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MAROONED MARINER, OR FETCHING A COMPASS

Thrilling Adventures of Two Ladysmith Navigators in Voyago Through Blinding Storm of Yesterday

One Sits on Lonely Rock While the Other Rocks in Cradle of the Deep

Marooned on a desert island and lost in a waste of waters are the adventures that befell two hardy sailormen from the port of Ladysmith yesterday. In the afternoon two well known citizens started off in a launch for Coffin and Thetis Island. At Coffin island one of them was to land and fix the light that needed attending to, while the other steamed away for Thetis Island to recover the launch abandoned on Sunday by the ill-fated fishing party that may yet be recognized by the smell of liniment and bandages round their hands where they blistered them pulling for the shore after the shipwreck. Coffin Island—ominous name—was reached at two o'clock, one mariner landed and then Our Hero steamed away for Thetis Island, laid gayly whistling "The Ship that Never Returned." Eventually he reached Thetis Island—at least he says he did—made fast his tow and in the teeth of the gathering storm, while the billows rose high and the rain took the curl out of his locks, he aimed son' son' west by nor' nor-west half east for Coffin Island, calculating to run plunk into the spot where his companion had been landed.

Chapter II.

Leaving our hero sailing over the briny sea with hope in his heart and a pair of wet boots on his feet, let us now return to the lone figure on Coffin Island. The light was fixed all safely and then the mariner cast an anxious eye seaward, watching for the returning vessel that would bear him homeward. The hours passed, the damp became wetter and hunger grew apace. Four, five, six, even nine o'clock would have struck had there been a clock handy. At last

the truth dawned upon him, something had happened and here he was marooned on a desert island with no supper in sight, the cruel rain dripping down his back and no shelter or fire. In his despair he could only box the compass aloud and trust to luck. Harry's cheerful face that had beamed upon him so brightly a few short hours before had gone—Harry had taken it with him—but where? We shall see in our next chapter.

Chapter III.

We left the gallant launch and her tow bounding o'er the foaming sea. We find her still bounding. Coffin Island has not looked in sight yet. Hours have passed. At last the weary eye of Our Hero catches sight of a low dark streak on the weather bow. "Land, ho," he cries with joy and pushes on the engines. He cried out something very different a little later on when he found that he was back again at Thetis island, at the very point whence hours previously he had set forth for Coffin Island. By some mysterious mental telepathy, while the marooned mariner on Coffin Island was boxing the compass, the launch was doing the same thing and had run round in a circle. Having said all he wanted to and in words that rose above the howling gale, Our Hero cast off the tow, left it behind and once more, anew, he set forth upon his course. This time the storm abated and a few hours afterwards, at ten o'clock (at night the launch drew near to Coffin Island, the rescuer and rescuee exchanging conversation embodying their inmost thoughts long before a landing could be made. In the calmness of the night the launch and her crew reached home and there is no more to tell.

TWO FEW ALDERMEN TO HOLD MEETING

An anxious public will have to wait still a week before they know the results of the tenders sent in for the erection of the new city and fire hall combination. There have been four of these received but from whom the amounts are yet unknown because the envelopes with the bids or "unopened in the custody of the city clerk. The bids were to be opened in open meeting, but by the City Council. To conduct there was not a quorum. The business and therefore not done. Acting Mayor Matson, Ald. Blair, Beveridge and Nicholson. The city clerk sat around the table and waited the prescribed 20 minutes for the men who could not come. Ald. Haworth and Hooker who happened to be on night shift. The Mayor of course is far away by now trying to keep warm on the Northwest plains somewhere between

here and Winnipeg, so there was no one else to make up the required quorum of a presiding officer and four aldermen. A little informal talk was indulged in about various things but of course nothing was done. The celebrated wash house bylaw which nobody seems to feel like tackling, again goes over to be brought up and "laid over for another week." It is a formidable looking document of half a dozen big pages of typewriting and when it is brought forth in its turn the members generally size it up, look at their watches and decide in their own minds that they are not banking to sit till midnight. The bylaw is framed on the Victoria wash houses, to prevent them spreading over a town regardless of the proximity of residences.

RUNNER AND TUMBLER.

Dan Grindrod, who gives his occupation to the police as a musician, but who has attained an unenviable reputation as a foot racer, because, it is charged, he always manages to tumble down and lose just before the goal is reached, was arrested in Seattle this week, on complaint of a man named Connolly, of Helena, Mont.

