to the families of the victims. Rojestvensky's report was telegraphed from Vigo direct to the Emperor, who received it late last last night. It was communicated this morning to Ambassador Hardinge bu Foreign Minister Lamsdorff himself. There is reason to believe that the British Embassy was also acquainted with information which reached the Russian authorities some time ago of the arrival at and subsequent mysterious disappearance from Hull of twenty Japanese, mention of which was made in these despatches on October 25. It is pointed out that the original version of the incident as recited by the captain of the trawler Moulmen, coincides closely with Rojestvensky's. The captain said that while the squadron was passing he suddenly noticed two torpedo boats which approached so near that he thought they intended boarding him, when they sheared off, heading back for the squadron. Almost immediately afterwards the squadron opened fire. According to one account of Rojestvensky's report it specifically states that there were no torpedo boats with the squadron when the incident occurred. If this is true, the statement of the captain of the Moulmein would completely corroborate Rojestvensky. In view of the entirely new complexion placed upon the incident by Rojestvensky's report, it is readily conceivable that Russia may make representations to Great Britain and that the whole course of exchanges between the two governments regarding the affair altered. Rojestvensky's version is likely to create quite as much indignation in Russia as the fishermen's version did in England. Further inquiries would seem to be indespensible.

ANOTHER BLUNDER.

Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 27.—The skipper of the Swedish steamer Aldebaran from Hall, England, which was chased in the Skagerack during the evening of Friday Oct. 21, by a foreign cruiser, apparently Russian, which threw its searchlights on her, says the cruiser, increasing her speed passed the Aldebaran and fired a shot which had no effect. The Aldebaran thereupon hoisted her flag and the cruiser again threw her searchlight on the steamer and a few minutes later hailed shot around the Aldebaran, without, however, hitting her, The skipper then ordered the steamer to be stopped and with his crew sought refuge below. The Foreign warship thereupon disappeared in the darkness.

STILL CONSULTING.

London, Oct. 27.—Ambassador Benkendorff paid another visit to Lord Lansdowne at about three o'clock this afternoon presumably to discuss Rojestvensky's report. This caused considerable bewilderment here as while the statement that two torpedo boats were among the fishing fleet is generally scouted there is beginning to be evidence of some disposition to believe in the possibility that there is another side to the fishermen's story, and that the situation requires more light.

The Foreign Office regards the statement of the captain of the Lwedish steamer Aldebaran, now at Gefle, Sweden, from Hull, England, as being very important in indicating that

A DEADLOCK.

the Russians had previously fired on a defenseless ship when there was no question of the presence of torpedo boats. It is understood that this point was brought before Ambassador Benkendorff this afternoon. It has also been pointed out to the Ambassador that it is practically impossible for trawlers to move when their nets are down, so they could not have got out of the way of the Russian squadron even if they had been ordered to do.

This morning's feeling of extreme pessimism did not last long, and this afternoon there is a disposition to believe that a way will still be found to avoid a breach between the two countries.

London, Oct. 27.—(1.42 p.m.)— Up to this hour there is no sign of an end to the deadlock over the question of punishment of the Russian officers responsible for the North Sea tragedy. The Associated Press understands that Ambassador Beckendorff in his interview with Lord Lansdowne today maintained that such punishment must be taken on the spontaneous initiation of the Emperor's government, and that a demand from a foreign power that Russia shall punish her officers cannot be entertained. In any event, it was impossible for the Russian government to mete out punishmeat without having before it the statement of facts as presented by its own officets. Count Beckendorff also pointed out that the Emperor's telegram was regarded by all Russians less as a personal communication to King Edward than as an expression of the sentiment of the whole Russian nation. There is no indication of Lord Lansdowne withdrawing his demand, although the dispute has not yet reached an ultimatum stage. Russia's continued failure to comply with the British demand in this respect creates gloomier feeling in diplomatic circles which shared with Lord Lansdowne yesterday the impression that Russia would eventually agree to this point.

