



From the Lake Towns

W. C. Lawrence is working at the Payne.

C. A. Lett is spending his vacation at the coast.

Legal linen-lined envelopes are for sale at this office.

Captain McKinnon is the new man at the wheel on the Slocan.

BORN—In Slocan, on June 24 the wife of Peter Swan of a son.

A prospector from Spokane is looking for gold at the head of the lake.

W. C. E. Koch has the contract for building the flume at the Alice mill, Creston.

The tug "Sandon" took down a boom of logs from the head of the lake on Tuesday.

W. J. Twiss came into camp last week with his usual hustle and captured several orders.

Harry Strickland has left Hobes' store and his place has been taken by C. Vallance.

Hot weather has been the order of the week. The thermometer registered 96 in the shade on Sunday.

Land seekers should take a look at Slocan lake. No place in America is more desirable in which to build a home.

A bear is haunting the lower levels of Goat mountain. He is probably looking for a shoot of berries, or Jack Wewely.

Nobody can accuse Stege of being a dry land sailor. He was kept busily engaged taking parties in his launch all last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook, from the Okanagan, have taken Geo. Thompson's house, and intend stopping here for the summer.

The Methodist Sunday School had a picnic in Union Bay last Saturday, mainly to collect wood for the winter heating of the church.

Dan and Alex MacPherson and John Wewely are working on the Big Bear group of claims on Springer creek, in which they have an interest.

Nat Darling hailed us last week. He was riding on a cloud to Three Forks in order to make time so that he could see the fun in Nelson.

An Ice cream Social beginning at 4 p. m. will be given on Tuesday, the 12th inst., on Mrs. Bolander's Lawn, by the Church of England Ladies' Guild.

A number of people took advantage of the cheap rate to attend the two day celebration at Nelson. They returned in the small hours of Sunday morning.

T. J. Lendrum will spend the year attending to his interests in this province. He states that at the present time it is almost impossible to procure money in England for mining investments.

China men visited New Denver on Dominion Day, but left the next morning. He had heard this town spoken of as an earthly paradise, and took it to be part of the Celestial Empire, but was sadly mistaken.

C. J. Campbell staked a water-right near the Mollie Hughes last week. The water here is of first-rate quality and runs all the year round and is sufficient to supply the entire townsite. If the proposition is carried through it will be the best thing ever done for the town.

A meeting of merchants of the Slocan was held in Sandon last week to protect against the new C. P. R. rates. New Denver was represented by T. H. Moken, who explained how the new schedule affected this point. He is also a member of the committee which will collect evidence to lay before the Railway Commission.

Always have a bottle of Sandon beer in your pocket when you go fishing. Write to the New York Brewery and get a case.

NEW DENVER SCHOOLS.

The annual meeting was held at the Primary school room on Saturday the 25th June when A. E. Taylor was elected as trustee for the ensuing term. W. G. Brown and C. D. McRae were appointed auditors and reported all items paid as correct. The trustee's statement showed that incidental expenses for the school year ending June 30th, amounted to \$147, as follows:

Accounts left over from previous year.....	17.70
Janitors for two schools, up to Feb 28.....	26.00
Wood and coal for both schools.....	58.30
Painting blackboard etc.....	6.00
Scrubbing and cleaning two schoolrooms.....	5.50
Sundries—ads, stationery, etc.....	9.55
Scavenger work—Primary school.....	24.00
Total.....	\$147.65
Received government allowance.....	100.00
Balance unpaid.....	\$47.65

Since February the work of sweeping and lighting fires has been done by the pupils.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Senior School—Norman Morrison, teacher.

No. of days school open.....	205
No. of pupils on roll.....	27
Boys.....	13
Girls.....	14
Average age (years).....	12.42

During the year 2 pupils came in from Sandon, 3 went to Vernon and one to work.

Junior School—Grace E. Wilson, Teacher.

No. of days schools open.....	213
No. of pupils on roll.....	26
Boys.....	11
Girls.....	15
Average age.....	7.28

During the year 4 were promoted, 2 went to Vernon, 2 to Fire Valley and 1 to Nelson.

SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE.

According to the good old creed there is a sunny and a shadowy side on the road of life. Those who are led, and follow the shady side are continually rubbing shoulders with such company as Worry, Vanity, Jealousy and Selfishness. It gets you in a way of thinking that all the affairs of the world are wrong except in so far as congenial with your personal will. But on the sunny side what a difference. It is so much easier to have a smile on your face and a song on your lips where warmth and sunshine is than where it is cold and dreary. Cheerfulness, Hope, Comfort, Happiness, Faith, and congeniality with your fellow sojourners all flourish grandly under the open blue sky. And, too, it is a jolly crew that marches along with you. Mirth, Pleasure, Health, Social Friendship and Love, good fellows all, who help tremendously to halve the burden and to double the blessings of this important effort we call life.