According to the story told by Connolly to the police Grindrod is the best sprinter that ever happened and last summer was booked for a foot race in Kansas City. Connolly backed Grindrod for \$1,100. Just before the sprinter reached the goal, he very naturally stumbled and fell. The other fellow won the race and Connolly lost his \$1,100. Some time later Connolly got into a conversation with a man named Moody, and the talk turned on Grindrod. Con-

nolly told how near he once came to winning a big stake on the music. Moody also came near to it, he said to the tune of \$2,000. Grindrod had tumbled down on that occasion within a few feet of the goal. This was in Montana. The two men put their heads together and decided that they were easy marks, but that it was for Mr. Grindrod when he was caught. Connolly met Grindrod on the street in Seattle. Grindrod is now in jail. He will be taken to Montana as soon as a requisition can be obtained.

TREATY SIGNED.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22.—The United States-German arbitration treaty was signed today at the State Department by Secretary Hay and Baron Sternberg, the German Ambassador. It is identical with the United States-French treaty.

VLADIVOSTOCK ACTIVELY PREPARING

Additional Fortifications Being Thrown Up to Protect From Attack.

Merchantmen Being Turned Into Gunboats and Ships Unloading Supplies

(Associated Press Despatches.)

New York, Nov. 22.—A Wonsou, Korea despatch to the Herald, Nov. 10, via Shanghai, Nov. 21, says: "A Korean arriving overland from Vladivostock reports a large number of men there engaged in throwing up a new line of fortifications outside of those already constructed which have been greatly strengthened. Meanwhile the harbor presented a scene of activity. Four large steamers were unloading thousands of tons of supplies. Three large warships have completed repairs and are ready for instant service. Eight torpedo boat destroyers are also ready and auxiliary gunboats have been prepared by mounting guns on small steamships. Troops arrive daily by railway and immediately begin work on the fortifications. From Vladivostock to the Tumen river at Tai Bowie, a railway has been completed facilitating the transport supplies. Russian troops in northern Korea are continuing to move south across the Tumu. The Korean reports passing several large encampments of Russians. He estimates the total at 10,000 Russians now in the district, with numerous detached commands further south. Construction of this end of the military railway to Seoul was begun Nov. 9th. The survey has been completed for half the distance and it is expected that ten miles of grading will be completed before the ground freezes. A steamship has arrived from Japan with railway materials.

OLD COUNTRY SNOW STORM

Deep Drifts Interfere With Traffic—Gales on the Coast

London, Nov. 22.—Keen frost and heavy snow squalls are reported from all parts of the United Kingdom. A gale raged all night long over the coast, driving vessels to shelter and seriously dislocating the telegraph wires. Blinding snowstorms are causing deep drifts and rendering traffic difficult in the country districts and necessitating a cessation of outdoor work in many of the provincial towns. In London little snow has fallen, but a sharp fall in temperature is accentuating the distress among the poor, which is already prevalent. The snow is so deep at Chatsworth that the king of Portugal and others of the house party there have been prevented from shooting. Some small craft have been wrecked. Up to the present November had been unusually mild and the sudden change is causing much misery. Wintry weather seems general in Europe, frost being reported so far south as Naples.

In Westmoreland the unusual sight was seen of trains stuck in snow drifts and blocking communication on the Northeastern Railway. The race meeting at Warwick had to be postponed as the track was deeply covered with snow. The land lines in Ireland are affected causing delay in communication with America. The life boats are busy but the most serious wreck that is reported is that of the British steamer Indiano from river Platt via Madeira, which was driven ashore on the rocks near Sunderland. The life savers took off the crew. A few fatalities have occurred as the result of the wrecks of small craft.

Messrs. Weir, McDonald and Currie have each called at the Ledger office and been paid their prize money for the census guess, the first receiving a \$20 gold piece, the second a \$10 gold piece and the third a \$5 gold piece.

BOMB WRECKS LAWYER'S HOUSE

Attempt to Kill Man Who is Obnoxious to Evil Doers

Omaha Family Has Wonderful Escape From Sudden Death

(Associated Press Despatches.)

