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THE STORY OF DEFEAT

Cervera and Augustin Arrive in Spain.

BOTH ARE INTERVIEWED

Cervera Says His Conscience is Clear and Augustin Tells of the Poor Defences of Manila.

Madrid, Sept. 22.—In an interview Admiral Cervera, who arrived here yesterday, said he had a clear conscience regarding Santiago, but, he added, nations grow great by their victories and not by their defeats, however, glorious they might be. Spain, he continued, had lived in a dream and now she had to face reality. The Spanish admiral added that his warships were not destroyed in battle but were destroyed by fire.

General Toral, the Spanish commander, who surrendered his forces at Santiago de Cuba, has also arrived here. He did so without attracting any attention and is now sick in bed.

The marked coolness of Admiral Cervera and his officers towards the minister of marine, Senor Aunon, is much commented on here. Senor Aunon, and his staff, in uniform, met Admiral Cervera and his party in the railroad depot. The admiral halted before the minister, saluted and said, stiffly: "I am at the orders of your excellency. I shall present myself to the ministry today, as is my duty."

The admiral then started to leave, after embracing Captain Eulate, the former commander of the Vizcaya, and his comrades. The minister of marine offered the use of his carriage to Admiral Cervera, but the latter declined to accept it and entered another conveyance.

AUGUSTI ON DEWEY.

General Augusti, former captain-general of the Philippines islands, who has just arrived at Vittoria, Spain, from Manila, in an interview just published is quoted as discussing the Philippine question in an interesting manner. He is alleged to have remarked: "Before I left Spain I knew the situation in the Philippines was grave. Senor Moreta, the minister for the colonies in the last cabinet of Senor Sagasta, remarked at the time that war with the United States broke out there would be a terrible state of things." Continuing, General Augusti described Admiral Montejo's fleet as: "Some old, wooden ships" and said they came to Manila practically pursued by Dewey. He then said, "Our batteries fired at the Americans but our guns were mounted on false plates and after the first shots they became useless. At daybreak we were in the power of the Americans and an hour afterwards, the Spanish fleet had ceased to exist. Dewey summoned me to surrender, I refused, and he threatened to raze the town, I refused, raze it, but so long as I live, the Spanish flag will float on the ruins of Manila. Then began the terrible time of the seige and the anguish of the blockade. Famine stared us in the face. In the meantime hostilities were conducted throughout the provinces, but, save in isolated cases, humanely. Dewey repeated his summons to surrender and I again refused, Dewey then bombarded the town and Manila surrendered, but the danger was not over. Considering my presence no longer necessary, I asked the government for permission to go home, as my position had become by no means easy. I think I have done my duty as a soldier and a Spaniard."

ADMIRAL NOEL'S HARD TASK.

Candia, Sept. 22.—Realizing the difficulties attendiing compliance with the demand for the surrender of the Arms of the Mussulmans, Admiral Noel has extended the time for the turning over to their arms to him. The Christians have kept to the letter of their promise not to attack the Moslems, but they have begun devastating the olive groves owned by Mussulmans. Admiral Noel has warned them to desist. The Russian admiral has suggested the disarmament of all the Cretans throughout the island.

LEAGUE BALL.

Sept. 22.—At Baltimore—First game—Baltimore 15, Chicago 6. Second game—Called end 6th, rain—Baltimore 3, Chicago 1.

At Brooklyn—Called end 10th, darkness—Brooklyn 3, St. Louis 3.

At New York—Called end 8th, darkness—New York 2, Louisville 7.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 13, Cleveland 3.

At Boston—Boston 8, Pittsburg 12.

DESIGNER OF THE SHAMROCK.

Queenstown, Sept. 22.—Will Fyfe, jr., the yacht designer, returned from New York on the Majestic. He intends, he said, to proceed direct to Glasgow, where he would begin the designing of Sir Thomas Lipton's new racing cutter Shamrock, which is to be constructed in Belfast.

SOMETHING FOR GERMANY.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—The Zanzibar correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung records the belief existing here, that England will cede Zanzibar to Germany, in return for Germany's concessions regarding Delagoa Bay.

DEATHS AT PONCE.

Washington, Sept. 22.—General Brooks at Ponce reports four deaths among troops there yesterday. Two, Corporal Bernard Boyne and Private Morris, both of the Eleventh infantry, were killed by lightning.

TO HOLD THE KHYBER PASS.

London, Sept. 22—There is a growing belief in Indian circles here that Great Britain will shortly take possession of Khyber pass, the principal northern pass from Afghanistan into India.

A FRENCH CREW LOST.

Paris, Sept. 22.—The French vessel Ville de Tampa, foundered off Campere, and her crew of 36 were drowned.

AN INSANE CHINAMAN.

Appeared Before Police Magistrate Crease Yesterday—Case Remanded.

The usual monotonous routine of Police Magistrate Crease's court was slightly disturbed yesterday morning by the appearance of a crazed Chinaman, who had been arrested the previous night by Chief McKinnon. The almond eyed Mongolian was found by the chief in a tent down in Chinatown about 2 o'clock in the morning, singing and shouting. After being placed in the cell he kept up the noise until after daylight, to the great annoyance of the other guests at the city's free hotel. The members of the Chinese colony in Nelson have shown a great desire to learn English and for this purpose a number of them attend church and Sunday school regularly and for some months last winter a school for Chinese was conducted in connection with the Epworth League of the Methodist church.

This particular Chinaman was a regular attendant at the church services not only on Sundays but during the week and made professions of Christianity. When arraigned before Police Magistrate Crease, and upon being asked his name he said "My name is Archie, I belong to the Bible," and then launched out into a harangue in Chinese. Another Chinaman who was present said, "He a Christian, he muchee clazy."