'Twas a happy thought and joyous inspiration that prompted the people of Sandon, New Denver and Silverton to formulate an Entertainment to bring about in pleasant union the children of the lake and mountain towns to mingle together in innocent joy and glee at the beautiful cove and grove at Union Bay.

It must have been most gratifying to the parents to witness their little tots gleefully sporting with each other in joyous congeniality, and to feel that those dear children on which rest joyous hopes, were being so pleasantly introduced to the sunny side of life, on which may they remain to the end.

The provision made by the good people of New Denver for the comfort and amusement of all was greatly appreciated. The number of row boats that were constantly floating upon the bay, and the kindly act of Mr. Stege in having his launch "Lucerne" busily engaged taking load after load in short excursions, contributed a pleasure to the visitors which will be long remembered.

—An Observer.

THE NELSON CELEBRATION.

The celebration in Nelson on Dominion Day was a success morally and financially. The outside attendance was not very large but the local people were out in force, except in the Calthumpian procession. It was not even as strong as the lemonade at the recreation grounds. There were no accidents and the police did not make a single arrest which speaks well for the mild nature of the boozing sold in the burg. The celebration was different from the old days, but then Nelson to-day is filled with handsome women and beautiful children and they have a refining influence upon the sterner sex that keeps a town from being spoiled with red paint.

NEWS FROM POPLAR.

Some very high-grade ore has recently been taken out of the Carson near Rapid creek, free gold being found in the galena.

On the Silver Glimpse, east of the Lucky Jack, a crosscut has been run 15 feet through a fine body of quartz, carrying good gold values.

John Perkins of Everett, Wash., came in on Wednesday's train and will commence work today on the Lion and Eagle group, Poplar creek. Mr. Perkins has been working on some claims near Nelson for the past two months with very satisfactory results.

The Copper Queen, owned by Anderson & Cochrane, and located about eight miles up Poplar creek, is one of the big propositions of the district. The lead has been proved by open crosscut to be upwards of seventy feet in width, and has been traced for several thousand feet, Jack Simpson having located on the lead about four thousand feet from the Queen. No assay returns have been received from the samples sent out a few days ago, but it is believed the values will be high in both copper and gold.

Frank Marcus has for sometime been devoting his attention to the schists on the Marcus and Gilbert group, taking samples and panning, and will in a few days send several hundred pounds to Spokane to be tested by the Hendryx process. He thinks that the greater part of the schist on his and the Swede groups will run high enough to be mined and treated at a profit. The rock will run between \$5 and \$10 to the ton, and as there are enormous bodies of it, the cost of mining—or rather quarrying—will amount to more than 50 cents a ton. The rock will, of course, have to be treated in the district, as it is not of sufficiently high grade to pay freight in addition to treatment rates. With almost unlimited water power within a few hundred feet of the ore body, and with every natural advantage for cheap mining and treatment, there is no reason why hundreds of stamps should not within a very short period be crushing rock at profit on Poplar creek. We have larger ore bodies and higher grade than the famous Treadwell in Alaska. The natural advantages are superior to those in the north, and every condition is more favorable for the profitable mining and treatment of the Poplar creek ore. All that is required is the stamp-mill and this should be a profitable investment for capitalists.

Two women will graduate from the Montana School of Mines this year, one of them being a Maryland girl. They expect to pursue the work of mining engineers.

The Standard Oil Co. will increase its tank capacity in Kansas to the extent of 1,000,000 barrels. The company intends to construct a pipe line from Kansas City to Whiting, Ind.

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Sandon News Croppings

Wm and Al Karr have gone to the coast.

Pat Carey opened his hotel at Poplar last week.

Rod Dewar has returned from a trip to the east.

Dr. Gomm holds the fishing record for Sandon.

J. R. Cameron is training his chickens to 100st higher.

James Clarke has gone to Manitoba to look at the wheat.

John Regan is inspecting some properties near Trout Lake.

Wm. Hood is hitting the hammer on the Alice mill at Creston.

H. B. Alexander is attending to his mining ventures in Idaho.

Sandon should lose no time getting ready the celebration for Labor Day.

Dr. Thompson and wife, of Dawson city are visiting relatives in the city.

The Sandon Hardware Co. are getting ready for business. W. W. Fallows will be manager.

Ed McLeod is travelling for his health and quietly boosting the Labor Day celebration.

W. R. Megaw is capturing the trade in Sandon and shipping large quantities of supplies to the mines.

At a meeting of the Slocan merchants last week a committee was appointed to adjust matters with the C. P. R.

