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ALL PARTIES BUSY ADDRESSING ELECTORS

Ladysmith Will Hear Mr. Ralph Smith On Monday Night And Mr. Wolley On Tuesday

Public meetings promise to be numerous throughout the constituency within the next few days. Last night Mr. Ralph Smith addressed the electors at Duncans, Mr. C. H. Lugrin and other speakers also taking part. To-night Mr. Smith has a meeting at Chemainus and on Monday he will be in Ladysmith with several good speakers to assist.

The Conservatives have engaged the Opera House for Tuesday evening, when Mr. Wolley, Sir C. H. Tupper and Premier McBride are expected to attend.

At Nanaimo on Saturday evening addresses will be made by Mr. Ralph Smith, R. G. McPherson, M.P., of Vancouver, and Col. F. B. Gregory, of Victoria. Mr. F. McB. Young will be in the chair.

The polling places for this constituency in the Dominion election are:

1. NANAIMO.
Old Court House, Nanaimo.

2. NEWCASTLE.
School House, South Cedar.
School house, Wellington.
School House, Northfield.
Ladysmith, Opera House.

3. COWICHAN.
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Cowichan Hall, Cowichan.
Court House, Duncans.
School House, Somenos.
School House, Crofton.
Court House, Chemainus.
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Riverside Inn, Cowichan Lake.

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School House, Galiano Island.
Burchell's Store, Thetis Island.

VESSEL LOST WITH ALL HANDS

Schooner Wentworth of Nova Scotia Wrecked and None Survive

Chatham, Mass., Oct. 14.—Driven down the coast by a northeast storm the Nova Scotian schooner Wentworth was thrown upon Chatham Bar last night and this morning had been smashed to pieces in the surf. It is believed that not a soul on board survived. At seven o'clock this morning the body of a woman was dragged out of the breakers by the government life-savers, who had been waiting on the beach, powerless to aid, since the vessle went on the bar. At 8 o'clock to-day another body, that of a man, was recovered. It is believed that the ill-fated vessel carried a crew of at least eight men besides her skipper, Capt. Preddle.

KILLED AT LADNER.

Ladner, B. C., Oct. 14. — Louis Monkman, a rancher at Ladner, was instantly killed last night in a runaway. He was thrown out of the wagon and his struck one of the wheels, causing a fracture of the jaw and skull.

DEADLY DRINK.

New York, Oct. 14.—An unofficial report has been received from the Board of Health by Coroner Scholar regarding the samples of whiskey collected from Tenth Avenue bar rooms during the investigation into nearly a score of deaths among patrons of the cheap groggeries on the west side. It is stated that the Board's expert chemist found wood alcohol in all the samples. If there is found to be poison in the stomachs of three men who died last week the Coroner will take immediate action.

Patrolman Jas. Dockery of the St. Louis police force recently rescued Mrs. Walter Able from the Mississippi river. He was standing on the levee when he saw the woman jump in. Throwing off coat and revolver, he plunged in after her. The surrent was strong and he attempted to fight her rescuer, who dragged her to shore by the hair. Mrs. Able had lately been sued for divorce. This makes Patrolman Dockery's sixth rescue from the river this year.

Mrs. S.J. S. White, colored, has been admitted to the practice of law in Kentucky. She is the first of the race to win that honor in the Blue Grass state.

ELECTRIC PLANT IN SHINGLE MILL

Ladysmith Lumber Company Putting in Machinery For Operating Forty Lights

Another improvement in Ladysmith is the installation of an electric lighting plant, by the Ladysmith Lumber Co. in their shingle mill. The work is now under progress and the Hinton Company have the contract. This is one of the many changes going on in town as Ladysmith grows bigger and finds the necessity for providing greater facilities for conducting increased business.

ANOTHER LEPER.

On Tuesday Assistant Health Inspector Alexander Robertson, of Vancouver, ran across a Chinaman gathering junk in an alley, and noticing the peculiar appearance of his hands, took him to the Medical Health officer. Dr. Underhill examined the man and found him to be suffering from a mild form of leprosy. He was taken to the leper station at Darcy Island yesterday. This is the third case of the kind found round Vancouver within the past three weeks.