All the cabinet ministers have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness in case a cabinet council should be necessary. This led to a report that a council had been summoned and naturally, increased the podular excitement, as it was interpreted as an indication that the government was about to take a final step. No cabinet meeting has been definitely fixed, but one will undoubtedly be held before the government takes action of an important decisive character. Ambassador Benckendorff drove to Lansdowne House to see the Foreign Secretary, Lord Lansdowne. While he was still there the French Ambassador, M. Cambon, called, thus confirming the belief that France is doing her utmost to promote a satisfactory settlement.

The conference of the three diplomatists lasted nearly an hour. Premier Balfour, who spent the night as the guest of Lord Salisbury at Hatfield House, returned to the Foreign Office at noon. It is now considered certain that the Premier will summon a cabinet council for noon tomorrow, prior to his departure for Southampton, where there is reason to expect he will either announce the substance of any settlement arrived at with Russia, or in the absence of a settlement will announce the ca-

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A few days ago an incident happened that showed the importance attached to the growth of Canada's export of wheat and flour of late years. This was the purchase by Western United States' millers of a quantity of Manitoba hard wheat and was considered of such significance as to call for special comment in the States. It is not so long since Canada's output of breadstuffs was comparatively small, but with the opening up of new wheat-growing areas this country is rapidly becoming a formidable rival of our neighbors in the export of both wheat and flour, on account of the very high quality of the grain grown in Manitoba and the Territories. Already the United States millers, wide awake and quick to perceive the competition that faces them, are endeavoring to secure legislation that will enable them to hold their own in the markets of the world, in which their supremacy is threatened. Commenting upon this the New York Journal of Commerce admits that conditions have arisen in the export trade in flour "that make it necessary for millers to furnish certain grades of flour manufactured wholly or in part from the hard wheat produced in the western districts of Canada." The demand is now being made through Canadian sources, and the remedy suggested is that the drawback now allowed in the States of the duties on raw materials imported for manufacturing exported articles may be applied to wheat. At present this law requires the identification of such raw material before the refund is given, but this has been found not practicable as regards flour, owing to the difficulty of tracing the imported wheat as separate from the United States' domestic article. Therefore the attempt was made at the last session of congress and will be made again, to have enacted what is known as the Lovering Bill, a measure approved by the Millers' National Convention at Buffalo. The question is, if the law passes, what is Canada going to do about it? The aim which our neighbors have in view applies with equal force to ourselves. Are we going to grow wheat for United States millers to grind, to compete with our millers in other countries? This would result, the Journal of Commerce claims, in employing United States labor to manufacture the surplus wheat crop of Canada; an increased demand in the States for barrels and other packages in which the wheat would be exported; United States transportation companies would benefit; the larger number of workmen employed would create additional markets for farm products, and constitute the generalmmmmmm and contribute to the general prasperity of the country. Why should Canadian raw material go to build up United States industries when by having our wheat milled at home the only way for United States millers to compete is to establish branch mills in Canada? That is what the Journal of Commerce admits must be done under present conditions and if the United States government makes the proposed change in the drawback, it will be the duty of the Canadian government to see that some steps are taken to prevent it undermining our mill industry; just as by the means taken in Ontario and British Columbia we have forced Americans to come to this country to put up mills if they wish to cut our timber. In the meantime Canada's milling industry is growing rapidly and more and more our flour is capturing the world's markets.

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STILL GROWING.

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Each subscriber to the Daily Ledger will be handed a card and asked to write down a guess of the number of people our census, which will be taken with reasonable accuracy will show.

Envelopes will be given with the card. Write down your guess, sign your name, put the card in the envelope and seal it up; either hand it to the canvasser or leave it at the Ledger office. All guesses must be in during October; none will be counted after that date.