The new freight rate on the C. P. R. works a hardship on the New York Brewery but the quality of its beer is better than ever.

Windy Bill was the most prominent figure in the Calthumpian parade at Nelson last week. Red Paddy was unable to attend owing to other engagements.

The miner should not forget the fact that mineral specimens of rare nature, or specimens showing fine crystallization, are much sought for as additions to mineral cabinets. The business of collecting minerals has grown so that there are 20 dealers through the country who are always on the lookout for fine cabinet specimens, and stand ready to purchase at any time specimens showing fine crystallization or rare minerals. Many fine specimens are thrown on the dump, their value not known. The average good-sized crystallized or rare mineral will bring dollars apiece at retail.

Native arsenic is not a rarity, though it is not mined in quantity. The production of arsenic is mainly from the sulphides realgar and orpiment. Native arsenic is a heavy mineral, being about 6 in point of specific gravity. When mined it is tin white in color, but soon tarnishes on the surface to a dull gray, it being very susceptible to light and air. It occurs showing uniform or botryoidal surface. There is little native arsenic found in the United States; a few specimens have been extracted from mines in New Hampshire. It is found chiefly in the silver mines of Saxony, Hungary and other European localities.

The larger mines of the United States employ armies of men. It is estimated that there are 15,000 men employed in the copper mines of northern Michigan. The largest number of men employed by any one mine is that of the Calumet & Hecla Mining company, who give employment to 10,000 men.

The Anaconda Mining company of Butte, Mont., to almost as many, and the Homestake Gold Mining company, of South Dakota, 2,500 men. Some of the Arizona copper mines employ 1,000 men or more, while away up at Douglas Island, in Alaska, the Alaska Treadwell Mining company has 1,500 men on its pay roll.

California's mineral production exceeded \$35,000,000 in 1903, an increase of \$718,124 over 1902.

Stop at The Queen's Hotel in Trout Lake City.

THE SLOCAN MINES

The Frisco was surveyed last week.

The force at the Reco has been increased.

About a car of ore is being packed from the Alberta.

The Last Chance won its suit against the American Bay.

Last week the Enterprise shipped 60 tons and the Ottawa, 66.

Last week the Payne shipped 20 tons; Ivanhoe, 35; Slocan Star, 45.

Jake Kelsen has several inches of ore in the old tunnel on the Argo.

Zinc is the dark horse that will make the Slocan hum with prosperity.

Finn contractors are driving a 7 foot tunnel on the Rambler for \$9.75 a foot.

The Jo Jo shipped 20 tons of silver dry ore to Nelson this morning (Wed.).

The advance in the price of silver is already showing its effect in the Slocan.

Ore is being sorted and sacked at the Club. Tilling and partners have a bonanza.

It looks as though silver would reach the 60 mark. Japan wants plenty of the white metal.

The Chapleau mill is busy cleaning up the ore that has been mined. The mine will be worked by Nelson capitalists.

The Colorado, on Twelve Mile, will soon ship a carload of ore that will average more than 400 ounces to the ton.

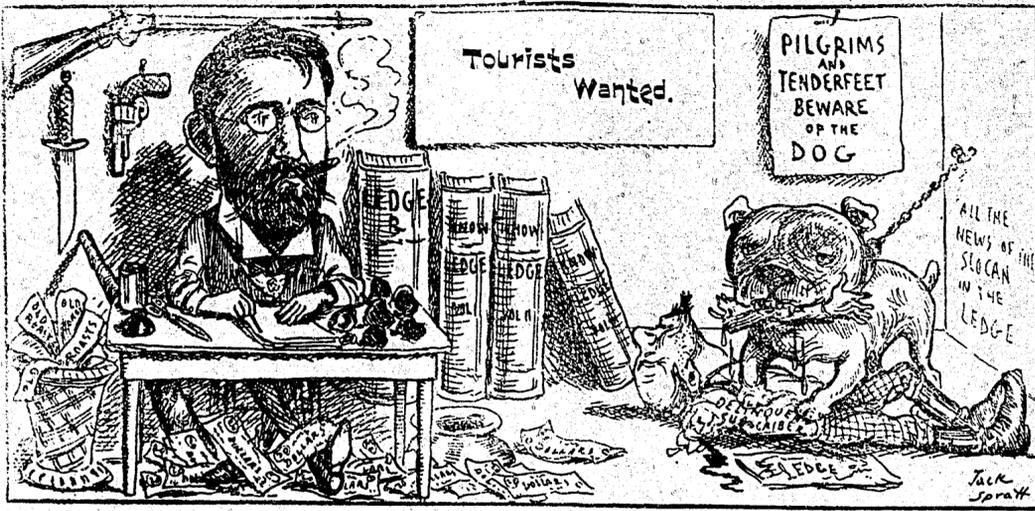
Ore is being packed from the Jo Jo on the north fork of Carpenter. Some of the richest ore in the Slocan is found on this property.