SMUGGLING CHINESE.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 14.—With two Chinese under arrest at Lansing and two white men arrested with them, detained at Adrian, the local Chinese inspectors believe they have broken up a system of Chinese smuggling that has been causing the inspectors trouble. A third white man has been in jail at Detroit for a month awaiting trial for aiding a Mongolian to illegally enter the United States. Windsor, Ont., just across the river from Detriot, was the headquarters of the smugglers. It is stated that the two Chinese now in jail at Lansing confessed that they expected to pay their guides $270 upon their safe arrival at St. Louis, Mo., and that they paid $25 on the road. They were rowed across the Detroit river Sunday night, landing south of the city limits ano. with their two guides had proceeded as far as Adrain, Mich., when they were discovered and placed under arrest.

William Maxwell, now in the far east as war correspondent for one of the big London dailies, is perhaps the best all around journalist that London possesses today. Maxwell was with Kitchener to Khartoum and has the medal with clasp for Omdurman. He went to South Africa and was present at all the preliminary fighting, including Elandsgaate and Lombard's Kop. He was in Ladysmith during the siege.

GOOD OUT LOOK IN LEAD INDUSTRY

Price Now Quoted In London Hailed With Joy by Kootenay Mine Owners

Inspector G. Buckanam Sees Still More Prosperous Times Ahead for the Product

London lead was quoted on Oct. 7 at £12. This quotation is satisfactory to the silver-lead miners, says the Nelson Daily News of October 8, as each advance in the price of lead in London means that they will get more for their lead and as a result under such a condition there is more profit in mining for silver-lead ore.

G. O. Buchanan, inspector of lead bounties, in speaking about the advance in the price of lead in London said: "The lead producers are now getting within 10s. of the maximum intended to be reached under the provisions of the lead bounty act. Not since April has lead reached the same price and one day during that month it touched £12 10 shillings, but immediately it receded in price."

"What do lead producers here realize on their product when lead is quoted in London at £12?" Mr. Buchanan was asked.

"The lead producers receive $2.50 per 100 pounds," he replied, "for the lead. This was the figure that they asked the government to aid them in attaining when they applied for the lead bounty. Lead has been to £10 5 shillings since the bounty began fifteen months since. Lead has swung from a little under £10 to £22 in the last 22 years, the average price during that periodbeing £12 10 shillings."

"Do you look for lead to go still higher in price?"

"Yes; there is a demand for lead in the United States and they have no surplus to export, and besides this, there is a falling off in the production in Mexico. There is, therefore, in my opinion, the prospect that there will be an advance in the price of the product."

"How about silver? Do you think it will go up with lead?"

"I do not look for a better price in the immediate future than 60 cents an ounce."

Speaking about the payment of the lead bounty, Mr. Buchanan said:

"All but $2,000 due under the lead bounty act has been paid. That which has not been paid is for lead the claims for which have not yet been put in, or lead that was not smelted on June 30th, the end of the fiscal year. Those who have not been paid can now file claims and get what is due them. A good many claims for bounty for the second year, for July and August, have been sent in to the federal capital, but as yet no checks have arrived."

In conclusion, Mr. Buchanan said: "We have two new shippers of silver-lead ore, the Chambers group, near Cody, and the Ore Hill, located at Salmo."

SUSPECTED OF C. P. R. Hold Up

Detectives Think Same Mens Responsible For Robbery of Oregon Express Last March

C. P. R. detectives are busily engaged in working up evidence on a new theory in the train robbery case. Barron, one of the company's best known officers, is just now in San Francisco, according to the Vancouver Province. He is endeavoring to determine whether or not the two Gates boys of Alameda and Jim Arnett of Siskijou County, Cal., could have been the men who held up the passenger train near Whonnock a month ago and got away with $7,000 in gold.

Barron is conferring with Southern Pacific and Wells, Fargo detectives, who have been trying to find the Gates boys ever since they held up the Oregon express last March and killed Messenger O'Neil. This was one of the boldest holdups ever carried out on the coast. That it was done by the Gates gang is certain. Arnett is older and smaller than the Gate brothers. He is their leader, and the Southern officers believe that this is the trio that did the job recently near Vancouver.

Every detective and police officer on the coast has been on the lookout for the Gates party since last March. Large rewards have been offered for their capture, but so far they have not been located.