The case was remanded until this afternoon, to allow of medical examination as to his sanity, and the other Chinaman was requested to collect enough money among his countrymen to pay his fare to New Westminster, should it be deemed necessary to send him. In this case the doctrines of Christianity appears to have unbalanced the mind of the Oriental. The wonder in the case is that he was ever allowed to come up for trial, as crazy Chinamen, the aged, the crippled and useless members of Chinese society generally have a mysterious way of disappearing, leaving no trace behind.

A VERY GRAVE MATTER

General Zurlinden's Perilous Action.

IN THE PICQUART CASE

The Dreyfus Affair Becoming a Very Serious Matter—Esterhazy Interviewed. He Leaves for Paris.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Situation here is generally admitted to be grave by both press and people. The conflict between the civil and military authorities is becoming acute. The sudden and unexpected action of Zurlinden, military governor of Paris, in prosecuting Picquart on charges of forgery and using forged documents, assume a grave aspect on account of the circumstances attending this intervention of military authority in the civil court. Now that the Dreyfus question has become a great national matter, every proceeding in the affair has state importance. Zurlinden's ignoring of this obvious act is very significant. He comes forward as the defender of the army, prosecutor of its supposed culminators and a resolute opponent of a revision of the case. From this appeal to the public in the line of the establishment of a dictatorship there is no wide step. The Radical makes a bitter attack on the general staff, which it charges with aiming at the moral assassination of Picquart, through a secret military trial.

Henri Rochefort in the Intransiguentem declares that Picquart was bribed by Russia or Germany to save Dreyfus.

ESTERHAZY IN LONDON.

London, Sept. 22.—The Daily News says that Comte Esterhazy has been sojourning in London in the guise of an Italian count. He speaks Italian fluently. The Daily News reporter caught him at Charing Cross as he was about to start for Paris. In the course of the interview Esterhazy said he had passed the detectives detailed to watch him in Paris in his present disguise and that nobody had recognized him. "But," he continued, "I distrust even this. I told General Pellieux, after the suicide of Colonel Henri, that it would be impossible to stop things and that the movement would be formidable. The generals lost their heads. I wrote to Cavaignac a long letter acquainting him with the points of the affair. He refused to see me. My ruin had been determined upon. I was thrown overboard and had nothing left but go away and wait developments."

Comte Esterhazy proceeded to declare that he had vainly tried to convince General Pellieux that the Henri document was a forgery, but that General Pellieux had declined to listen to him.

"There were," said Count Esterhazy, "but three persons who knew the truth of the matter, Saunders, Henri and myself. The first two are dead and I alone hold the secret."

Comte Esterhazy complained bitterly of the treatment of himself and Madame Pays, who is in prison in Paris. He declares that judge d'instruction, Boutulois, had Madame Pays brought from the Saint Laziar prison and offered her liberty if she would reveal all she knew about the generals. After reference to other phases of the affair, Count Esterhazy said:

"I intend to publish a work that will throw light upon the unhealthy Dreyfus story. Cavaignac made a mistake in persecuting me, but he struck at the same time his relation, Du Paty du Clam. I may mention that I had already declined a pension offered by General Billot."

Comte Esterhazy affected a gay nonchalance, but just as he was taking the train he said in a sharp, nervous tone without pausing for breath: "I don't know whether I shall make use of the documents in my possession. It will depend upon the march of events."

THE MOB HOWLS AT PICQUART.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Everything tends to confirm the opinion that General Zurlinden, in ordering the military prosecution of Colonel Picquart, acted entirely upon his own initiative. The Temps declares that the cabinet had previously refused to sanction General Zurlinden's proposal to prosecute Colonel Picquart and that General Zurlinden, therefore waited until he had resumed the military governorship of Paris, when he acted upon his own authority. Upon leaving the La Sainte prison, Colonel Picquart had a portmanteau and a portfolio. He looked pale and careworn. The blinds of the fiacre were drawn directly he entered it. A mob which had been howling outside the prison, rushed toward Picquart as he emerged, shaking their fists and shouting, some for and some against him. A similar mob waited at the Cherche Midi prison. A detachment of military in both cases protected Picquart.

A majority of the papers denounced the military coup with varying degrees of severity. M. Clemenceau, in the Aurore, charges M. Brisson with cowardice and imbecility, and couples President Faure's name with that of General Zurlinden in the alleged plot to suppress the truth and defeat justice. M. Clemenceau dwells strongly on the mauvaises chances of the Cherche Midi prison and credits the ex-war minister with the remark: "If General Mercier had not been soft hearted, he would have had Dreyfus murdered."

Another paper, the Droits de L'Homme, abuses M. Faure with the greatest virulence, and accuses him of employing M. Brisson to make a coup d'etat. It points out that President Faure's military friends hold all the strong posts.

MUST GET OUT AT ONCE.

Washington, Sept. 22.—War department officials in reply to the question whether there was any disposition to accede to the request of the Spanish for postponement of the evacution of Cuba until some time next spring, stated that no delay would be considered. The evacuation must proceed with expedition and troops of the United States were now being put in readiness for occupation of Cuba and would be sent there.

ONE TOUCH OF NATURE.

Vancouver, Sept. 22.—The Chinese and the Japanese showed their sympathy for New Westminster and now one hears of the generous nature of the redskins. Yesterday, Joe Kwaw-Kwaw Apilt, Indian chief at Chilliwack, went to Indian Agent Devlin stating that he had heard of the disastrous fire and wanted to know what he could send down for the relief of the sufferers.

INSTALLATION OF A BISHOP.

Pembroke, Sept. 22.—The town was gaily decorated yesterday in honor of the installation of Bishop Lorrain, as first bishop of Pembroke. A special train full of clergy came in early in the day and there was a procession from the Canadian Pacific railway station to the bishop's palace. Installation took place in the evening in the Cathedral, being performed by Bishop Larocque, of Sherbrooke. Nearly all the bishops of Ontario and Quebec were present.

TYPHOID AT CAMP WYCKOFF.