The Edison, adjoining the Neepawa, has been leased to Joe Law, Chas. Barber, and C. B. Taylor. It is owned by Shannon, Jacobson and McGillivray.

Work is progressing at the Mollie Hughes and it will no doubt be a prominent shipper in the future. Some alterations have been made in the ore chute to make it more effective. This mine ships direct into the cars, without sacking, thus making a great saving.

MEXICO TURQUOISE MINE.

The curiosity of Mrs. Victor M. Clement of Salt Lake City resulted in the discovery of the only turquoise mine in Mexico, says the Salt Lake Tribune. The mine is located in the Santa Rosa district of the state of Zacatecas, near the town of Bonanza, and Mrs. Clement is one of the owners. At the time of the turquoise discovery Mrs. Clement was living at Bonanza. Her curiosity was a joke among the people at the silver-lead mine, as she was in the habit of prowling about the dump, picking up pieces of ore and claiming that they were all sorts of wonderful things. One day, about thirteen months ago, she went to the dump as usual and picked up a pretty light-blue stone, which was very hard and shiny. She took it home and compared it with a piece of turquoise she had secured in the States, and immediately decided that her new find was turquoise. She was laughed at, but was so persistent that the specimen was finally sent to Salt Lake to be analyzed. The report came back that it was pure phosphate of a uranium, or turquoise. Turquoise fever broke out at once and other samples were secured and sent in for analysis. The report in each instance was the same. At present the mine is being worked by Mrs. Clement and her husband. The stone is a rich color and are much harder than the Oriental turquoise. Up to this time the Zacatecas stones have not been placed on the market, but a number have been forwarded to Tiffany of New York. Several cutters are employed at the mine and shipments will be commenced within a short time.



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Running water is a poor place for frogs.

Do not get discouraged. The big ore shoot is often just beyond a "horse."

WE NOTICE in the United States that the Yellow Kid of Frisco has Hearst failure.

AT OTTAWA the other day Sir Mackenzie Bowell pressed for a greater supply of silver. We second the motion.

EXCITEMENT sometimes kill, especially old maids. In Ingersoll a lady recently dropped dead at the wedding of her sister.

THE weather of late makes us indifferent to the coal man, but makes us shine up to the ice magnate like a coon taming fat chickens.

THE Okanagan is full of land hunters many of whom are paying fancy prices for fruit farms while the Slocan with its thousands of virgin acres is practically undisturbed.

THE Canadian papers say that Fisher scalped Dundonald. In Highland the natives wonder at such news, as they think all the Indians in Canada are dead since Louis Riel toed out at Regina.

WE WOULD rather be Billy Hearst with his three great papers and his barrels of yellow ink and money than be the president of 16 countries like the United States. This honest and uncalled for opinion may help Willie in the sad hours of defeated ambition.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER is putting the cap-sheaf on his long career. He has organized a trust with billions behind it for the purpose of controlling the mineral output of America. A year ago we heard stated that a trust of this kind was under way, and that it would buy all the leading mines in the Slocan by next August. Time will show how far the rumor was true.

A SCIENTIST in Paris has discovered the microbe of old age. Mike Robe seems to be an awful common fellow, as he is being found in al-

most everything. If scientific research keeps up Mike will be blamed for all that is doing on this earth and it is more than likely that some of his relatives made Sydney Fisher deal the mitt that put Dundonald over the sea.

NAT DARLING says that domestic geese in this province will not eat corn. He won three at a raffle in Port Moody and took them home. He fed them corn but they would not eat it and were slowly starving to death when Nat gave them away to the neighbors. This shows the effect of early education, even upon geese. Think awhile, and you will know that many human beings are just like a goose from Port Moody.

THE Toronto Globe is 60 years old, and has a Presbyterian parson behind its ink barrel. Its editorials are heavy enough for sinkers on a fishing line, but its news service is excellent, and few of the Scotch in Ontario miss it with their daily porridge. It is a bible to them, and they swear by it, as Deacon McQuen used to remark in Petrolia: "Wait till the Glob comes in the morrow night. It will tell a different story."

TORONTO is a dangerous place to live in. Several bakers were recently arrested for making dough on Sunday, and a bunch of chubbers were caught by the police playing a 15 cent limit poker game. If a man was caught playing that kind of a game in the Slocan he would be run out of the camp, without calling in the police. Things that are unimportant to western men are taken seriously in such places as Toronto where the masses are slaves to commerce and creed gods.