San Francisco officials believe the bandits have a stronghold somewhere in the woods in Washington State. If that be true it is quite possible they could have disappeared across the boundary after doing this job and gained their home in the mountains. So fully do the Southern officials believe that the Gates boys and Arnett did the job on the Canadian Pacific that they sent men to Washington and Northern Idaho early in the chase, expecting that if the men who did the work in Canada were found they would turn out to be the parties who have been wanted for so long for robbery and murder in the South.

One or two interesting developments in the case have occurred recently. Everyone will remember the capture by Waddell and Jackson of a man named Jerry Sullivan, who was promptly sentenced to three years in jail for robbing August Schwahn's house. He bore some resemblance to Arnett. Now Barron is said to have secured positive information that Sullivan is an ex-railroadman and has several times been suspected of holding up trains on the Northern Pacific. Sullivan is credited with being another name for Arnett, and the latter is known in California as one of the most expert of train robbers. He has been mixed up in various jobs and has never been captured. The Southern officials are now trying to determine whether Arnett is really the man held in confinement at Westminster.

ANOTHER GLORIOUS VICTORY FOR OYAMA

Kuropatkin Fails Stop to Progress of Japanese and His Official Despatches Admit Retirement With Heavy Loss

Tae only direct news of today's fighting in Manchuria is contained in an official report from Marshal Oyama to Tokio, that the battle is raging along almost the entire front and that the Japanese are making satisfactory progress. Beyond this the despatches relate entirely to the developments of yesterday and Wednesday. They make it plain that the battle is of the most desperate character the fighting exceeding in fierceness that at Liao Yang. The losses on both sides are undoubtedly heavy, but the figures have not as been received.

Kuropatkin officially confirms the loss of a large number of guns on his right flank, which was forced from its position by a night attack of the Japanese. He was also compelled to withdraw some distance on his left as the position was found to be too far advanced. The despatch shows that the operations of Wednesday and Thursday were unfavorable for the Russians. The Russian losses are reported as especially heavy on their left and centre, where it appears that the hottest fighting occurred.

LOSING HEART.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—(8 p.m.)—Nothing official regarding to-day's fight is yet obtainable, but the prevailing impression in St. Petersburg is that the day has gone against Kuropatkin. The city is even filled with rumors of his disastrous defeat.

VICTORIOUS ADVANCE.

Tokio, Oct. 14.—(1 p.m.)— Field Marshal Oyama reports that fighting is in progress along alomst the entire front and that the Japanese are making satisfactory progress.

RUSSIANS RETIRE.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—(3.35 p.m.)—Gen. Kuropatkin's official report given at 1.30 p.m., definitely confirming the loss of artillery attached to the brigade on his right flank as the result of Gen. Oku's attack on Wednesday night only increases public apprehension. The number of guns lost is not specifically stated. Each division is comprised of two brigades with a brigade of artillery of forty-eight guns. It seems that the Russians lost 24 guns which would correspond with the Tokio report. The Admiralty says it has no confirmation in regard to the report from St. Petersburg by way of Paris of the appearance of five Japanese cruisers off Vladivostock and discredits it. The Admiralty yesterday received important news from Port Arthur simultaneously with the arrival of General Stoessel's despatch. It is evident that the news relates to the Port Arthur squadron and it would not be surprising if Rear Admiral Wirin made an attempt to escape at any moment.

Gen. Kuropatkin early this morning reports regarding the fighting of Oct. 12th and 13th that the Russians on the right wing defended their advanced positions and also portions of the different main positions particularly in the direction of Sialiuhedzy until towards evening when Kuropatkin ordered them to withdraw a short distance. In spite of the fact that the Japanese attacks were chiefly directed against these troops they held the ground to which they retired. On the left wing after a very obstinate struggle the Russians occupied the rocky hills south of Bentsiaputze and near Bensihu, about 8 miles north of Yen Tai, but the arrival of the Japanese reinforcements preventing them from profiting by this success and this body was separated from the rest of the troops, Kuropatkin ordered it retire. The despatch reiterates that the Russians suffered heavy losses but no details have yet been given out.