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 22.—The home of Elmer E. Thomas, a prominent lawyer of this city and attorney for the Civic Federation, was wrecked by a bomb placed on the front porch early today. Mr. Thomas and his family were in the house at the time and he considers it miraculous that none of them were injured. Mrs. Thomas was awakened by a noise on the front porch and aroused her husband, believing that burglars were trying to enter the house. Mr. Thomas began an investigation and discovered a fire on the front porch. He picked up a large rug and attempted to smother the flames, when a terrific explosion occurred. Although but a few feet from the missile, he escaped injury. The front wall of the house was blown in, doors were shattered and an immense hole torn in the ground. The interior of the house was on the scene in short time building is wrecked. A squad of police no clue to the perpetrator could be found. The explosion was heard for three miles. Mr. Thomas has been active for some time in the prosecution of saloon keepers, charged with a violation of the Slocum law, which provides for midnight and Sunday closing of saloons. He also has been acting for the Civic Federation in the Habeas Corpus proceedings in which Thomas Dennison has sought to avoid being taken into Iowa in connection with the \$75,000 Pollock diamond robbery.

PRAISE FOR B. C. SHINGLES

M. H. S. Stine, representing the firm of Barnes & Mauk, of Toledo, Ohio, who has left Vancouver for the East after investigating and studying the manufacture of shingles in British Columbia, contracted with two mills for their output during the next year, and also purchased a lot of shingles for immediate delivery. It has long been recognized that British Columbia shingles were a better article than those manufactured in Washington and Oregon, though the United States millmen are loath to believe it. The fact, though, is demonstrated not only by this purchase but by others which are constantly taking place. And, this, too, in spite of the heavy duty imposed upon shingles entering the United States from Canada. Mr. Stine says the mills here have very much better timber to work with, and while after investigating the matter he will not acknowledge that the sawing is better than on the United States side, he states the packing is much superior.

KILLED AT BRITANNIA.

Olle O. Hangen, a Norwegian carpenter's helper, employed at the Britannia mines, Howe Sound, in the construction of a crusher house died in Vancouver as the result of injuries accidentally received Friday morning at the Britannia mines. From all accounts it would appear that Hangen was struck on the head by a piece of 3 by 8 inch timber, which fell from the roof of the crusher house. The man was knocked to the rocks below, a distance of twenty feet. In the fall his wrist was broken, and he was rendered unconscious. Mr. George H. Robinson, managing director of the Britannia syndicate, took the injured man to Vancouver in his gasoline launch, was taken to the City Hospital but never recovered consciousness. The deceased was thirty-four years of age. He was unmarried and is supposed to have a sister somewhere in Minnesota.

THREE DESTROYERS SUNK BY JAPANESE

Rastoropyny Only One of Four Vessels That Escapes Vigilance of Blockading Fleet at Port Arthur

A Running Fight in Which the Pursuing Cruiser, Matsushima Also Receives Injuries From Torpedo

London, Nov. 22.—A despatch to the London Express from Nagasaki gives a new version of the report of the sortie of the torpedo boat destroyers from Port Arthur which is said to have occurred at the time the Rastoropyny left. The correspondent of the Express says that the three boats left two days before the Rastoropyny carrying duplicates of a despatch from Gen. Stoessel. There were some badly wounded officers on board the boats who preferred to risk their lives at sea than to meet certain death in the unsanitary hospitals of Port Arthur. The Japanese cruiser Kasuga sank the first destroyer after a fight lasting half an hour in which all the Russians were shot or drowned except four who were rescued from the sea by boats from the Kasuga, after the destroyer sank. One of these thus rescued soon died. The cruiser Matsushima sank the second destroyer 25 miles from Port Arthur receiving herself an affective blow from a torpedo. Two Japanese torpedo gunboats sighted the third destroyer off Lia Tishual at midnight, and chased her until four o'clock in the morning, when the engines of the torpedo boat broke down. The gunboats discharged two torpedoes at her both of which struck almost simultaneously. The destroyer sank with all on board of her. The correspondent adds that the Japanese naval authorities express the highest admiration for the bravery of the crews of the destroyers.

QUADRUPLE WEDDING.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Nov. 22.—Rev. E. M. Nebon, Andrew Nebon and Charles Nebon, brothers, were married to Jessie Johnson, Amanda Johnson and Clara Johnson, sisters. After the triple ceremony, Rev. C. J. Erdman, who officiated, asked Rev. Mr. Nebon, one of the newly married brothers, to marry him to one of the guests. All the bridegrooms and all the brides will go in a party to the World's Fair for a honeymoon trip.

FOR THE WAR.