IN CANADA we already have too much of the warlike spirit without increasing it by spending millions upon useless forts and an army of non-producers dressed in red. The presence of an army is always a menace to the peace of any country. Canadians should grow wise by watching the folly of other nations. Thousands of them were crazy to fight the Boers to satisfy an innate thirst for blood, and enable the capitalists of England to work the mines of the Rand without black or white labor.

NEW YORK may beat us for business but when it comes to the hot days we certainly have that good city, and Chicago backed over the dump. Here in the Slocan, while Old Sol is making a hell of the east and St. Louis we can look at the snow-topped mountains, and if we had the harps, a slight stretch of the imagination would easily land us against the angel formation in heaven. To live in and around New Denver in any summer time is equal to wearing wings and pushing clouds with the angels.

IN GREECE last year wine was so plentiful in some localities that the owners of vineyards sent criers through the towns to drum up all who wished to drink at their expense. Barrels of it were given away. What a picnic, and the Slocan 7,000 miles away! Still in the Slocan this year water is running to waste for lack of drinkers, and on a showdown as a beverage it gives wine the deck and wins out with the Kuter. Not the stuff in the moss-grown bucket, but the laughing, roaring, rushing water that dashes down the mountain side like a silver flash amid the green.

IN MASSACHUSETTS two boys flagged the engineer and saved the Pittsfield express from plunging into a washout and destroying much property and many lives. There were 300 passengers on the train and they made up a purse of \$50 and gave it to the boys. The purse should have been at least \$50,000, but then the love of the dollar in the cent belt pushes gratitude to one side when force is not a factor. Those eastern dubs valued their lives at a fraction over 16 cents each, and probably most of them are dear at that price. The boys might as well have let the train go in the ditch. The world would have lost little by losing such a cheap crowd.

AN ABSENT-MINDED BRIDE.

An absent-minded young lady, having been duly married, started off on her bridal tour. The party stopped at Nelson. Some time in the night there came a succession of terrified shrieks from the room occupied by the bride and groom, and the clerks, porters and employees generally rushed upstairs only to meet a frantic female figure, clad in white, fleeing in desperate haste from her apartment, crying:

"Oh, there's a man in my room!" The clerk rushed in and found the groom, one boot on and the other in his hand, the picture of amazement. He explained that he had just come up stairs and was in the act of undressing (his wife had previously retired) when she suddenly awoke with a shriek and fled. "What was the matter?" asked the clerk.

"I don't know," said the husband. Just then the bride, enveloped in a huge bedspread procured for her by a chambermaid, came back, looking very red and foolish, and in a half minute she explained the mystery by saying: "Oh, Fred! I forgot I was married, and when I awoke I was so frightened." Chicago Inter Ocean.

HIS PRINCE EDWARD GILL.

When the members of the house naval committee were on a cruise up the Atlantic coast they reached one point where an international dinner was given, and men from Canada and from this country vied with each other in saying things that would promote good fellowship and comity between two peoples living under different flags. Representative Capron of Rhode Island, who was not of the naval committee, however, was there and finally was called upon for a speech.

"I can't say what all these gentlemen have said who preceded me," he began. "I have not had much to do in the work of binding two countries together, but I have a deep feeling of gratitude toward Canadians, and especially those of the islands. Many years ago there came to my home a girl from Prince Edward Island, and she has ever since remained there to brighten it." The applause which greeted this bit of sentiment shook the rafters. Capron had outstripped all others. Some time afterward this episode was retold and among those present was a man well acquainted with Capron and his family.

"Why, Capron," he said, "your wife wasn't from Prince Edward Island." "I know it," replied Capron meekly. "Our cook came from that place."—Washington Post.

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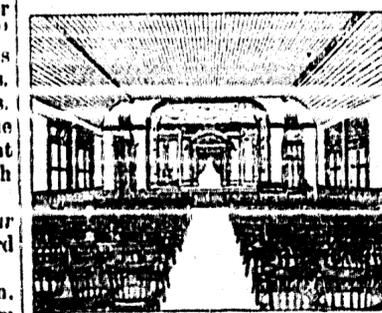
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The Siberian Railroad

THERE can be no doubt that the credit for being the most wonderful railway in the world fairly belongs to the great transiberian line, which carries passengers from central Russia to Vladivostok and Port Arthur on the Chinese coast of the Pacific, says the Waverley Magazine. It is 5,450 miles from Moscow to Port Arthur and the train accomplishes the journey in 14 days, so that a person may now travel from England to Japan by this route in less than three weeks.

As everybody knows, this line is a very important feature of the situation in the war going on between Russia and Japan, and, indeed, without it Russia would find it next to impossible to conduct a war against her enemy. For the time being it is used for nothing but carrying troops and munitions of war, and the mail service which began only a few months ago has been temporarily stopped.