GETTING READY

New York, Oct. 14.— A despatch from Paris to the Times says St. Petersburg despatches report five Japanese cruisers off Vladivostock. The Commander in Chief of the fortress has summoned the inhabitants to surrender fire arms of all discriptions within a week.

A DAY OF MOURNING.

Vladivostock, Oct. 14.—It being six months ago that the battleship Petropavlovsk was sunk off Port Arthur and Admiral Makaroff and most of those on board perished, memorial services were held in all the churches here yesterday. All the schools will open to-morrow and it is feared there will be considerable increase in the price of food owing to the influx of students and others. There is a comparatively small supply of food in the place as little was brought in last year either by rail or water owing to the blockade and the fact that the military monopolized the use of the railway,

BAD NEWS FOR CZAR.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—The Emperor has received the following despatch dated yesterday, from General Kuropatkin: "Two regiments of the Russian right on October 10 sustained heavy losses. The commander of one was killed and the brigade commander was wounded. Both regiments were compelled to withdraw, abandoning their artillery, but subsequently under Col. Vannovisku, who temporarily assumed command of the brigade, they, after a desperate assault, regained possession of the guns with the exception of six, which remained in the hands of the Japanese. Tht final issue of the battle Wednesday on this flank was successful for us. On account of a night attack of the Japanese, who executed a turning movement, our troops were forced not only to abandon their positions, but again lost the guns previously recovered by the Japanese. Our forces retired to the position previously prepared on the Shakhe River."

An official telegram from the front states that the Japanese captured sixteen guns on the right flank of the Russian troops Wednesday night, although most of these were recaptured. The Japanese subsequently captured several other guns. The number taken, however, is not stated.

CAPTURES BY JAPANESE.

London, Oct. 14.—Advices received at the Japanese Legation say that the report of Marquis Oyama, giving details of the operations below Mukden on Tuesday and Wednesday which were previously described in the Associated Press despatches from Tokio, seems to make the total of Russian guns captured 38, and ammunition wagons 24. General Oku's army was credited with having taken 23 guns. The report regarding captures by General Nodzu is not quite clear. It says he took "two field guns and eight ammunition wagons on a height a few miles east of Yen Tai, and while pursuing the enemy captured also field guns with ammunition wagons numbering eleven at San-Kaushin-Moutain, besides 150 prisoners." The Japanese Legation is not sure whether this means eleven guns and eleven wagons or whether the guns and wagons together total eleven.

OYAMA VICTOR.

London, Oct. 14.—The London papers have to rely principally on official reports for news from the Far East, but regard the Japanese victory assured. The Daily Telegraph says Gen. Kuropatkin has shot his bolt. He seemed to be speeding well toward the mark, yet has missed it badly. He has suffered not merely a repulse but a disastrous defeat, whilst Japan's incomparable army under incomparable generals have added another glorious page to their chronicle of war and proved that Oyama is still Kuropatkin's master in every branch of the art of war.

The Daily Graphic describes General Kuropatkin's move as a gambler's chance, and considers that the frank bluntness of his report to the Emperor seems to speak the language of a man who has done his best with the bungling advice of some superior agency. The Standard finds Kuropatkin's despatch full of tragic meaning, while the Daily News argues that the Russian dash southward was prompted by a desperate desire to relieve Port Arthur rather than to Viceroy Alexieff's malign influence, the end of which in case of the fall of the fortress cannot be far distant.

FEAR THE WORST.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 14.—(1-05 p.m.)—It is now seven o'clock at night on the battle ground below Mukden, and the fate of Kuropatkin's forward movement, and possibly the fate of his whole army may already have been decided, but no word has yet come regarding the issue. Naturally the city is filled with countless rumors of defeat and victory. The public has been aroused to the highest pitch of excitement and anxiety by Kuropatkin's despatches of last night revealing the terrific character of the combat yesterday and acquainting the people officially that he was on the defensive, That together with the Tokio despatch declaring that the Japanese forces were everywhere gaining ground and Kuropatkin's consluding statement that he would "Give orders to-morrow to obstinately defend the positions occupied by us," has chilled the enthusiasm with which the news of the Russian advance was hailed and instead has caused fears of impending disaster. The holiday crowd engaged in celebrating the festival of the "Intercession of the Virgin for humanity," on which occasion they usually spend their time in merry-making, clung obstinately to the bulletin boards, hungrily awaiting news of the issue of the most critical day. It is fully appreciated that if Kuropatkin's army was driven back today, the whole plan of the Russian advance may have been wrecked and that if Field Marshal Oyama is able to follow up the Russians energetically, the battle may end in ruin for Kuropatkin. On the other hand if Oyama, having himself made advances, and exhausted his troops, he may be compelled to fall back on his fortifications.