Camp Wyckoff, Sept. 22.—Three deaths occurred in the general hospital today from typhoid. There are 342 patients today. The cavalry who arrived from Cuba on the City of Mexico yesterday were landed today. The 18 sick were sent to the general hospital. No more transports are expected at this place from Santiago.

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

Cincinnati, Sept. 22—The supreme lodge of the Scottish Rite Masons adjourned this afternoon to meet in Philadelphia the third week in September 1899. The report of the financial committee was adopted. Its balances were all on the surplus side, including an item of $181,000, investment funds.

AN EASY VICTORY.

New York, Sept. 22.—The international cricket match between Capt. Warner's English cricketers and the New York eleven, which began yesterday at Staten Island Cricket club grounds, terminated this afternoon in a hollow victory for the visitors, who won by an innings and 247 runs.

TRADE RETURNS.

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—The customs department has issued the August trade figures which show large increases in imports, exports and revenue. The aggregate trade last year increased by over $3,000,000 and revenue increased by $340,000. Imports increased by $2,500,000 and exports by about $500,000.

MR. MORRISON'S MISSION.

Vancouver, Sept. 22.—Aulay Morrison, M. P., has left hurriedly for Dawson. He refused to disclose the object of his visit, but it is understood he has been asked by the Dominion government to enquire carefully into complaints about the government of the Yukon.

AN IMPORTANT RULING.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The secretary of the treasury today made an important ruling by which consuls in foreign countries are not authorized to issue certificates to privileged classes of Chinese entering this country.

SAILED FOR HOME.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The war department has a cablegram from General Brooke, stating that 800 Spanish troops sailed for home today.

THE EMPEROR RESIGNS

No More Reforms for the Chinese.

THE EMPRESS IN POWER

It is Believed That This Change Means the Recall of Li Hung Chang—Reformers Disappointed.

Pekin, Sept. 22.—An Imperial edict just issued announces definitely that the Emperor of China has resigned power to the Empress, (dowager empress) who has ordered the ministers to deliver to her in future official reports.

It is difficult to obtain reliable information at the palace in regard to the proceeding but the recent reformatory edicts probably caused the change. While the emperor was subserviant and a mere figure head, the dowager empress permitted him to remain in peace. But, as soon as he attempted to act on his own initiative, his practical deposition was the result. His principal advisor, King Humoi, the Cantonese reformer, fled in face of vigorous attempts made to arrest him and it is said he is now on his way to Shanghai. The effects of the change must be great and in all probability, Li Hung Chang will be reinstated in power and Russian influence will increase. The hopes of reform so ardently cherished by the intelligent classes of the Chinese, are now impossible. The suddenness of the course is said to be due to the desire of the dowager empress to prevent the mission of the Marquis Ito from being successful. The Japanese statesman recently came to Pekin with the object of trying to bring about an alliance offensive and defensive between Japan and China.

THE FRIEND OF RUSSIA.

London, Sept. 22.—The Daily Mail's Pekin corespondent telegraphing Wednesday says: "The dowager empress is greatly incensed over Russia's passivity over Li Hung Chang's degradation and Sir Claude McDonald's attitude since Li Hung Chang's fall. She has granted to M. Pavloff, the Russian charge d'affairs, several lengthy audiences. Probably Li Hung Chang will return to power, but not to office."

TROUBLE BREWING.

Chile and Argentine May Come to a Rupture Shortly.

Buenos Ayres, Sept. 22.—El Tempo says Chili has given Argentina five days in which to accept unrestricted arbitration of the boundary dispute between the two countries.

THERE WILL NOT BE WAR.

London, Sept. 22.—A despatch has been received here from General Roca, resident-elect of Argentina, saying there will be no war between that country and Chili.

DONE IN SECRET.

London, Sept. 22.—A despatch to the Globe from Hong Kong gives details of a secret convention signed at Pekin, March 27. It appears the Chinese thereby concluded an agreement with St. Petersburg by which China ceded Port Arthur and Talien Wan, stipulating that only Russian and Chinese warships enter or dock at Port Arthur. Russia, it appears gets exclusive use of the inner harbor of Talien Wan, sole administration of the ceded territories and a track of land north of Talien Wan, designated as the Buffer belt.

FILIPINO REPRESENTATIVES.

San Francisco, Sept. 22.—Among the passengers on the steamer China from Hong Kong were Filopi Agoncello and Jose Lopez who are going to Washington as representatives of Aguinaldo. Agoncello declines to make public what Aguinaldo wants or expects, but states that the insurgents generally look for ultimate independence.

THE SILVER MARKET.

New York, Sept. 22.—Bar silver, 61 5-16; Mexican dollars, 47½.

Copper, quiet; brokers' price, $12; exchange, $12.25 to $12.37½.

Lead, dull and easy; brokers' price, $3.85; exchange, $3.97 ½ to $4.02½.

Tin, quiet; Straits, $16.15 to $16.22½; plates, quiet.

BRYAN AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Colonel William J. Bryan, of the third Nebraska volunteers, is in the city and spent the morning making calls on the heads of the various army departments.

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UNDER THE ELECTION ACT.

Different interpretations of the election law, as affecting the sale of liquor on September 29, the day on which the electors will vote on the prohibition question, are now going the round of the press. The Toronto Globe holds that hotels and saloons and places where liquor is sold must, according to law, be kept closed on that day. The crown attorney and magistrate at Hamilton, Ont., have instructed the license inspector of that city that the closing law does not apply on the day of voting. Following this comes the opinion of Hon. R. W. Scott, secretary of state for Canada, to the effect that the Dominion elections act in all its clauses relating to liquor selling, treating, bribery, etc., applies upon the day in question. So that it is pretty clear that vendors of liquor will have to keep their doors locked upon that day, under penalties specified in the act. Mr. John A. Turner, returning officer in this city, has received no instructions yet on the subject from the authorities, but doubtless they will be in accordance with Hon. Mr. Scott's opinion.