This line of 5450 miles has cost the Russian government over 100,000,000 pounds to build. No fewer than 76,000 men were employed in constructing the chief section of 3,742 miles across Siberia. In making the bridges and carrying out various other works as many as 104,889 tons of cement were used, and 9,000,000 sleepers and baulks of timber were employed in laying the rails and in erecting the houses and station buildings. To provide all this wood more than 100,000 acres of forests had to be cut down. There were 800,000 cubic fathoms of sand as ballast.

The total weight of the rails used in the whole length of the line has been 1,235,936,000 pounds. Such an enormous figure can convey very little meaning to the mind of the ordinary person. Reckoning the weight of the average inhabitant of a big town, men, women and children, at 7 stone 2 pounds—a very liberal allowance—these railway metals weigh three times as much as the whole population of London. At one place the railway comes to a stop at a big lake (Lake Baikal), which is 3,000 feet deep.

In the summer the passengers are ferried across and join a new train at the other side. In the winter, when the lake is frozen, they are taken across in icebreaking steamers; but just at present the lines are laid along the ice so that the train may draw straight across

—the only train in the world that can travel with passengers over a frozen lake. Strange to say, in the whole of the enormous length of this railway there is but one tunnel.

Scores of thousands of persons of different nationalities were employed in building the line, and the Russian government, being unable to get sufficient labor through the ordinary channels, employed convicts upon it, one workman in every five being a criminal. Some of these convicts—about one in every 20—are still employed in different capacities, and many people have come to the conclusion, in consequence, that the line is not safe for travelling upon; but only those convicts who have served their time and satisfied the authorities as to good behavior for the future are so engaged.

A really good and up to date terminus being required for the line, the Russian government built the town of Dalny specially for it. There used to be nothing where Dalny is now, and the town was built and equipped with public institutions, parks and places of amusement before anybody was allowed to inhabit it.

When there is no war four trains start every week from Moscow for Port Arthur and Dalny, two of them being run by the Russian government and two by a private company. The first class fare for the whole journey in a sleeping compartment is 26 pounds, and 18 pounds second class. Food is extra and for the fortnight's travelling costs about 7 pounds. There are no smoking rooms and libraries on the trains, and there are usually about 75 passengers in each train load. Most things are cheap on the train, except baths, which cost 4s 3d a time. There are three berths to every first class apartment, and four to every second.

There is always a certain amount of danger of the trains being attacked by the Chinese, and therefore special precautions are taken as on no other railway. The whole line through Manchuria is guarded by many thousands of troops, and there are companies of armed men at every station. Besides this the train for the last portion of the journey is protected by bullet proof armor plates, which reach as high as the carriage windows, and a small body of soldiers is carried.

putrid neck stretched by American justice. There was always a doubt of Mrs. Maybrick's guilt. There is now not a doubt of her innocence. Lord Russell, England's Lord Chief Justice, was convinced of the woman's innocence, and wrote so after her conviction. The judge whose charge to the jury condemned her was a second Jeffrey, and went insane after the trial; the judicial beast was probably insane with Ameri-cophobia when he delivered his spew to his select British jury.

The prisoners efforts at procuring a pardon were systematically checkmated by methods that would shame a eunuch of the torture chambers of old Rome. At one time when things looked fair for a consideration of her case by the Home Secretary, some officious undertrapper of the prison caused it to be reported to the queen that Mrs. Maybrick's chastity while in prison was of paste diamond purity, and John Brown's relict, despite her gray hairs, was thrilled by a virtuous spasm, and stopped all proceedings to the prisoner's relief. I believe the Guelph drab had much to do with the prolonged punishment of an innocent woman, for which may she be anathema forever and ever wherever she may be—and for other things. I don't know whether Mrs. Maybrick will ever find her children or not, but I believe that she will, and that the Almighty will put the light of recognition in the hearts and souls of both mother and children, so that they shall know each other from afar, and so knowing one another, shall forget in their joy all travail put upon them by a savage past.

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Very Hot Shot!!

SOME American writers seem to swallow a dictionary every time they reach out for anything English. W. G. Stauble, writing in Windle's Gatling Gun hurls deep thunder at Teddy and Eddie and other things in such a cayenne fashion that we reprint below most of his hot tamale for the purpose of showing how far some Yanks can go without "bustin' their biler."