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—The collector of the port of San Francisco says that an exceptionally large amount of Japanese goods are coming here and that the increase of importations has been so large that the custom house officials cannot handle the goods. The cause of the exceptionally heavy importations is that the Japanese people are offering their manufactures at low prices to help raise money for carrying on the war with Russia.

The Vancouver city band which for several years has been under the leadership of Mr. F. T. Cope, is to have a new bandmaster shortly. Mr. M. Finn, late leader of the Fifth Regiment Band, Victoria, who conducted that organization during its recent tour of the United States, and who only a short time ago resigned that position owing to differences with the officers of the regiment, has decided to settle in Vancouver, and will take the leadership of the City Band.

THE MAPLE LEAF.

In its account of the annual Wool Market Assembly under the auspices of the Inverness Gaelic Society, the Scottish American says: "An interesting addition to the programme was Mr. Ruthven Macdonald, a member of the Canadian bowling team visiting Scotland, who sang 'The Maple Leaf' with characteristic fervor and effect, the choir and the audience, at the desire of Mr. Macdonald, joined in singing the refrain, all standing out of respect for the Canadian national anthem.

NEAR MUKDEN.

Mukden, Nov. 12.—, via Tien Tsin. —Since the Japanese attack on Poutiloff Hill on the night of Nov. 18, no activity has been apparent. The character of the attack on Poutiloff Hill is not fully understood beyond the fact that three or four battalions participated. It probably was made on the initiative of the local commander without the consent of headquarters, and as an attack it can only be favorably regarded in the light of a reconnaissance in force. This incident is the most important that has happened since the battle of Shakhe.

Poutiloff Hill which is now the centre of interest of the entire line could be seen flashing signals of attack from her fortifications as the Japanese infantry advanced.

On account of repeated reports that the Japanese intended to attack on Nov. 18th, this assault was believed to be the signal for an advance of the entire line, and consequently the entire Russian army, on the quiver began its own hostile movements. Both east and west of Poutiloff Hill the Japanese arrived within fifty yards of the Russian trenches. The Russian fire was too deadly for a further advance. The next morning disclosed about 80 Japanese dead which the Russians buried yesterday. The Japanese succeeded in carrying off in haste 200 wounded. The Russians lost half a dozen men in the trenches.

Scouting operations on both sides result daily encounters some times between battalions, but the encounters are little more than skirmishes. The scouting is for the evident purpose of identifying opponent's positions and local strength. The Russians continue daily to shell the position at Linshenpu.

WEST COAST WRECK.

The steamer Queen City has brought news to Victoria of the first wreck which has occurred on the west coast of this island since the winter storms set in. The vessel lost is the San Francisco barkentine Makewell, Capt. Neilson, which loaded lumber at Tacoma last month and sailed for Makatlan on Oct. 31st.

The crew of the Queen City learned of quantities of lumber having recently washed ashore, especially at Hesquiat, also of the stern of a vessel having drifted in from sea on one of the islands, which bore evidence of lately met destruction.

The Queen City's mail furthermore contained a private message from the Times correspondent at Clayoquot, which reports that Masso, a Clayoquot Indian, in searching for wreckage of their island ranch near Lenard island, came across a life buoy marked "Makewell, H. R. & Co., San Francisco." The message further stated that it is presumed that the buoy belonged to a lumber laden vessel, as great quantities of lumber are strewn along the beach.

The barkentine belongs to Hind Rolph & Company, of San Francisco. She is a four-masted wooden vessel, and was built by W. A. Boole & Son, Oakland, 1902. Her dimensions are given as follows: Gross tonnage, 1,100 tons; net tonnage, 889 tons; length, 104.1 feet; beam, 39.5 feet, and depth of hold, 17.5 feet. A vessel of this description should be capable of carrying about a million feet of lumber.

From the information narrated above, says the Victoria Times, there can be only one conclusion formed, namely, that the Mackwell has met the same fate that so many others of lumber fleets have in the past during the stormy seasons of the year.

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BALLOT BOX FRAUDS.