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NOT A NEWSPAPER WAR.

Another batch of war correspondents has come back from the Japan greatly disgusted at not being permitted to go to the front and see the actual fighting. One of them, a representative of one of the more prominent United States magazines, says that he saw nothing whatever of the war. Throughout the whole campaign he only saw one dead man and a few sick men in hospitals. He was with General Oku's army at Liao Yang and was only permitted to see the firing at a distance of seven miles. The Japanese were courteous, but trusted no one; and the correspondent waxes wrath and complains that the Japanese "lied" by promising privileges, but granting none. It mattered not how powerful a newspaper was represented, all correspondents were treated alike, while no doubt it must be extremely irritating to be a correspondent, eager to do good work and anxious to see the greatest war of modern times, it must be admitted that one of the greatest causes of Japanese success up to the present has been the profound secrecy with which they have veiled their intentions. Probably their ideas of politeness have caused them to not refuse with bluntness the requests of the western war correspondents; but while seemingly willing to grant them privileges, they have been loath to take the slightest chance of having plans miscarry by the indiscretion of even one correspondent. Many of the Japanese have been educated in Europe or on this continent and knowing how persevering the ordinary reporter is in quest of news, have concluded that the only way to keep a secret is not to share it. The Japanese seem to have been wonderfully free of spies and every avenue of intelligence to the outside world has been closed until it seemed proper to make public what had been doing. It must be admitted, too, that the reports of the Japanese generals, unlike many emanating from Russian sources, have been exceedingly truthful and free from anything like boastfulness or undue exultation. An official report from Tokio, therefore, is now accepted, while many of the messages sent out as official from St. Petersburg are looked upon with suspicion. The events of the past few days have apparently made the claims of Kuropatkin look decidedly absurd; while the Japanese, not giving any inkling beforehand of their intentions, have countered the efforts of the enemy to dislodge them and have pressed forward their attack in a masterly combined movement that is now believed will add still another victory to the many already gained in the war.

FATHERLY ADVICE,

There is a Roman Catholic priest in New Jersey who must be a very popular pastor among the young people of his flock, for when some of the parents objected to church society as offering too great apportunity for their sons and daughters to "spark," he replied that he quite approved of "sparking.'j "My friends," he says, "if you don't spark here you will spark somewhere else. If you don't spark with one another you will seek strangers to spark with. As for sparking itself, I am heartily in favor of it, and I hope that it will lead up to the altar and that I will be allowed to marry you."

There is a whole lot of sense in the good father's words. The happy marriage is not made without preliminary "sparking" and it is certainly better for the parents to know the young man who is "sparking" their daughter than to have some stranger of whom they know little or nothing become engaged to her. Even the old folks "sparked" once, and many of them don't forget it, no matter if their hair is now grey and they seem dry and matter-of-fact. It is right and proper that young people be given opportunity to meet and know each other and not to be frowned upon, because they are happy in each other's company.

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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.

The census will be computed by the 15th of November. The envelopes will then be opened and the following prizes given:

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VEGETARIAN'S LONG WALK.

Geo. H. Allen has broken the record for time in a walk from Land's End to John O'Groat's—a distance of close upon 1,000 miles. He is a vegetarian, a life-long teetotaller, and a non-smoker. Allen's time was 17 days. The first week, he averaged 45 miles per day, the second week 53 miles per day, and the last 63 miles per day. The previous time was 24 days 4 hours, and the average walk per day 42 miles. When Mr. Allen left the Royal Exchange, Glasgow, in continuation of his journey from Land's End to John O'Groat's, he had 315 miles to traverse in order to complete his journey. Proceeding steadily, along he reached Perth late at night, having covered during the day sixty miles. Allen started out early next morning, arriving at Dalwhinnie, the resting place for the night, having travelled 58 miles for the day. Continuing his walk on the following day, Allen traversed 59 miles reaching Inverness in wonderfully good trim, although the rough roads crossing the Grampian Hills had blistered his feet somewhat.