At the present time of writing autocratic Russia is getting hers in the shape of many a good trouncing, both by land and by sea. Christian Russia—that's what her apologists call her, in contradistinction to heathen Japan—is being handily checked in her progress of pillage and absorption by the latter, for which glory be!!! "Holy" Russia the dominion of greed, cruelty, and superstition, the home of the knout, the cradle of slavery, the God blessed country and government which maintains an annexe of hell (Siberia) into which to drive its "political offenders," the mother of myriads of unwashed animals whose ignorance and bigotry induce them to rip up women and batter babes for religion's sake (Kishineff), the empire ruled over by an autocrat whose picked troops (Cossacks) represent barbarism pure and undiluted, whose acts make those of the Turkish Bashibazouks seem as gentle charity in comparison; this large and constantly growing ulcer on the geographical and political world is going to be confined at last, and little yeller "heathen" Japan is going to apply the first caustic to the gangrenous growth that has been applied since France and England handled the remedy in Crimea. Holy Russia. Oh, hellakyy!!!

It seems, from recent newspaper accounts, that Holy Russia has found a staunch ally in Alice Roosevelt, the daughter of the American President. This lady was an enthusiastic worker at a late pro-Russian bazaar held in Washington. Of course, why not? Anything pertaining to autocracy will always have the hearty good will and support of the accidents now performing in the White House. From the spoliation of that historic mansion, to the jamming of crumby sugar down the throats of Southerners, the whole range of the broncho buster and bull skinner has been filled with acts of official despotism that make the husky American ashamed, when he remembers the atrocities upon which his government was founded. The civilized world has now two sure enough czars, Nicholas II. of Holy Russia and Theodore-ovitch I. of the United States of America.

Speaking of aggressive gluttony, spoliation, rapine, plunder and damascality, it will not be easy to overlook

England's latest play in Tibet. A British column has invaded the country for the very potent reason that Britain wants it and wants it quick. The exclusiveness of the Tibetans saws no liquid air with Eddie Wetton's government, and the bloody Briton is forcing his way into Tibet over the corpses of hundreds of unarmed, protesting natives.

The British lion is a forceful animal when it is opposed to naked niggers whose acres it wants, and comes out of the fray with dripping chops and a straight tail, but when it's honing for spoil takes it into the white man's country it generally returns with pale gills and a neatly negotiated knot or two in its caudal annex.

The "victory" over the Boers showed as a splendid example of British gallantry when England's soldiers were opposed to white-skinned enemies. It took the beetenters many months, with many thousands both of men and money, to reduce a few dozen undisciplined, unorganized Dutch farmers to a state of subjection. And when it was over and a brave republic wiped off the earth, then came the paeans of praise for Tommy Atkins from such rotten Tories as Kipling, the "sawed off" English stallion, whose tuneful whinny and musical nicker is heard to the best advantage when his murderous mother, H'Old H'England, has committed a successful assault upon some helpless state. It's up to rancid Ruddyard at this time to whinny some more nickers, for a nest of naked, defenceless, semi-savage humans is being annihilated for the sake of gain, by the filthy political drab he owns as his mother country.

Here's some more richness connected with that "right little, tight little island" on the European map, marked England: In 1889 Florence Maybrick, an American woman, was convicted by a British jury of poisoning her arsenic-eating husband and sentenced to death; the sentence was subsequently changed to life imprisonment and the woman duly incarcerated. After fifteen years' confinement she has at last been freed—under conditions. One of them is that she must not meet or know her two children, who have since her conviction grown to manhood and womanhood!!! How is that for diabolical humanity? How

does that proposition shine as one of chilly cruelty? It is luminous, I think. Could it obtain in any country on earth, pagan or Christian, civilized or savage, outside of the ratty island and economy which produced it? Mrs Maybrick's conviction was secured as a retaliatory measure for the hanging by an American court of the filthy little English sodomite Maxwell, who killed his roommate, Preller, in a St. Louis hotel, and placed the body in a trunk. Maxwell was caught in New South Wales, returned, and, after confessing, had his

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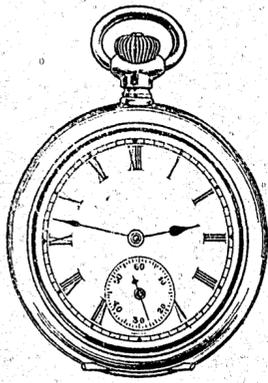
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First cotton raised in the United States was in Virginia, in 1621; first exported, 1747

First sugar-cane cultivated in the United States, near New Orleans, 1751; first sugar-mill, 1758.

The largest university is Oxford, in England. It consists of twenty-one colleges and five halls.

First telegraph in operation in America was between Washington and Baltimore, May 27, 1844.

The first illumination with gas was in Cornwall, England, 1792; in the United States, at Boston, 1822.

Printing was known in China in the 6th century; introduced into England about 1474.

Glass mirrors first made by Venetians in the 13th century. Polished metal was used before that time.