The evidence being brought out at Belleville regarding the use of bogus ballot boxes in the elections in Ontario shows a disgraceful condition of affairs that must give every decent Canadian a feeling of shame and horror. It is not a question of politics, it is one of national honor and the crime when brought home must be punished with the utmost severity. There was a time when Canadians spoke with pride of the fairness with which voting was carried on in this country. But looser methods began to prevail and now comes our punishment—a scandal that publishes abroad to the world that the electors by fraud and the devices of a crook can be defrauded and robbed of their votes. It matters not what the result of the present case; the mere existence of the false ballot boxes by which by the turn of a handle bogus ballots can be substituted shows that somebody was using them. One of the witnesses states that three hundred of these were purchased for use in the Ontario elections. If this were so, the Ross government, for the sake of public decency must see to it that the next election is in the hands of officials against whom the finger of suspicion cannot point—not mere party heeled and hangers-on. The members of the government say they knew nothing of these corrupt practices. If so, let them like honest men make a clean sweep of the men who are implicated in the frauds. The feeling of disgust that has gone through the country since this trial came up is a credit to the people as a whole. It is undoubted that the mass of the brought home to a politician, most public is honest—that if a crime is constituencies will refuse to have him as their representative. The great reason for this growing corruption in politics, however, is the leniency of the sentences meted out to rascals caught in the act. Not a great while ago a couple of polling officials in Montreal were convicted and sentenced to certain terms in prison, but the government interfered after the criminals had been incarcerated for only a short time and they were liberated. That is not as it should be. The purity of the ballot boxes must be preserved at all costs. Men who are put in positions of solemn trust in charge of elections must be made to feel their deep responsibility; and if they fail in their duty they must take the bitter consequences. Ballot box frauds strike at the very root of responsible government. We cannot permit the will of the people to be frustrated by some scoundrel who purchases another rascal to do his work. There must be always two parties to an election fraud, the man whose interest it is to have the work done and who pays for it, and the man who accepts the bribe that stifles his scruples and makes him a liar, a perjurer and a thief. There can be no condoning of these crimes for political purposes. As we said before, it is not a question of party loyalty, it is one on which true men of all parties should

work together to purge the country of a horrible disgrace and bring back purity to our elections.

TO PROSPECT FOR COAL.

Earl Fitzwilliam, has purchased the Harlech Castle, one of the Cape Mail steamships, and intends to combine a trip for the benefit of his health in the South Pacific with prospecting for minerals. For a long time past it has been known that there were coal fields in the South Pacific, because coal was constantly washed up on the shores of "My object in going to search for this coal," said Lord Fitzwilliam to an Express representative, "has a very simple explanation. I have sufficient money to need investment and as I am already extensively engaged in the coal trade—as my father, grandfather and great grandfather were before me—and know a certain amount about the business, I prefer to employ some of my capital in developing fresh coal fields. Our party will be a very small one, and the only instrument we shall take with us is a boring plant. No. I shall not take an analyst with me; I am my own analyst.

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Duncans 11:00	10:02	Duncans 5:00	5:00	
Ladysmith 11:57	9:10	Ladysmith 5:52	4:00	
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TRAWLERS OF NORTH SEA

Hull, though brought into prominence by the outrageous action of the Baltic Squadron, is not the only great trawling port on our east coast, says the London Morning Leader. It is probably not even the greatest, for Grimsby, with an even briefer industrial history than its vis-a-vis on the Humber has been a marvellously short time brought to the front rank by the combined energies of the fish trade and the great Central Railway. Hull and Grimsby between them are responsible for heavier landings of trawl caught fish than all the other ports of England and Wales together. Their fishing communities have a common Devon origin, for it was the hardy men of Brixham, who, in the second half of last century carried the industry eastwards to Ramsgate and Lowestoft, and thence in turn, to Scarborough, Hull and Grimsby. The attraction of Scarborough was its Summer visitors, who were always ready to pay top price for fresh fish; and it was while stormbound off that resort that a Brixham skipper accidentally discovered the since famous "Silver Pit," which duly proved a perfect mine for soles and other prime fish.

Scarborough, however, while it offered the certainty of brisk custom for a limited period of the year, has had practically no facilities in the way of shipyards, stores, and similar requisites of an industrial marine. This applied with almost equal force to the more northern part of Whitby, since chiefly identified with the autumn herring fishery; and an obvious migration to the Humber was the result of these shortcomings elsewhere on the Yorkshire coast. A considerable steam trawling fleet now has its headquarters in the Tyne, not at Newcastle, as was once hoped by the municipal authorities of that city, but at North Shields; but its origin is in great measure independent of that of the Hull and Grimsby trade.