He was 177 miles from John O'Groat's and no one expected him to reach there in two days, but he walked at a good rate of speed during the whole of the day, and it was then seen that he intended accomplishing a splendid performance. Going as strong as ever on the next and last day, and walking as fresh as when he left Land's End, nearly three weeks before, and much faster, Allen eventually reached John O'Groat's, having thus walked nearly 1,000 miles in slightly under seventeen days. This beats the previous record of 24 days 4 hours by seven days and several hours, a really remarkably feat of endurance.

To show the perfect condition allen was in, he not only increased the mileage each day, but also his speed The second week he walked 48 miles further than the first week, and during the last five days considerably further than he did during the first six days, and nearly as far as during the first week of six days.

During the first week Allen averaged just over 45 miles per day, the second week just over 53 miles per day, and the third week 63 miles per day. During the last two days Allen actually covered an average of 88½ miles per day, and this after having walked nearly 900 miles.

WOMAN AS A VOTER.

When I asked Mrs. Finis P. Ernst, of Denver, if she wasn't a politician, she looked at me a trifle indignantly and said'

"No, I'm not; I'm a home-maker. Why, I've raised nine children, and how could I find any time for politics when I was doing that? When one considers the amount of detail that is incident to the proper handling of even a single baby the brutn of Mrs. Ernst's rather indignant remark is very apparent. But Mrs. Ernst is the president of a political club and I knew it, so I observed with a very apologetic air: "You are the president of a political organization, though, aren't you, Mrs. Ernst? "

"Ye-es," she said, hesitating a little. "If women are entitled to suffrage in Colorado, they should be interested enough to vote. Why, do you know"—Mrs. Ernst was beginning to get interested herself—"that 50 per cent. of the total vote was cast by women? Our organization differs in no way from any other political club. We have city committees, ward organizations and precinct committees, and we have accomplished a great deal of good for women and children in the ten years that we have had the right to have a voice in state affaies. The club of which I am president, has 3,000 members in Denver alone, and the members vote and see that others vote when any vital question is involved."

"Why don't you elect a woman governor, then?" I asked Mrs. Ernst out of pure curosity.

"Why," she said with apparent surprise, "we haven.t ever thought of that, really we haven't. We're all too busy with our home affairs to give up the time. Now, I really believe a woman's first duty is to be a home-maker, and I believe she can do more good by raising a small family like I have than in any other way. But the women of Colorado, have accomplished real good since the right of suffrage was given them, and don't care for office except in a few instances where abuses needed correction. I have never left politics interfere with either my home or my social duties, and home always comes first; but when I do interest myself in politics, I do so in a matter of fact, business way, and ask no favors that are based upon the fact that we are women instead of men."—National Magazine.

Smoking is becoming increasingly common among girls and women in England.

LADYSMITH AERIE NO. 686 — Meets in the Opera House 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Worthy President, A. A. Davis; Worthy Secretary, C. H. Rummings.

A life of Andre is to be issued by the Geographical society of Stockholm, of which he was a prominent member. He was well known not only as an aeronaut, but as a meteorologist, and his personal qualities endeared him to a number of friends his letters to whom are to be embodied in the biography.

ARCTIC WHALING.

After spending six months in the ice of the Arctic ocean and capturing four large whales, the estimated value of whose bones is $30,000, the gasoline schooner Barbara Hernster, said to be the first whaler ever fitted out in that port, reached Seattle board 7,500 pounds of whale bone, on Monday morning. She had on a number of bear and fox skins and some valuable curios purchased from the natives in the north.

Three whales escaped the crew of the Barbara One of them after a battle lasting for more than three hours, got under the ice, snapped the line and made itself scarce. It was an immense creature, the crew of the ship state, probably weighing more than any whale captured in the North in many years. That it got away from the men eventually was due to its immense size and strength.

There was a crew of twenty-five men on board the Hernster, and when the ship moored to the dock they were the happiest bunch of sailors that have struck the port for many a day. Anybody that wanted a story of the cruise could have it willingly, and when a Post-entelligencer reporter clambered aboard, and asked a couple of the sailors what had happened on the voyage, he was regaled with accounts which in print would make the adventures of Baron Munchausen look like 30 cents.