ROYALTIES IN THE YUKON.

The loudest talk about the imposition of royalties in the Yukon region comes from citizens of the United States who enjoy privileges in that country which they have steadfastly refused to give to Canadians anywhere in the States. A short time ago a party of Canadians and Englishmen went down the Yukon into Alaska and there staked ground they thought promising to work. They began operations and were making pay when along came a number of Americans who restaked the claims and ordered the Candians off. They were forced to comply as the Alaskan mining regulations expressly state that no aliens can stake and own mining claims in that region. If Canadians should adopt the same regulations they would have every justification, but a more liberal policy was agreed upon so that the law should not stand in any man's way. Anyone can go into the Yukon district and stake a claim, and the civil and military powers are there to uphold him in such rights as are his. In return all he is asked to do is to contribute 10 per cent royalty on the gold he may find over a certain amount, by which limitation the owners of poor claims are exempt. As an argument against this it is asserted that no royalty was imposed in California in the early days. But a tax of $5 a month on each claim held by aliens was collected by the sheriff and there are men in Kootenay today who paid it.

In British Guiana, where considerable work has been done on placer bars, the royalty is 90 cents an ounce, but the cost to the government of maintaining order in the mining district cannot compare to the cost of administration in the Yukon. Those who have rich and royalty paying claims in the Yukon, whether they be British subjects or citizens of the United States, should be satisfied, considering what they get in return, to pay the royalty even if it should be put at 20 per cent. If they feel themselves aggrieved all they have to do is to abandon their claims and they will find many willing to take them up even if the royalty was fixed at half the output. The government should make no change in the royalty, and all right minded men will suport the authorities in fixing such a tax.

It is said that the conservatives are going to vote for prohibition in the hope that the carrying of the measure will embarrass the Laurier government. But Sir Wilfrid Laurier's embarrassment would be nothing to the desolate feeling which would pervade the conservative party if prohibition should actually become law.

The scoundrels of the Dreyfus atrocity are making excuses and trying to get under cover. Esterhazy speaks of his duty as a soldier and intimates that he was following orders in the case. When a soldier is ordered to do something which would make him a vile wretch and a criminal, honor supercedes duty, and says, better I should die than do this thing. But that is a kind of honor that has disappeared from the French army evidently.

As evidence that a clever man cannot be kept down, take the case of Li Hung Chang, when he is thrown out of the front door of officialdom, he walks in at the back with the utmost composure. Take it all round Li has been pretty much on top in China and he is going to cause trouble there.

Silver is now up to 61 5-16 and with it rise the spirits of the Slocan. Every point of increase means much to that rich region where production cannot be too profitable to overtake the predictions of well-wishers who believe the Slocan to be, mile for mile, the greatest mining district in the world.

Mr. Clarke Wallace at the Quebec conference as representative of the manufacturers' association is evidence that there is some go in the Third Party yet, but what weight the Manufacturers' Association carries it would be difficult to say.

It is believed that the axe has not been put out of commission at the capital, but has merely been sent out to be sharpened.

One of these days barricades will obstruct the streets of Paris and the old story of a republic overturned will be repeated.

COMMUNICATIONS.

SUNDAY LABOR IN MINES.

To the Editor of The Miner:

Sir: In reference to your editorial in the issue of the 21st inst., upon "Sunday Labor," is it the mine owners or those who represent them who desire this Sunday labor or is it not those who work in the mines? You write as if the former were the case, as if they—the owners or those who represent them—compelled the workers in the mine to do this Sunday labor. My observations leads me to the contrary conclusion—that it is in consequence of the attitude of the laboring men that this Sunday labor goes on. It is they who want it, not the owners who insist upon it. The best miners, it is well known, take work in a mine where they can work any day rather than in one where there is no Sunday labor, and knowing this, the mine owners yield to this desire on their part. So it is in this camp, where however one at least of the mines ceases operations on Sunday. The question of Sunday labor in mines is indeed not an easy one to solve. In the case of many mines, some at least of those who work there must of necessity work on Sunday to keep the mine free from water and so enable operations to go on in them on the following day. Where this is the case, it is felt that all had better work on Sunday. Many again are situated on high altitudes and at considerable distances from towns and other mines; and in such cases it is felt by the owners or their representatives that it is better for the men to be at work on Sundays than to mope around the bunk houses doing nothing, while the men say that they would rather work every day and take an occasional lay-off as they would need it. In the case again of others situated near towns, the mine owners say that their men return to work fresher and better fitted for that work on Monday after laboring on Sunday than would be the case generally of operation had then ceased—that their work would hurt them less than would whiskey, debauchery and black jack.

The question of Sunday labor is, as I have said in the case of mines, not an easy one to solve, except for clergymen and cranks generally who will solve that and any other question offhand and for all time. Of this, however I have no doubt that it is the men generally who are desirous of this Sunday labor and not the masters who impose it on them. A. B. C.

Silverton, B. C., Sept. 21, 1898.

A NEW CONCENTRATOR.

Silverton, Sept. 22.—(Special)—Construction on the first concentrator up the Four Mile creek—a 100 ton mill which is being erected for the Comstock mine—starts today. The contractor is a Mr. Mitchell recently from Whitewater where he was engaged in erecting a concentrator for the Whitewater mines. It is the taking of another step in advance for the mines around Silverton for there are others which in the near future will be following the example of the Comstock.

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Senior Guard	R. Ince

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND—Matin 11 a.m.; Even Song, 7.30 p.m. every Sunday. Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month after Matins; on 2nd and 4th Sundays, at 8 a.m. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. Rev. H. S. Akehurst, Rector. Cor Ward and Silica streets.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 p.m. Christian Endeavor Society meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. R. Frew, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH—Corner Silica and Josephine Streets. Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sabbath School, 2.30 p.m.; Prayer meeting on Friday evening at 8 o'clock; Epworth League C. E., Tuesday at 8 a.m. Rev. John Robson, Pastor.