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Corporation of the City of Ladysmith

BY-LAW NO. 3

Whereas, it is provided by the Municipal Clauses Act, 1896, that the city municipalities may pass by-laws for raising within the Municipality for their own use, such sums by way of road tax not exceeding in the whole two dollars per head per annum and defining who shall be liable to pay such road tax among the male persons between the ages of twenty-one and fifty residing within the Municipality and to fix the time and place for the payment of such road tax.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Ladysmith, as follows'

1. From and after the passage of this by-law, there shall be levied upon and collected from every male person above twenty-one years and under fifty years, as and for road tax, the sum of one dollar for the present half year and an annual sum of two dollaes thereafter. Except those paying taxes on real property.

2. The said road tax shall be due and payable on the 30th day of July during the present year and after the present year the said road tax shall be due and payable and shall continue thenceforth to be made on the 2nd day of January of each year.

3. Payment of the said road tax shall be made to the collector of taxes of the Municipality of the Corporation of the City of Ladysmith at his office.

4. Every merchant, trader, or employer of labor shall pay the annual road tax, as the same becomes due by any person or parties in their or his employment and may deduct the amount so paid on the account of such person from amount of salary, wages, or compensation due to or to become due to him from such employer upon production and the delivery of the receipt therefor to such person. Every such merchant, farmer, trader or employer of labor shall furnish to the collector, when requested by him so to do, a list of all persons in his employ liable to pay road tax.

5. In case any person fails to pay the said road tax aforesaid for his employees, or deliver to the collector the list mentioned in the proceeding section, when required so to do, or knowingly states anything falsely therein, such person shall, on complaint of the collector, and upon summary conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

6. This by-law may be cited for all purposes as the Ladysmith road tax By-law, 1904.

Passed by the Municipal Council on the 11th day of July, 1904.

Re-considered, adopted and finally passed on the 19th day of July, 1904.

JOHN W. COBURN, Mayor.
J. STEWART, C.M.C.

BY-LAW NO. 9.

A By-law regulating the number of wholesale and retail liquor licenses to be issued in the City of Ladysmith.

Whereas it is considered advisable to restrict the number of wholesale and retail liquor licenses to be issued for the sale of liquor in the said City of Ladysmith.

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Ladysmith enacts as follows;

1. That no greater number of retail liquor licenses than 15 and no greater number of wholesale than 6 shall be issued in the City of Ladysmith, until the population shall exceed six thousand in number; after which time the number of wholesale and retail liquor licenses may increase at the rate of one retail and one wholesale for each two thousand of population over and above the said six thousand.

Passed by the Municipal Council on the 12th day of September 1904.

Re-considered and finally adopted by the Municipal Council on the 19th day of September, 1904.

JOHN W. COBURN, Mayor.
J. STEWART, C.M.C.

YUKON PEAT.

The White Pass is anxious to learn if there is peat in the Yukon valley. President Graves has written from Chicago asking General Agent J. H. Rogers at Dawson to make inquiries regarding peat. Mr. Rogers says he would not be surprised to learn that there is peat in the Yukon country, in commercial quantities. It is well known that throughout the Yukon tundra beds are common and that great areas of lowland are covered to some extent with pest.

It is also known that there is peat on the line of the White Pass railroad near Log Cabin station, and there may be peat elsewhere in the Yukon basin. The tundra on the townsite of Dawson can be burned.

B36 object to be killed.(head

A correspondent writing at Odessa on Sept. 27th saysj It will be a relief to public feeling when the last of the reserves have been despatched to the front; not, certainly, because the citizens would be rid of these poor fellows, but on account of the scenes which mark the nightly departures. The trains, with their complements of 300 men apiece, are usually despatched between two and four a.m. Whenever eeservists are mustered, they are hustled off by night to obviate demonstrations of popular discontent with the war.

Wives and children, hundreds of sympathetic citizens, hang around the terminus into the early hours of the morning to bid good-by to those departing. But these scenes were too pathetic and disquieting for the authorities. The relatives of the reservists were forbidden the station precincts. The police guard at the station was supplemented by a quarter of a battalion of cossacks.