The great wall of China, built 200 B.C., is 1,250 miles in length, 20 feet high, and 25 feet thick at the base.

Meerschaum means "froth of the sea." It is white and soft when dug from the earth, but soon hardens.

London is the largest city in the world, containing a population of 4,536,034 persons, not including suburbs.

HOW THE CHARMED A GRIZZLY.

"The most interesting story I ever heard came from the lips of old 'Buckskin Charley,' chief of the Southern Utes," said J. P. Altberger of Philadelphia.

"As told by a white man the narrative is tame, indeed, lacking the dramatic action and eloquence of the red warrior. It was about a meeting with a big grizzly bear in the mountains of Colorado. Charley was out looking for deer. He was equipped with an old fashioned, single barrel, muzzle-loading rifle, which put him at a terrible disadvantage, when he was suddenly confronted by one of the biggest specimens of the grizzly he ever saw.

"I jumped behind big tree very quick," he said, "and Mr. Bear came close, rearing up on his hind legs. I was scared to shoot, only having one barrel. Then I commenced to talk. I said: 'Mr. Bear, I am your friend. I come out after deer. I hope you go away and so I kill deer and leave big piece of meat for you.' Then the bear seemed to get friendly and he dropped on his legs to the ground, much as to say he'd like a piece of deer, and then he run off into the mountains."—Washington Post.

ESSAY ON B.C. POLITICS.

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The wrong side is never the safe side; therefore, the inside of a jail must be the right side.

When a man sits down suddenly, unexpectedly and severely he realizes what a hard world this is.

When a girl tells a young man she dreamed about him it's up to him either to propose or to take to the tall timber.

It isn't quite so bad if rheumatism attacks a man after he has lost his hearing; then he doesn't have to listen to everybody's cure for it.

There's no occasion for a man who courts a widow to lose any sleep. If he isn't her choice he'll soon know it, and if he is he can't lose her.

IS AUSTRALIA DECAYING?

The reports which come from Australia indicate that the population is not growing at a satisfactory rate, says the Louisville Courier-Journal. The birth rate continues to decline, while the mortality among infants goes on increasing. Meanwhile, the emigration from the island exceeds the immigration. The small immigration is in part due to the efforts of the labor element to prevent the importation of working-men. But while they are having their own in this respect, they do not seem able to make conditions sufficiently pleasant to keep the population which they already have. There is a tide of emigration from New South Wales, which in six months exceeded 16,000, considerably more than the number of immigrants. These emigrants go to Canada, the United States, and even to Great Britain, and their places are not supplied. Australia has an area more than sufficient for the population of the whole of Europe. Yet it has but 8,750,000 inhabitants, and at the present rate it will take forty-six and one-half years to double that population, and 112 years to give it a population of 20,000,000. But even for this slow rate of increase the prospect is bad, for the natural increase is at a continually diminishing ratio. It is evident, therefore, if Australia is ever to realize the highest hopes which it has entertained of becoming a great and populous country there must be an essential change in the present policy.

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The fee for each license will be \$100, and all applicants who have not deposited accepted bank cheques to cover that amount are hereby required to do so without further notice.

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"Mining License issued under the Coal Mines Act and Amendments.

"In consideration of one hundred dollars now paid under the said Act, and subject to the provisions thereof, I, W. S. Gore, Deputy Commissioner, acting for the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, license to enter, prospect, search and work for coal and petroleum (but no other metal or mineral) upon, in and under all that piece or parcel of my own land situated in and forming part of Block 4,535, East Kootenay District, and described as follows:—

and not exceeding in the whole six hundred and forty statute acres.

"Owing to the number of applicants for licenses to prospect for coal and petroleum, and the peculiar circumstances surrounding the application for and issuance of these licenses, and the well-known fact that the issuance has been unavoidably suspended for so many months, the Government of British Columbia finds it impossible to determine the equitable rights of the numerous applicants. Therefore, for the purpose of enabling all persons to go before the proper tribunal for the determination of their respective rights and priorities, this license is issued and accepted, subject to such prior rights of other persons as may exist by law, and the date of this license is not to be taken or held as in any sense determining such priority, and further it shall not be taken or held to waive enquiry by the Courts into the proper performance of all conditions precedent as between adverse claimants; and further, on the understanding that the Government shall not be held responsible for, or in connection with, any conflict which may arise with other claimants of the same ground, and that under no circumstances will license fees be refunded.

"And the holder hereby waives any claim or demand against the Government, and expressly agrees not to take any steps or proceedings, or present any petition, to enforce any alleged claim or demand against the Government of the Province of British Columbia arising out of the issuance of this license or any other matter or thing appertaining thereto.

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Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C., 1904.

R. F. GREEN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C., 6th June, 1904.

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