CATHOLIC CHURCH—Mass at Nelson, first and third Sunday at 8 and 10.00 a.m.; Benediction at 7 30 to 8 p.m. Rev. Father Ferlan, Priest.

BAPTIST CHURCH — Services morning and evening at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.; Meetings are held in the school house. Strangers cordially welcomed. Rev. G. R. Welch, Pastor.

SALVATION ARMY—Services every evening at 8 o'clock in barracks on Victoria street. Adjutant Millner in charge.

LODGE MEETINGS.

NELSON LODGE, No. 23, A. F. & A. M. meets second Wednesday in each month. Visiting brethren invited.
G. L. LENNOX, Secretary.

I. O. O. F. Kootenay Lodge No. 16, meets every Monday night at their Hall, Kootenay street. Sojourning Odd Fellows cordially invited.
A. H. Clements, N. G. Fred J Squires, Sec.

NELSON LODGE No. 25, K. of P. meets in Castle hall, McDonald block every second and fourth Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All visiting knights cordially invited,
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(820) GEO. ROSS K. of R. and S.

NELSON LODGE, I. O. G. T. Meets in Castle Hall, McDonald Block, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting Templars cordially invited,
JOHN TELFORD, Chief Templar
J. F. Jacobson S.

S.O.E. NELSON'S QUEEN NO. SONS OF ENGLAND, meets second and fourth Wednesday each month at K. of P. Hall, McDonald Block, cor. Vernon and Josephine streets. Visiting brethren cordially invited. ERNEST KING, Worthy President.
CHAS. H. FARROW, Secretary.

COURT KOOTENAY, I.O.F., NO. 3138 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month in K of P Hall. F W Swanell, C. D. S. C. R.; J. Green, C.R.: J. Purkiss, Secy.

NELSON LODGE, NO. 10 A.O.U.W., meets every Thursday in the I.O.O.F. hall. C. Williams, M.W.: W S Smith, Rec.-Sec.; J. Driscoll, Financier F. J Squire, Receiver. P. M. W.

NELSON L.O.L. No. 1692 meets in the Donald block every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting members cordially invited. John Toye W.M.; F. J. Bradley, R.S.

GENERAL LOCAL NEWS

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND NELSON.

Brief Mention of Happenings in the District During the Past Few Days.

J. J. B. Gosselin left on yesterday evening's train.

T. S. Ingram returned to Calgary yesterday evening.

T. Mayne Daly, Q. C., is in town on legal business.

Louis Blue, the contractor is registered at the Phair.

Mrs. Coleman Stucket left yesterday evening for the Slocan.

F. M. McLeod, barrister of Rossland, returned home yestedray.

The members of the Cosgrove company are registered at the Phair.

W. J. Goepel left on yesterday evening's train for a trip to Cariboo.

E. E. Phair returned yesterday evening to the Halcyon Hot Springs.

C. Hammond, manager of the Slocan News company of Sandon, is in the city.

Miss Hatch has returned from a three week's visit to Rossland and Boundary.

Over $800 has been subscribed in Kamloops for the New Westminster relief fund.

H. E. T. Haultain, M. E., of Rossland, passed through the city yesterday on his way home.

Messrs. Robbins and Lang, the well known assayers of Rossland, are, with their respective wives, registered at the Hume.

The new C. P. R. tug built at Roseberry for the freight traffic on Slocan lake will be completed and ready for work in a few weeks.

Among those registered at the Hume are Bruce White, Sandon; T. M. Cummings and F. J. Byron, Silverton, and R. H. Trueman, Vancouver.

Horace Hume is lamenting the loss of his St. Bernard dog. It is a large animal about three-quarters grown, with yellow and white markings.

Several cases of tpyhoid fever are reported from Slocan City. The town is without a doctor and the patients are generally taken to the New Denver hospital.

The Incorporated Chamber of Mines of London, England, have decided to hold a mineral exhibition at Olympia, South Kensington, next year from May to September.

The examination of candidates for permission to practice as provincial land surveyors will be held at the lands and works office in Victoria on Monday, October 3.

On Sunday last the Golden Cache amalgam clean-up of 35 days, 800 ounces valued at $6,400, was stolen from the company's safe at Lillooet. The police are on the trail of the thieves.

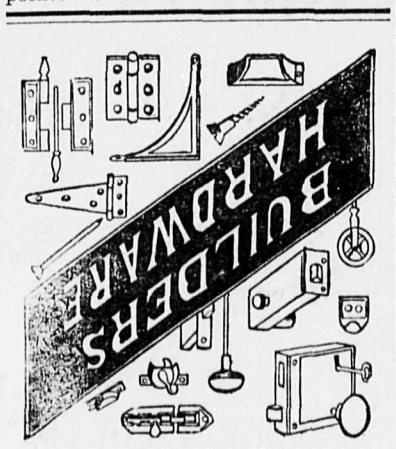
The mineral exhibit for this section of the country, intended for the New Westminster exhibition is lying at the depot. The railway company declining to ship unless the freight charges ($20) are settled in advance.

Among those registered at the Queen's are J. B. Hill, Vancouver; R. Linklater, Salmo; Mrs. Walker, Kuskonook; J. A. Munson and D. S. Putter, Goat river, and E. S. Davison, Trail.

Among those registered at the Phair are A. D. Prouard, Rossland; W. H. Taylor, Spokane; H. Bedlington, Hamilton; R. A. Wyllie, Winnipeg; J. Hughes, Vancouver, and J. D. Moore, Indiana.

A royal commission has been appointed to look into the conduct of the jailor and warden of the Kamloops jail and of the management of the jail in general. A. E. Beck of Vancouver is head of the commission.

Edward Johnston who was recently killed in the Hall Mines, was buried in the new cemetery yesterday morning at 11:30. The funeral, at which the Rev. Mr. Robson officiated, was largely attended by the friends of the deceased. The arrangements were carried out by the undertaking firm of D. McArthur & Co.