Then the women, screaming and hysterical, assailed the Cossacks with showers of stones. On the first occasion two of the officers were badly wounded in the face. The Cossacks rode down the crowd of wailing women and children, many of whom were shockingly and permanently injured! The military commandant put a stop to the Cossack brutalities, and increased the infantry cordon.

On the next occasion, when the reservist train left at two a.m., the crowd was greater than ever, and, led by the infuriated women, most of the station windows were broken. another party of the men's wives, taking their young children and infants in arms, got round the station on to the line, and laid their children and themselves on the metals in front of the troop train.

Every day those who are still liable to be called in the second line of reserves try to escape. But this has now been more or less effectually stopped. Only yesterday morning a number of those would-be refugees were captured by the cunning of the authorities. They had offered the booking-clerk at the station bribes, poor fellows, some of them as much as fifty rubles, (£10). He, acting by instruction, advised them, in a friendly way, to take the last car on the train, third class, which would not be examined by the gendarmes. They did so, to the number of 71, and, of course, the coach was quietly uncoupled and left behind.

The day before yesterday, 107 hiding reservists were taken out of family vaults in the old necropolis, where, on food sent them stealthily, from their friends, they had remained for nigh on three weeks.

Nearly every outgoing foreign ship carries refugee stowaways. The Consuls have had to interfere, and now there is a rigorous search of every vessel leaving port.

"Riches take wings."

"Yes, and wings take riches,j' replied the man who had been backing ing a flying machine enterprise.—Houston Post.

DISEASE IN KISSING.

A new danger has been added to the many which medical men assert surround the habit of kissing. According to Dr. Spencer Whittles, an expert on dental histology and pathology at Birmingham University, the craw-craw disease common in the west coast of Africa has been introduced into this country. Birmingham, he says, has hundreds of cases while traces of the disease have been found in many other placesl The disease is due to the presence of what is described as the nematode worm, which has a peculiar penchant for destroying the white corpuscles in the blood. The chief symptom is an intense itching of the skin.

Kissing, Mr. Whittle asserts, is one of the means by which the disease is disseminated. There are large numbers of sourting couples suffering from craw-craw in Birmingham, he said, and oftener than not one transmits the disease to the other by kissing. In one case which came under his observation, the engaged girl was kissed by her sweetheart, who was a victim of the disease. Shortly afterward she complained of a terrible itching. The case was incorrectly diagnosed, and the young woman, who slept with her sister, transmitted the disease, and the latter passed it on to a younger brother. Thus four persons became affected through kissing.

In another a barmaid went to see her brother, a soldier, on his return from the war. They kissed each other, and the result was the young woman a few days sunsequently complained of intense itching of the skin. The soldier was unaware of the fact that he was himself suffering from the disease, the nematode worm being distinctly shown in a number of blood films.

MAN OF MARK.

Not long ago at a certain Police Court a man was brought up charged with being the individual "wanted" for a series of burglaries in a distant town. He pleaded that it was a case of mistaken identity. He was not the man at all, and had never been in the town named before in his life. A detective-inspector from that place, however, confidently expressed a totally different opinion.

"Are you certain of your man?" asked one of the magistrates of the last witness.

"Perfectly!" was the reply. "There can be no mistake!"

"But what makes you so confident?"

"The tattoo marks on the prisoner!" replied the officer. "The man is very well known in M——, and there isn't another man in the kingdom tattooed like him!"

"What do you say to that?" asked the magistrate of the prisoner.

"Say?" was the disgusted reply. "I say this is the fourth time them plagry tattoo marks jas guv me away!"

The prisoner was handed over to the police at M——.

PHENOMENAL YOUTH.