According to Captain Hoffman, however, the trip was an uneventful one as whaling voyages go. Nothing os a startling nature occurred during the entire six months, with the exception of the escape of the enormous whale. While the captain considers the trip a successful one, it has been no better than the average for the year, he states, the other whalers each succeeding in landing from three to five whales. None, he said, will come back empty.

FU PING'S CARGO.

Tokio, Oct. 13.—Preliminary reports indicate that the bulk of the steamer Fu Ping's cargo was ammunition. An inventory is expected soon. The Fu Ping cleared from Takhu and it is not known where she received her contraband. She flies the German flag. The steamer Fu Ping was captured by the Japanese guardships off Port Arthur on Oct. 12.

RETVIZAN HIT AGAIN.

Chee Foo, Oct. 13.—Local Russians confirm the report that the Russian battleship Retvizan was recently hit by a shell from one side of the new big Japanese guns, but they claim that the damage done was slight. Two sailors were killed. Another shell burst near the Russian gunboat Giliak, killing her commander and injuring others. The Russians admit that the new Japanese guns furiously threatened the harbor, docks, etc., They believe, however, that the squadron at Port Arthur will remain inside the harbor till the arrival of the Baltic fleet.

HARD TO MOVE.

Washington, Oct. 13.—The President is preparing to redeem his promise to the delegates to the interparliamentary peace conference to secure another meeting of plenipotentiaries of the powers signatory to the Hague convention with a view to revising and adding to that instrument. Complex machinery of this kind is difficult to set in motion and if the ordinary course is followed in these negotiations it will be at least a year and probably a longer period before the meeting can be held.

DOMINICAN REVOLUTION.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, Oct. 13. — The revolution in the Republic of Santo Domingo, is extending. Aseua de Compostela, near the south coast and all the departments of the south have declared in favor of Isidoro Jimines. The Haytien exiles have gathered near the frontier preparatory to re-entering Hayti to attempt an insurrection against President Nord in favor of Gen. Firmen The government is very anxious and is taking energetic measures to meet the situation.

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LOCAL ITEMS

John Bryden returned this morning to Victoria.

S. Ivey and Mrs. Ivey returned today from Oregon.

K. McAskill has returned from a three months' visit to his old home in Nova Scotia.

Capt. Owens, the pilot who brought the Wellington into port yesterday, went down to Victoria by this morning's train.

AT THE ABBOTSFORD.

W. Boulton.
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Miller, London.
Miss Wardrope, Victoria.
W. Newcombe, Victoria.

Rev. R. Boyle and Mrs. Boyle gave their first Thursday at home last evening, a large number of young people attending, and a very pleasant time was spent. These at homes are being held every Thursday evening during the winter months.

FRESH FISH—At the Ladysmith Fish Market, next to Opera House—open day and evening.

MARINE

Collier Wellington, Capt. Cutler, arrived in port yesterday evening to load coal for San Francisco, and sailed this afternoon.

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The Canadian-Australian liner Aorangi leaves Vancouver today for the Antipodes. She has a fair number of passengers and a cargo of a little over 2,000 tons. Included in the cargo are large consignments of Canadian agricultural machinery. These shipments all come from Eastern Canada manufacturers, which have been shipping to Australia for years past. Just at present there is something of a rush in these shipments, by reason of the fact that harvesting will commence in Australia in December. Among other cargo which is being taken out by the Aorangi are some 10,000 cases of British Columbia salmon.

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The British Bark Sofala, 2,160 tons from Cardiff for Esquimalt with a full cargo of coal for the use of the navy, and now a hundred and seven days out, has put back to the Falkland islands to retrim her cargo and repair some injuries to her spars. While off the Horn the Sofala encountered a severe gale, and although she weathered it safely she was in a bad way for a time. Her cargo shifted, her sails were blown away, and she received minor injuries.

SPORTS

FOOTBALL FOR SUNDAY.