Hull has always admirably answered the needs of the industry, and its industry has seldom been more prosperous than it is today. That some of its capital and labor should quite apart from the practical advantages offered by the Great Central, have crossed the water to Grimsby was only to be expected, the latter port offering greater accommodation, cleaner water, and less river navigation—a distinct gain in foggy weather. The fishing of both ports is performed almost wholly by steam-trawlers, but certain traditional distinctions may be noted. The Hull boats are rather more given to long voyages, Iceland and the Faroes in the one direction, and Portugal and the Bay of Biscay in the other, furnishing much of the fish landed at this port. Grimsby also works these distant grounds, but home banks in the North Sea have the first claim on its activities. Another difference lies in the preference of Hull for what is known as the "flecting" system, a practice which entails sending the collective catch of several trawlers to the home market on a fast steam-carrier. These steam-carriers return with their cargo to both Hull and Billingsgate, the direct trade between the latter and the Dogger Bank being nothing new, as some people have imagined, but an old-established and important asset. One obvious advantage of the "flecting" over the "single-boating" system is that by the latter arrangement each trawler lands her own catch, and therefore loses much time in transport which might profitably be spent in fishing.

Other trawling ports on the coast are Boston, Lowestoft and Ramsgate. Boston harbors a large fleet of steam trawlers, similar to those at the Humber ports, and equally equipped for long voyages if required. Yarmouth, once a great trawling centre, has transferred its capital to the herrinb fishery, and the only trawlers that lie in the river today are the small craft which drag the inshore beds for shrimps.

Lowestoft and Ramsgate belong to a totally different category of trawling port from those more northern centres which we have hitherto been considering. Like Brixham, the parent of them all, they favor the smack the red-sailed trawlers which fishes the home grounds and returns every night, or every other night, with its catch fresh for the market. Steam-power on these picturesque sailing trawlers is confined to working tugs which that lowers and raises the net, and the old beam-trawl issued, not the newer otter-trawl in favor of the steamers, a pattern in which the great elm-beam is dispensed with. The Hull trawlers, on the other hand do not affect the picturesque, but are business-like steel vessels with the funnel well aft. On a dark night, they might easily be mistaken when under way, for ordinary coasting craft. On the Dogger, however, with trawls down, and with lights

plainly showing that they are fishing and powerless to move, no such error is soberly possible. Nor does ice play the important part in such short voyages as in the long distance fishing out of Hull. For this reason, the trawl-fish which ports like Lowestoft and Ramsgate sends daily to Billingsgate is of different quality—not necessarily always superior, but different—from that landed at the steam and ice ports.

GRAVEYARD OF ATLANTIC

Two years ago the Minister of Marine and Fisheries Department sent experts to France in order to purchase every kind of tree and shrub that had been found serviceable in staying the inroads of the sea on the coasts of Normandy and Brittany. Every variety of the pine was sent out—cluster pine, Scotch fir, Australian pine by the ten thousand each, with lots of five thousand and two thousand and one hundred each of other pines. Spruce, cedar and juniper were planted almost as profusely. To these were added all the common trees of the ordinary forest, rose bushes, creeping plants, flowering shrubs, pea-vines, hawthorns honeysuckles and wortsberry bushes. The great enemy to vegetation is the cutting and stinging of wind-driven sand-blasts. Their force may be known from the fact that many panes of glass in the station buildings cease to be transparent, and become opaque as frosted or "ground" glass. The effect of sand driven by wind or wood is also most curious, the erosion often shaping a beam as if it had been under the turning lathe. The dry gales of August are found to be destructive to many of the weaker shrubs. The cluster pine that flourishes in Brittany seems so far to thrive in Sable island. The matting of the fallen foliage with the sand may, it is hoped, give the banks a firmness which they do not now possess, and go a long way towards averting the dread catastrophe which some prophets of evil pronounce inevitable in the long run—namely, the total submergence of the island beneath the surface of the sea.

Since 1852 the sea has encroached on the land and covered places where grass formerly grew. The west sand bar changes in size and shape with every severe storm. It still shows ordinarily nine miles of heave breakers, succeeded in bad weather by seven more miles where the depth increases from five to ten fathoms.

Since the lighthouses were established in 1873, it has been necessary to move the west end lighthouse eastward on two occasions, and the continuous wasting of the west end will soon render a third removal unavoidable. From a wreck-chart prepared it appears that the number of known wrecks on Sable Island and its bars for each decennial period of the last century is as follows: Ending 1810, eleven; 1820, nine; 1830, eighteen; 1840, twenty-five; 1850, twenty-three; 1870, eighteen; 1880, nineteen; 1890, ten; and 1900 twelve.