There is a young man in England says the Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette, who at the age of 24 is developing at the rate of only one-sixth of that of the average human being. At present he is learning his alphabet, and can count up to ten only. During the last 19 years, he has eaten but three meals a week, has slept 24 hours and played 24 hours, without the slightest variation. In spite of his 23 years he looks no older than a boy of four or five and is only 36 inches in height. For the same period, his development physically and mentally has been at only one-sixth the ordinary rate, while absolutely regular and perfect in every other way. At his birth, the child weighed ten pounds, and in no way differed from any other childl He grew and thrived in the usual way until he attained the age of five. Then his progress was suddenly and mysteriously arrested, and since then six years have been the same to him as one year to the normal person. He has attracted the attention of many medical men, more than one of whom has expressed the conviction that this remarkable man will live to be no less than three centuries old.

NOTICE

Messrs. Blair and Adam secured the agency of the Chrystal Laundry Co. to Victoria. All parcels and orders left with them will receive prompt and careful attention.

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SALE OF MINERAL CLAIMS

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If the taxes and expenses of advertising as set out in said list are not paid to me on or before the day of sale, the claims may be sold to the highest bidder, and a conveyance executed to the purchaser of all right and interest in said claims legally alienated by the Crown by the Crown grants thereof.

In the event of there being no purchaser, or if the price offered shall not be sufficient to pay the taxes and expenses, the land shall absolutely revert to the Province, and the Crown grants thereof shall be deemed void.

LIST ABOVE MENTIONED.

NAME OF PERSON	NAME OF CLAIM	DESCRIPTION OF CLAIM	TOTAL TAXES UNPAID	EXPENSES & COSTS	TOTAL AMT DUE
Charles Hayward	Lorindale	Lot 146 Texada Island	$91.00	$2.00	$93.00
" "	Silver King	" 181 " "	$12.00	$2.00	$14.00
B. H. John	Chemanus	" 109 " "	$43.75	$2.00	$45.75
R J Pearce & Wm H Morton	Mountain Chief	" 55 " "	$13.00	$2.00	$15.00
" "	Golden Era	" 104 " "	$11.00	$2.00	$13.00

October 10th, 1904.

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MEAT MARKET

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For late papers, magazines amd stationery, go to Knight's on First Avenue.

LOCAL ITEMS

Charles George, a well known stock dealer of Vancouver, was in the city yesterday.

Attorney General Wilson has left for England to appear before the Privy Council on behalf of appeals taken by the province.

A. J. McMurtrie returned this morning from a trip to Nanaimo.

Mrs. Hugh MacDonald, who formerly lived in Ladysmith, has just left the Pembrook, Ont., hospital after a very severe illness.

Judge Harrison has fixed Nov. 24, as the date for the holding of the next sitting of the County Court here.

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James Dunsmuir arrived yesterday with a party of friends aboard his private steamer Thistle, and remained in port till 4 o'clock this morning. The Thistle went from here to Comox and hunting and fishing will be enjoyed before returning to Victoria.

MARINE

Tug Hope was in for bunker coal last evening.

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Collier Wellington sailed today for San Francisco.

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C. P. R. steamer May called today on her way North.

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Tug Bermuda, which is working at the Maiai wreck, was in port this morning for fuel.

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Steamer Shamrock called last night for coal on her way to Anacortes with a boom of logs.

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D. G. S. Quadra left Victoria yesterday on a tour of inspection of the able assistant commissioner of lights, different aids to navigation. Mr. Noel and Capt. Gaudin, local agent of marine and fisheries, are aboard. The former is making a round of all the British Columbia lights with a view to ascertaining what improvements can be effected. He has been on the West Coast superintending the installation of the new Lennard Island light.