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FAREWELL TO MR. WELCH.

Congregation of the Baptist Church Bid Farewell to Their Pastor.

A farewell meeting of the Baptist congregation and friends was held yesterday evening at the Baptist church, the occasion being the departure of Rev. G. R. Welch, who leaves this morning for McMaster college, Toronto to complete his theological studies. Nothwithstanding the heavy rain there was a large attendance to say farewell to Mr. Welch.

Mr. Crease presided at the meeting and the following was the order of the programme:

Opening exercises, hymn and prayer.
Chairman's address.
Song—Mr. Williamson.
Solo—Miss Annable.
Song—Mr. Gervan.
Song—Mr. Parkinson.
Recitation—Mr. Williamson.
Trio—Messrs. Lawrence, Parkinson and Williamson.

At the conculsion of the programme Mr. Waterman on behalf of the congregation of the Nelson Baptist church, in an appropriate and interesting speech, recounting the early history of the Baptist cause and work in Nelson bore testimony to the earnest and successful pastorate of Mr. Welch and presented him with a gold watch as a parting gift. The outside case of the watch bore Mr. Welch's monogram while the inside was engraved with the following words: "Presented to Rev. G. R. Welch, by the First Baptist church, Nelson, September 22nd, 1898."

Mr. Welch was taken completely by surprise and in a feeling manner thanked the congregation for their many acts of kindness to him during his pastorate and for the valued present of the evening.

Rev. Mr. Robson followed with an interesting address, in which he expressed his regret at the departure of Mr. Welch from the city. He referred particularly to the kindly and fraternal feeling existing among the churches of the city.

THE COSGROVE COMPANY.

Give a Varied and Delightful Entertainment at the Rink.

The Cosgrove company last night gave their first entertainment in Nelson. The performance was a varied one, and every turn vied with the preceding one for the heartiest praises of the performance.

Space forbids a detailed account of a performance, in which every item deserves special mention. The piece de resistance, so to speak, of the evening was a kinetoscope display, which is a great improvement on anything previously witnessed in Nelson. Among the most taking scenes depicted were representations of Premier Greenway of Manitoba stacking grain, Cissy Sherwood dancing a skirt dance with lime light effects, a fire rescuing scene in New York, a girl's pillow fight, James Neelands (sic) riding a broncho, and some coons stealing chickens and the result.

Miss Ada Cosgrove gave several character songs in costume, and earned a well deserved encore every time. Where all were good, perhaps, a "dude song," and "Just a little girl," were most deserving of mention.

Harry Fay responded to a thoroughly deserved encore for "Harry the waiter," by singing an equally amusing comic song, "Silly Tommy."

The programme was completed by recitations by Miss Mackie and Harry Fay which were also rewarded by encores, banjo duets, and a particularly tuneful trio, played on glasses, while some clever "poses plastiques" by Miss Mackie, illustrating almost every form of human passion, must not be forgotten.

The Cosgrove company perform again tonight and will give an entirely new programme, special features of which will be some scenes from the late war and gipsy dances.

All lovers of a refined and talented representation should not fail to be present.

GREAT SOCIAL EVENT.

The Marriage of Mr. McGivern and Miss Mackintosh.

The marriage of Harold Buchanan McGivern of Ottawa and Miss Alice Maud Mackintosh, daughter of Hon. C. H. Mackintosh was celebrated on Wednesday in Christ church Vancouver by Archdeacon Pentreath. The church was crowded with invited guests and spectators. The wedding was the great social event of the season in Vancouver. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, at which the beauty and fashion of Vancouver and Victoria as well as distinguished men from every part of Canada were present.

Among those present were Lord Ava, son of the Marquis of Dufferin, and Sir Charles H. Tupper, late minister of marine and fisheries.

The wedding presents were magnificent and were sent by friends of the bride and groom from every part of Canada, the United States and England. After the reception the newly married couple left on the afternoon train for their future home in Ottawa.

MINING TRANSFERS.

Where no consideration is named in transfers the nominal sum of $1 is to be understood.

Nelson.

Sept. 16.—
Sahib—W. F. Edgar to Spencer Sanderson, ¼.
Golden Gate, Jenny Lind—D. and F. Beaton to F. L. Mercer.
Macdonald, Leander—A. H. Clements to A. Macdonald, ½, $20.

Sept. 17.—
Iron Band—J. M. Hickey to H. G. Paquin, ½.

Sept. 19.—
Smuggler—S. Marshall to F. Pino, ½, $450.

Sept. 20.—
My Vest—J. B. Thompson to C. R. Dunlop, ½.
Leroi—B. F. Foote to J. W. Quin.
Ore Bi—J. O'Neil to W. Riley, ½.

Sept. 21.—
Sophia, Ella—J. W. Rosseau to Mary G. Ince, ½.
Onyora, Tokola, Ore Bin ½—J. O'Neil to G. E. Read.

NEW LOCATIONS.

Nelson.

Sept. 20.—
Hettie Green—W. Flanigan and Johns O'Neil, 4 mi n of Erie on w side of n fork of Salmon river, formerly Hardwick.
Monitor—Same, same, formerly Spider.

Sept. 21.—
Lookout (fraction)—J. McCreath on Tamarac mt, ½ mi n of Wild Horse ck, adj Ajax on n and Elizabeth on s.
Annie Laurie—F. Hamlin on s side of and 8 mi up Wild Horse ck, adj Mountain Chief on s.
Stella—G. A. Noel, William Marchand, 1 mi w of Lower Arrow lake, on n side about 500 yards from river.
Gretchen—T. G Roy, on Toad mt, 1 mi south of Silver King.
Two Bears—P. H. Pernot, on Boulder ck, 2 mi from mouth and 9 mi s e of Nelson.