DEATH OF LADY TRAVELLER.

Mrs. Isabella L. Bishop, one of the most remarkable women travellers of modern times, died in Edinburgh on the 7th inst. She was the eldest daughter of Rev. Edward Bird, B. A., rector of Hattenhall, Cheshire, and was born on 15th of October, 1832. She was only twenty-two when she began her travels, coming to North America, and publishing later "The Englishwomen in America," the first of a long series of interesting accounts of her various wanderings. She stayed for seven months in the Sandwich Islands, and in 1874 she wrote of "A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains." In 1878 she set out upon the first of a number of journeys she made in the Far East, and the result (again republished letters to her sister) was given in "Unbeaten tracks in Japan." She travelled for several months in the interior of the main island and in Yezo. From Niko northwards her route was altogether off the beaten track, and had never been traversed in its entirety by any European. She lived among the Japanese, and saw their mode of living in regions unaffected by European contact. Her land journeys extended to over 1400 miles, and already she saw the first fruits of the Japanese reformation which began some ten years earlier. She wrote also of her experiences in China, Singapore, and the Malay Peninsula. In 1881 Miss Bird became the wife of Dr. John Bishop, M. D., a well known Edinburgh physician, who, however, died five years later. In 1890 Mrs. Bishop resumed her travels in Asia, this time selecting Persia and Kurdistan, and including a summer in Upper Karun region and a visit to the Nestorian Rayahs. Then followed a series of works the result of a systematic study of the Mongolian races. In

1901 Mrs. Bishop, now approaching 70 years of age, made what proved to be her last serious foreign journey—a tour of one thousand miles on horseback in Morocco, including the Atlas mountains. Mrs. Bishop was the first lady to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Her sweet voice and charming manner placed her high in public estimation as a lecturer.

NAMES OF HORSES.

The practice of naming horses after eminent persons is common in England and France, but in Russia it is considered disrespectful of some judges of manners. A Russian sportsman has christened a romising filly Eleanor Duse, as a mark of his esteem for the celebrated actress. He is severely rebuked in the Russian papers. "If this should be tolerated," they say, "we shall be having horses called after Tolstoj and other national worthies." Nay, Kurpatkin himself would be saddled or turned out to grass. The censor sought to stop the abuse of the names of Christians. Is the holy synod asleep? A Russian may call his dog Caesar or Pompey, for they were Pagans and their memory is not revered by members of the orthodox church. But suppose some reckless subject of the czar should call his horse Polbedonostzeff, what will the holy synod say, then?—London Chronicle.

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LOCAL ITEMS

The Dominion parliament meets on January 11.

Geo. Ramsay, of the big Vancouver candy firm, is in the city.

Marshall Bray, government agent at Nanaimo and a party of friends arrived today in a launch.

Herbert Macklin, who for some years past has been connected with the B. C. Packing Company in Vancouver, will succeed Mr. Marshall as manager of Simon Leiser & Co.'s branch here and will also have supervision of the Wellington store. Mr. Macklin will take charge some time in January. He arrived in town today and will stay here a short time looking around and getting acquainted.

When people went into supper last night it was pouring rain with sullen steadiness that promised an all night job. But suddenly the watering pot went dry and in an hour it was delightfully clear moonlight, with fleecy white clouds hovering lightly over the mountains. An unusual and beautiful sight was a lunar rainbow which many people were fortunate enough to see.

VICTORIA MINE.

Mr. Cecil, manager of the Vancouver Island Development Company's mines, went down to the capital today. He states that there are three shifts working steadily on the big ore body recently struck on the Victoria mine and that they are in forty feet on it. A shipment will be made to the Tyee smelter within the next couple of days, the delay being on account of the recent heavy rains making the roads too soft for heavy teaming.

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MASQUERADE BALL.

All is now practically ready for the Ladysmith City Band's Masquerade Ball tomorrow evening and apparently the attendance will be quite large. There is a good deal of mystery in the air and it is understood that some wonderful novelties in costume will be seen and the competition for the prizes will be very keen in consequence. The range of prizes is so large that there is plenty of chance to win; there is always scope for fun at an affair of this kind that makes it doubly enjoyable.

MARINE

Steamer Hilda is in from Vancouver.