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R. W. Dunsmuir has chartered the steamship Leelenaw for the northern business of the Pacific Trading Company, and for the present intends to substitute barges now operating in the business with the ship. There are several of these barges, and for some time they have been towed last and north by the tug Pilot. The business of the company is on the increase. The Leelenaw will carry concentrates from Prince of Wales Island to the Tacoma smelter, and take supply of coal to Prince of Wales Island. This business will amount to the shipment of 2,500 tons south and 3,100 tons north. The Leelenaw will also have the conveying of the Treadwell mine's output to Tacoma, and the carrying of its coal, as also that of the White Pass and Yukon Railway Company north. Should the business amount to more than the running capacity of the steamer she will be fitted with towing equipment and barges will be operated in connection with her. The Leelenaw arrived at Victoria from San Francisco yesterday. The vessel has a capacity of carrying 2,700 tons of cargo, and it is calculated will be well adapted for the new trade which she is about to enter. The ship is well known to shipping men, having been engaged in coasting for a number of years. At one time she was used as a transport and at another was run on as a collier.

LADYSMITH CENSUS.

Subscribers who have not yet sent in their guesses as to the population of Ladysmith, should do so before next Monday night at the latest. If you have lost or mislaid the blank given you when you became a subscriber, call at the Ledger office and get another one. Seal up your guess and mark on the outside of the envelope "Guess." See other notices in this issue, and get in your guess.

Easy Politics.—"When you first entered politics," said the young man who is looking for knowledge, "did you set out with the determination to win at any cost?" "No," answered Senator Sorghum. "I set out with the determination to win with as little expense as possible."

SPORTS

CITY LEAGUE.

Five teams have entered for the city basketball league. These are the Red Devils, Shamrocks, Black Diamonds, Blair & Adam, and Unknown. These entries were all accepted last night, and the first game of the series arranged are to be played on Wednesday night, the Unknowns facing the Shamrocks, and the B & A team the Black Diamonds

BASKETBALL DANCE.

The lady basketballers' dance last night was very enjoyable, but not as much of a financial success as hoped for. However, the young ladies are still determined to persevere and will carry their project through successfully.

LIBRARY FUND.

The results of the concert in aid of the public school library last Friday evening have proved very satisfactory, there being a balance of $128.80 on hand after all accounts have been settled. In this balance there is included $2.55 left over from the receipts of the school picnic last summer, and not having been required for the alimentary purposes on that occasion, is now very properly being devoted to brain food for the pupils. Those who had charge of the concert are naturally very gratified with the substantial returns and wish to thank those who assisted so kindly in the programme, and also the public for the large attendance. The receipts and expenditure follow:

RECEIPTS.

Cash taken in		$153.75
Bal. Picnic Fund		2.55
		156.30

EXPENDITURES.

Printing,	$4.75	
Wax	.75.	
Hall,	12.00.	
Orchestra,	10.00	27.50.
Balance cash		$128.80

ROJESTVENSKY GIVES STRANGE EXPLANATION

(Continued from Page One.)

ure of the steps to be taken by the British government.

The best informed still believe, however, that a pacific termination will be secured. Baron Hayashi the Japanese Minister, who had a long conference with Lord Lansdowne on Wednesday, and who naturally is following all the developments with the keenest interest, said to-day: "I still do not think there will be war between Russia and Great Britain, but the former's continued delay to grant the demands for punishment, brings war more and more within the range of possibility. The idea of Japanese torpedo boats being in the North Sea is not only unfounded but is absolutely ridiculous."

AN OFFICER'S STORY.

Paris, Oct. 27.—A despatch from Vigo, published here today gives another interview with Prince Keretelli, an officer on board the Russian battleship Imperator Alexander III., giving further details of the North Sea incident, he says: "The transport Areadaur was entering the waters of Hull when she suddenly observed herself to be surrounded by numerous boats which she took for torpedo boats. The transport gave a signal of alarm to the remainder of the fleet and the Russian battleships thereupon surrounded the unknown boats cutting off their escape They were ordered to make known their nationality but answered only by evolutions. The Admiral's ship immediately ordered them to be fired upon and then continued its route without being alarmed as to the result of the cannonade, because it was believed the encounter was with torpedo boats bought by the Japanese in England. Prince Keretelli added that before the Russian cannonade began, a single canon shot was distinctly heard coming from the direction of the unknown boats.