Sept. 22.—
Nip and Tuck—L. A. Snyder, on w fork of Qaartz ck, adj Carrie, formerly Montreal.
Portland—Alex Campbell, 2½ mi s of N. & F. S. railway, on n side of Clearwater ck, adj Mackinaw on w.
Number 99—J. R. Stussi, on Bull Dog mt, on Dog ck.
Jenet—Alex Campbell, 1½ mi s of N. & F. S. railway on s side of Clearwater ck.
Admiral Dewey—M. E. Dreamer on Porcupine ck, adj White House formerly McKinley.

WILD HORSE WAGON ROAD.

A petition is being circulated among the property owners on Wild Horse creek to raise money by subscription for a wagon road to be built up the creek. Those who cannot afford to put in the cash are requested to give from one to two weeks work on the road.

CLOSING THE SALOONS.

Returning Officer John A. Turner informed a Miner reporter yesterday that the authorities had not as yet decided whether or no the saloons are to be closed on September 29, the date of the voting on the prohibition plebiscite.

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Allan Line—Numidian.....Oct. 1

From New York

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White Star Line—Britannic.....Oct. 5
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Cunard Line—Etruria.....Oct. 8
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Allan State Line—Mongolian.....Oct. 7
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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

Pursuant to "Creditors Deeds Act" and Amending Acts.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Thomas W. Gray, of Nelson, British Columbia, mill owner, has, by deed bearing date the 16th day of September, A. D., 1898, assigned all his personal estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution, and all his real estate, to Thomas Martindale Ward, of the said city of Nelson, agent, in trust, for the purpose of paying ratably and proportionately and without preference or priority, the creditors of the said Thomas W. Gray, their just debts,

The said deed was executed by the said Thomas W. Gray, the assignor, and the said Thomas Martindale Ward, the trustee, on the 16th day of September, A. D. 1898, and the said trustee has undertaken the trusts created by the said deed.

All persons having claims against the said Thomas W. Gray are required on or before the 6th day of October, A. D. 1898, to deliver to the said trustee full particulars of the same, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, together with the particulars of the security, if any, held by them, and all persons indebted to the said Thomas W. Gray, are required to pay the amounts due by them to the said trustee forthwith.

And notice is hereby given that after the said 6th day of October, A. D. 1898, the trustee will proceed to distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

A meeting of the creditors of the said Thomas Gray will be held at the office of Ward Bros. on Baker street, Nelson, B. C., on Thursday, the 6th day of October, A. D. 1898, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

ELLIOT & LENNIE,
Solicitors for the Trustee.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 16th day of September, A. D., 1898.

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NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an extraordinary meeting of the Shareholders of the "Exchequer Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability," will be held at its head office, on Baker street, in the city of Nelson, B.C., on the 26th day of September, A. D., 1898 at the hour of eight o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of

(1) Considering propositions for the working and further developement of the mines.
(2) Ratifying a certain agreement of the 6th September, A. D., 1898.
(3) Appointing Trustees and Officers for the said Company and to transact such further and other business as may come before the said meeting.

Dated this 10th day of September, A. D., 1898.

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[Special Correspondence to The Miner.]

Sandon, Sept. 20.—Sandon is situated in a narrow gulch near the head of Carpenter creek, in the Slocan mining division. The town owes its existence to the development of the Reco mine by Mr. J. M. Harris, who also was the original owner of the townsite. Sandon is an example of what enterprise and energy can accomplish in building a town where to all appearances nature never intended a townsite to be located. On either side of the gulch are towering mountains, with unbounded mineral wealth, while down below is a busy, progressive little city. The main street of the town is so narrow that when the space for the sidewalks is taken off the sides there is scarcely room for vehicles to pass each other. Along this street, however, are well built business houses and several first class hotels.

The town was incorporated in 1897, and has all the conveniences of a modern city. A system of waterwork furnishes the citizens with an excellent water supply.

A separate system of waterworks has been installed for fire protection purposes. Along the narrow street the pipes for the two systems run parallel and a third pipe is now being laid to supply the buildings along the street with steam heating, the steam for which is generated from a large boiler. The town has also an excellent electric light system and telephone service. These conveniences are largely due to the enterprise of Mr. Harris who, besides being the founder of the town, has always taken a deep interest in every question affecting the progress of the city.

Two railways, the C. P. R. from Nakusp and the narrow guage Kaslo & Slocan railway from Kaslo connect Sandon with the outside world. Both these railways have had considerable difficulty in securing an entrance into the town but engineering science and skill finally triumphed and overcame the barrier placed in its way by nature.

The mines in the vicinity of Sandon are perhaps the richest in the Slocan, at any rate the dividends paid by them far exceed the combined dividends of all the other mines in the Kootenay. The most famous of these are the Payne, Slocan Star, Reco, Idaho, Rambler-Cariboo, Goodenough, Last Chance and others.

The last report of the provincial minister of mines for the year ending December 31, 1897, gives the following as the amount paid in dividends by these mines, although the actual amount paid cannot be stated as some of the mines never make their profits public: Payne, $1,800,000 of which $960,000 were paid in 1897; Slocan Star, $400,000; Reco, $287,000; Idaho, $220,000; Rambler-Cariboo, $40,000; Last Chance, $40,000. These dividends will, however, be found to be largely increased when the next report of the department of mines is issued, as all the properties mentioned have been large shippers during the past year.