Steamer Flyer with a scow in tow arrived yesterday from Westminster for a load of coal.

The Transfer was in last night from Vancouver on her regular trip.

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CARNEGIE'S LATEST

London, Nov. 22.-Provincial papers say that Andrew Carnegie has purchased, or is about to purchase, for \$3,750,000, Lea Park, the late Whitaker Wright's estate in Surrey, with the object of establishing a national convalescent home.

FOR DEFAULT.

Winnipeg, Nov. 22.-A. T. Hyslop, of Moosmin, who was arrested at Kansas City, charged with defaulting his employer, at attorney, out of \$1,000, will be brought back.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL TONIGHT.

There is a great deal of speculation as to the result of the city league matches at the Opera House tonight and the friends of the various teams are looking forward to a critical evening's sport. The Red Devils play the Black Diamonds; while the Shamrocks and B. & A., who so far have each won two games will try to down one another. Play starts at half past seven, and the admission is ten cents.

MACEDONIAN TROUBLES.

London, Nov. 22.-The Standard today prints a long letter from Constantinople dealing with the situation in Macedonia. The writer says there has been a marked change in the last six months. Formerly it was a question of protecting the Christian population against violence, but now it has become one of intervention between various Christian elements. Since the policing of Macedonia has been taken out of Turkey's hands the correspondent says there has been returning conflicts between rival nationalities accompanied by barbarities quite as outrageous as those with which the Turks were formerly reproached. The truth is according to the Standard's correspondent each of these Christian elements wants independence and the hatred of each other exceeds their detestation of the Turks. The Austro-Russian reform scheme, therefore, has not hastened the solution of the Macedonian problem nor brought autonomy any nearer.

"Is James rocking the baby," asked the father.

"I don't know," replied James' tired mother, "but he broke a street lamp, named Mrs. Smith's dog, broke one of the Johnson's windows threw a potato at Mrs. Perkins, and I wouldn't be a bit surprised if he were rocking the baby-if he can find any more stones."-Kansas City World.

Tess-They say if you walk downstairs backward with a lighted candle in your hand the first man you meet will be the one you marry. I'm going to try that on Hallowe'en.

Jess-So am I. It must be done on the stroke of o'clock.

Tess-Oh! You don't have to do it at any particular hour.

Jess-Yes, I do. I told Jack Hanson to call promptly at 8 o'clock. -Philadelphia Press.

STREET WASHER.

The street department of Seattle, proposes to purchase and put in operation on the paved street of the city next year two high-pressure sluicing carts which will be used for the purpose of cleaning the streets. These carts are to be used because they can be operated during the day, when traffic is heavy on the streets without inconvenience to traffic. At the present time the paved streets are washed off every night with a hose which is hauled about on trucks, but this method of cleaning the main thoroughfares can only be used at night, because when the hose is stretched along the street it interferes with traffic. The result is that though the pavements are made perfectly clean during the night hours, they soon become dirty again after traffic commences in the morning. Mud is carried upon the pavements by wagons from the unpaved streets, and in a few hours the whole street becomes covered with a coating of dirt. This is packed down by the wheels, and when it is wet by the rain it forms a thick sticky paste. At present this paste has to be left on the pavements until night before it can be washed away.

The sluicing carts are so constructed that they can be driven along a paved thoroughfare during the day, when the street is in use, and the muddy paste can be washed off into the gutters and carried away. These carts have been extensively introduced in the east, it is stated by Superintendent Walters, and the report is that they work satisfactorily. The water is forced from the carts by compressed air and strikes the pavement with sufficient force to cut away the mud and dirt that clings to the street.

HE REMAINED.

In a large warehouse in Glasgow, a worthy official, who had served his employers faithfully for over twenty years, thought he would like a change of scene and occupation in the south of England. Accordingly he sent in his resignation, which was accepted with much regret. His fellow employees, by whom he had always been highly respected, raised among themselves a purse of one hundred sovereigns, which the senior partner of the firm presented to him in a neat choice speech. "Well," said the recipient, as he pocketed the purse, and rose to thank the donors, "I dinna ken how I can thank ye for this magnificent present. I'm sure I never thoct I was sae weel like't until this mornin'; an' noo, when I see ye a' sae kind an' sorry at the prospect o' losin' me, I-I think I'll just stop amang ye, an' no' gang awa' at a'!" And stop he did.

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