As Admiral Rojestvensky was leaving the house of the Military governor of Vigo yesterday, the despatch adds, an old man stepped forward and kissed the Admiral's hand. The Admiral responded by kissing the old man's forehead. The crowd which witnessed the incident applauded and the Admiral appeared to be much affected by the popular ovation,

The Mayor of Vigo addressed the Admiral in the name of the city and nation, wishing glory to the Emperor Nicholas and prosperity to Russia. L

Four hundred Liverpool shopkeepers have petitioned the City Council for more police protection from religious processions which, they say are ruining trade.

The number of divorces in Prussia in 1902 was 5,278. The percentage was from twice to 10 times as high in Berlin as elsewhere.

The Welland and St. Lawrence canals were made free of all tolls during 1903 and it appeass that the effect on trade was satisfactory, traffic of all kinds increasing.

More than $1,000,000,000 were passed on to heirs in France in 1903. Of the 386,032 heirs, 121,558 received only $100 each. The number of millionaires in France who died that year was 497.

The oldest known inhabitant of the earth is a giant tortoise of New Zealand, weighing 970 pounds. Its age is estimated to be at from 250 to 300 years.

When a brigade of mutinous troops took the city of Liuchufu, South China, recently, they pillaged and slew for 48 hours. So great was their booty that they compelled 4,500 of the inhabitants to help them carry it to the hills, where they joined the rebels.

Some of the leading French statesmen, including Rouvier, Combes and Trouillot, have given their sanction to the socialistic scheme of granting every person aged over 60 a pension of $72 a year. This scheme, if carried out, would cost the country $60,000,000 a year.

Towne—Yes, I told Laffen some time ago that what he needed when he went out in society was a little more dignity.

Browne—Well, you ought to see him. He puts on so much of it now that he looks like a footman.

NOVEL SEA FIGHT.

The keeper and assistants at the northwest Seal Rock lighthouse station, California, recently witnessed a unique sea fight, in which a sea lion and a devil fish were the combatants.

The first intimation they had of the struggle was seeing the water nearby violently agitated and churned into a form as though a submarine demon was venting his spleen upon some denizen of the mighty deep. Soon afterward they saw a large sea lion come to the surface in the octopus's grip and embrace of an octopus, whose lone, powerful tenacle encircled the entire body of the sea lion, which apparently rendering futile all efforts on its part to escape.

Finally, after repeatedly diving and trying in vain to free itself, the sea lion was seen to bend back its massive long neck, open its cavernous mouth and seize one of the tenacles of his foe near its body, which member it snapped off and devoured with avidity. This operation was repeated until the octopus bereft of its tenacles, had perforce to let go, whereupon the sea lion proceeded to feast upon the body until satiated.

After this, other sea lions, who had hitherto held aloof, although laboring under great excitement during the battle, fell upon the carcass and ate up the residue. The octopus was fully 12 feet in diameter, and would never have released his intended victim, had not the sea lion acted as above stated, thus vanquishing a foe feared by all and beaten by few.

SWEET MARIE.

Some time ago a Parisian doctor and his wife secured a housemaid, who came with the best character. She was devoted, attentive, capable, always smiling—in short an ideal girl. After a fortnight, when the doctor's wife was visiting her friends she excited their jealousy by her reports of such a wonderful servant, for that question is a frequent topic of women's conversation. One morning a gentleman called on the doctor. "Have you here," he said, "a housemaid named Marie?"

"Yes."

"Are you pleased with her?"

"Perfectly."

"Could I see her?"

"But——."

"Do not be alarmed, I will cause you no trouble; there is my card."

This gave the name of one of the heads of the Paris detective force.

Marie, modestly blushing, entered the drawing room.

"Good morning, Marie," said the caller as he pulled off the girl's wig, "I arrest you at last,"

"She" was a man, a member of a band of burglars, and had been in the habit of giving them keys and information about houses which could be easily plundered in the absence of their owners.

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