In the autumn of 1896 and the winter of 1897, the silver mines of the Slocan attracted unusual attention, as the great money making possibilities of very high grade silver-lead veins became apparent. A real boom was inaugurated, and the town of Sandon which the previous year consisted of a few log shacks, built up rapidly as many people crowded in. In July the sudden drop in the price of silver checked speculation and the town suffered for a time from the temporary depression. The mines in the vicinity, however, continued to increase their output and despite the fact that gold is the favorite and silver has fewer friends, several of the larger and developed properties have passed under the control of British capital, the fact being realized that this high grade Slocan silver-lead ore is exceedingly profitable and yields handsome dividends even at the present price of the white metal. In 1895 the total output of the mines of the Slocan was 9514 tons, valued at $1,045,600; in 1897, the output had increased to 33,576 tons valued at $3,280,686. The average value of the ore shipped during the three years was $103.60 per ton. Most of the ore is shipped to American smelters, the freight and treatment running from $20.50 to $22 per ton. Silver is paid for at the New York price at the time of settlement for 95 per cent of assay value, and lead also up to 90 per cent of assay value. The duty is one and a half cents on every pound of lead in the ore as exported to the United States although the smelter only pays the miner for 90 per cent. The ore is shipped in bond to the smelter where the smelter men pay the duty to the United States government deducting it in their settlement with the mine owner. The province also levies a tax of one per cent on the value of the ore after deducting freight and treatment charges. Taking the average ore for 1897, the freight and treatment charges per ton were $22, the duty on the lead contained therein $15.25, government tax .75, making a total of $38. This deducted from the average value of $97.70, leaves a net porfit of about $50 on average Slocan ore.

The town of Sandon being situated right in the heart of the richest part of the Slocan district, at least so far as development work has proved, naturally reaps the larger share of the profits from the mineral development of the country. In its immediate vicinity are nearly all the mines mentioned above, and it is estimated that in the mining district tributary to it, there are at the present time over 1000 men working in the mines. Besides this a large amount of work is being done on claims which have not as yet developed into shipping mines. The wages paid are from $3.50 to $4 per day. This large pay roll combined with the profits of the mines, cannot fail to maintain Sandon as a busy and prosperous mining centre.

SOME OF THE MINES.

The largest dividend payer in the Slocan is the Payne situated high up on the mountain side, about 1½ miles from Sandon. Towards the end of 1896 the half interest in the Payne and adjoining claims was purchased for $87,000 by the owners of the other half interest and since then this mine the first located in the Slocan has taken first place as a shipper and dividend payer. The mine is connected with the C. P. R. by an aerial tramway and with the K. & S. railway by a surface tram, the latter being probably the longest three rail gravity tramway in the world. It is 6000 feet long, with a vertical drop of 2500 feet; steel cable ⅝ inch; load per car five tons; average time of descent eight minutes. At the present time 125 men are employed at the mine and 60 tons of ore are being shipped daily. The average smelter returns give a value of 105 ounces of silver and 55 per cent lead per ton.

The Slocan Star another large dividend payer, is situated a few thousand yards from Sandon. At present 102 men are employed and regular shipments of 20 tons of concentrates are being made daily. An aerial tramway connects the mine with the mill and the whole process of mining and treating the ores is carried on by the best approved modern methods.

In close proximity to the Slocan Star is the Ruth, one of the largest and most constant shippers in the Slocan. Fifty-five men are employed and one car of high grade ore is shipped daily to the sampling works at Kaslo. Both the Ruth and the Slocan Star have air compressors.

The Reco, the dividends from which up to January 1, 1898, were $287,000 since which date another dividend of $50,000 has been paid is owned principally by J. M. Harris. At present only a few men are employed, but development work has been vigorously prosecuted during the summer and on the return of J. M. Harris, it is expected that regular shipments and more active operations will be resumed. The mine is said to look better than ever and large bodies of high grade ore have been blocked out.

At the Noble Five, 30 men are employed and the owners are trying to recover themselves from the financial difficulties into which the large expenditure for the construction of the tramway and the mill plunged the mine. The mine is looking well.

The Last Chance recently shipped 500 tons of ore over the Noble Five tramway, but the company are building a tramway from the mine to Cody siding. About 40 men are employed and a four foot seam of rich ore has recently been struck

The Sovereign employs 25 men and is shipping on an average one car of high grade ore per week.

The Idaho employs 90 men at the mine and the concentrator and is shipping an average of one car per day.

[Will be continued in tomorrow's issue.]

AT THE COURT HOUSE.

Several Summonses Disposed of Affecting Pending Cases.

The time of the court was occupied yesterday with the hearing of several chamber summonses. The first of these to be dealt with was in the case of Schomberg vs. Holden.

In this case W. A. Macdonald, made an application on the part of the defendants to strike out certain paragraphs of the statement of claim on the ground that they were embarrassing. John Elliot appeared for the plaintiff.

A long and exceedingly technical argument ensued, which lasted for about an hour and a half. Eventually Mr. Justice Irving made an order directing that one paragraph be struck out.

In the case of Gillis vs. Perkins, J. H. Bowes made application that the action be dismissed for want of prosecution, W. A. Macdonald, Q. C., appearing for the plaintiff. After argument it was decided to adjourn the case.

In Evans vs. Wiliams, R. S. Lennie for the plaintiff moved for leave to examine the plaintiff on his own behalf at Vancouver. W. F. Brougham appeared for the defendent. The application was dismissed with costs.

In Rogers vs. Finell, J. H. Bowes moved on behalf of the defendants to set aside judgment. John Elliot appeared for the plaintiff. After hearing counsel on both sides, his lordship granted an order on terms setting aside the judgment.

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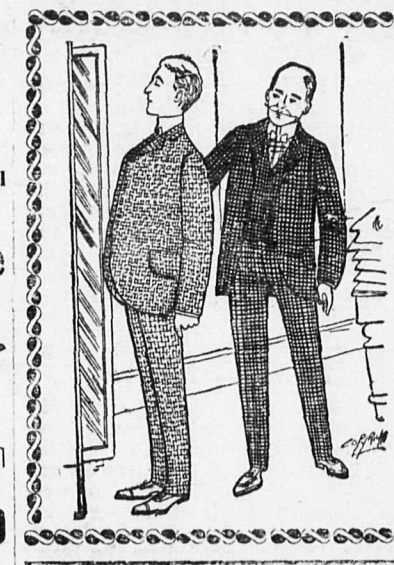

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