There is a good deal of friendly rivalry between the Eagles and the Ladysmiths over the football match to be played on Sunday afternoon. The Ladysmiths intend to select their team from the following players' E. Nimo, J. McClatchie, T. O'Connell, A. Hailstones, Robertson, Waters, M. Kerr, T. Leahy, J. Sanderson, J. Salmon, T. McMillan, R. McMillan, C. McMillan, A. Sandlers and G. White.

Four of the great grandchildren of King Christian of Denmark are in the direct line of succession to imperial or royal thrones. These are: Prince Georgios, a son of the Crown Prince of Greece; Prince Albert Edward, son of the Prince of Wales; Prince Frederick, son of Prince Christian of Denmark, and the Czarowitz Alexis, heir to the Russian throne.

The only varieties of asbestos found commercially useful are those that come from Canada and Italy.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Morgan desire to express their heartfelt thanks to the many friends for sympathy in the time of bereavement, also to the medical attendants and nurses at the Nanaimo hospital for the attention shown to their daughter during her illness.

CORRUPTION IN ALASKA.

Action on Alaskan corruption charges can be expected shortly, says the Washington correspondent of the Spokane Spokesman-Review. William A. Day, assistant to Attorney General Moody has returned to Washington after a 12 weeks' tour of investigation in Alaska, and has already made a preliminary personal report onthe existing conditions to President Roosevelt. There are quite a number of Alaskan office-holders under suspicion and charges. Among them are two United States judges.

The history of federal appointees in Alaska for many years has been one of crimination and recrimination of charges and corruption. Few appointees have been free from charges, and some have been convicted and degraded. The many large mining interests of Alaska are such that the influences surrounding every man who goes there in a federal capacity are anything else but pleasant. The bribe plays a strong part in the affairs, and the man who can not be bribed must sooner or later defend himself against trumped up charges of various kinds. Some who can not be bribed with cash outright, become stockholders in mining companies, and sooner or later must pass in some form or other upon questions arising concerning these companies.

The president has heard much of the rottenness and unpleasant environments in Alaska and he wanted the truth before he made further appointments. Mr. Day was sent to Alaska to learn the truth.

Last June the four year appointments of two of the federal judges in Alaska expired and the question of giving them new commissions came before the President. For some time prior to this attacks and charges against these two men—Judges Melville C. Brown, and Jas. Wickersham—had drifted into the department of justice. The attacks and charges became bitter and so frequent and the statements on both sides were of such nature that it was considered best to make a full investigation. This is what has been done.

Whatever action, if any, the president may have determined upon is not knawn, but it is probable that he will have some further conferences with Mr. Day before doing anything.

Mme Lebaudy, wife of M. Lebaudy, the aeronaut of Paris, owns the honor of being the first woman to take charge of an airship and direct the same on its tour of the circumbient atmosphere. This she did in Paris on a recent Sunday, remaining in the air for nearly an hour and making her descent in a most successful manner.

Mrs. Agnes Knox Black, wife of Professor E. Carlton Black of Cambridge, Mass., has been appointed to the Boston university faculty and is the first woman who has ever held a position in the faculty of that institution. She will be at the head of the department of elocution and oratory. She took a postgraduate course in Philadelphia along elocutionary lines.

MR. SMITH'S MEETINGS.

October 13.—Duncans.
October 14.—Chemainus.
October 15.—Nanaimo.
October 17.—Ladysmith.
October 18.—Mt. Sicker.
October 19.—Cowichan Station.
October 20.—Esquimalt.
October 21.—Vic. Dist, Royal Oak.
October 22.—Vict. Dist., Gordon Head.
October 24.—Vict. Dist., Willows.
October 25.—Colquitz Hall.
October 26.—Saanich.
October 28.—Salt Spring, Ganges Harbor.
October 28.—Salt Spring, Fulford Harbor.
October 29.—Colwood.
October 29.—Metchosin.
October 29.Sooke.
November 1.—Ladysmith.
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November 2.—Cedar District, (afternoon.)
November 2.—Nanaimo (evening.)

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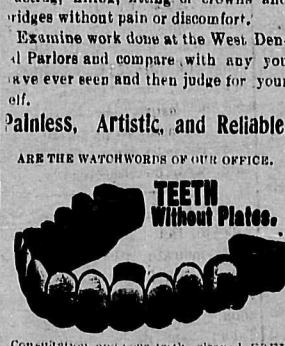

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