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## A TOWN QUARANTINE.

(Associated Press.)  
Alaska, W.Va., Feb. 21.—This town is quarantined on account of smallpox by the officials of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway. Quarantine Blackman attempted to break through the quarantine guard last night and was shot down.

## MONTREAL MINING MARKET.

(Associated Press.)  
Montreal, Feb. 21.—Stock Exchange, morning board: War Eagle, 105, 102; Payne, 122, 121; Montreal & London, 20, 20; Republic, 98 1/2, 97; Sales: Payne, 3,000, 500 at 122, 500 at 124; Republic, 500 at 97.

# FOUR VICTORIANS KILLED

And Five Wounded in a Battle Fought at the Modder River on Sunday.

## COMPLETE LIST OF CANADIAN CASUALTIES

News Has Been Received at Windsor Castle That Ladysmith Has Been Relieved—The Report Not Yet Confirmed.

## GEN. HECTOR MACDONALD SEVERELY WOUNDED

Boer Dispatches Tell of Heavy Fighting on Saturday and Sunday—Rumor Current in Berlin That Cronje Has Been Surrounded.

The following are the casualties among Victorians at Modder River on Sunday:

- KILLED.**  
W. I. SCOTT,  
A. MAUNDRELL,  
J. H. SOMERS,  
J. TODD.
- WOUNDED.**  
A. C. BEECH,  
H. J. D. ANDREWS,  
F. FINCH-SMILES,  
R. W. J. LEE MAN.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 21.—The war office declares it is unable to substantiate the reports of the relief of Ladysmith.

Official confirmation is eagerly awaited, especially as Gen. Buller's dispatch yesterday is very generally regarded as foreshadowing the juncture of his and White's forces some time to-day.

Public interest, expectation and anxiety therefore sway uneasily between Ladysmith and Bloemfontein.

The practical relief of the former place is regarded as due more to Field Marshal Lord Roberts's brilliant strategy in drawing off the Boers, than to Buller's numerous assaults, and news of the result of the battle between Gen. Kitchener and Cronje, reinforced by the forces thus drawn off from Ladysmith, is expected to almost synchronize with the announcement that Buller has reached his objective.

The war office announced this afternoon that it had no news from either

forces. There is yet nothing to throw light on the main issues.

Releasing Their Grip.  
Regarding the military condition, the articles of the afternoon newspapers express the keenest satisfaction at the phase of the campaign revealed by the latest news. They draw attention to the fact that whether or not Roberts succeeds in inflicting decisive defeat, he has forced the Boers to release their grip on Ladysmith, Kimberley, Zululand and lower Natal, though admitting that the stage of Mafeking may be made more serious by the arrival of a portion of the Boer force driven off from Kimberley endeavoring to avenge itself on Col. Baden-Powell.

Baffled at Arundel.  
Arundel's dispatches, dated Tuesday, 20th, show that the Boers, in force, made a determined attempt to invest Arundel, but were baffled by the smart manoeuvring of the British mounted troops.

Exploded Mines.  
Further details of the attack made by Col. Plumer's forces on the Boer position defended by a 14-pounder near Crocodile Pools, not far from Gaberones, show that as the British were struggling up the hill in the dark, through a net of barbed wire, they alarmed the Boer watchdogs. The Boers opened fire and the British charged, but the Boers exploded dynamite mines, doing much damage and the British retreated.

Berlin Credits the Report.  
Berlin evidently believes the report that Cronje is surrounded, as large German buying occurred on the stock exchange to-day.

News has so often reached the continental capitals ahead of England that it is possible these reports are true.

Macdonald Severely Wounded.  
London, Feb. 21.—It is reported that Gen. Hector Macdonald, commander of the Highland Brigade, was severely wounded yesterday.

The last news received about Macdonald and the Highlanders was that they were pursuing Cronje.

Later—The war office confirms the report that Gen. Macdonald has been severely wounded.

Cronje Reported Surrounded.  
London, Feb. 21.—A private telegram received here from Berlin this afternoon declares that Cronje is in a bad position.

A dispatch bearing yesterday's Berlin date says it was rumored he was surrounded and that a time had been given him within which to capitulate.

Official Statement.  
London, Feb. 21.—The president of the board of trade, Right Hon. C. A. Ritchie, in behalf of the cabinet, announced in the House of Commons at 7

o'clock this evening, that the government had no news of the relief of Ladysmith.

**NOT CONFIRMED.**  
News of the Relief of Ladysmith Reported to Have Been Received at Windsor.

London, Feb. 21.—At a meeting of the town council of Windsor this morning it was announced that news had reached Windsor Castle that Ladysmith had been relieved.

The announcement was received with great enthusiasm and shouts of "Bravo Buller."

London, Feb. 21.—The rumor of the relief of Ladysmith has again been current on the Berlin and London bourses. Though it is quite possible the report is true, there is no news corroborative of the rumor.

Paris, Feb. 21.—The London correspondent of the Journal des Debats telegraphs that a dispatch has been received at Windsor announcing that Ladysmith had been relieved.

**BATTLE AT MODDER RIVER.**

Canada Contingent Engaged—The Casualties Were 19 Killed and 63 Wounded—Victorians Among the Dead.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—The Globe has the following from Modder River:

"The Canadian contingent participated in Sunday's battle. We fought the Modder after a night march and were engaged the whole day. The casualties were:

Western Men.  
Killed—Scott, Maundrell, Jackson, Somers, Todd.

Wounded—Arnold, Beech, Nehergal, Legman, Dunlop, Andrews, R. Dixon, J. H. Dixon (J.), Smiles, C. Thomson, McKenzie.

London.  
Killed—Longan, Smith, White.

Wounded—Mason (Captain of Toronto), Threves, Sipp, Power, Smith, Tyre-hotte, Paddon, Brough, Green, McLaren, Corley, Day, Wheatcroft, Kingwall.

Missing—Adams, Burns.

Toronto.  
Killed—Findlay, Mantion.

Wounded—Stewart, Usher, Kennedy, Sutton, McGivern, Ward, Vanderwater, McLaughlin.

Ottawa.  
Killed—Lewis, Jackson, Burns.

Wounded—Thompson, Clark, Baird, Macaulay, Bradshaw, Coleman, Gibson, Ritchie.

Montreal.  
Killed—Gondfellow, Lester, Barry, McQueen.

Wounded—Moore, Gorman, P. Thomas, McIven, A. Shaw, Furner, Roberts, McGill.

New Brunswick.  
Killed—Taylor, McCrary.

Wounded—Hunter, Scott, Larnie, Haddock, McLaughlin, Waye, Gifford, J. Johnson.

Halifax.  
Wounded—Reagan, Adams, B. McCann, Robertson.

The following also were captured at Waterfall "Drift": Cobbold, London; Wood, Warn, Ottawa; Padmore, Quebec; Derouenne, Halifax; Walsh, Drakey.

Died at Orange River; Moore, London.

**BRITISH CASUALTIES.**  
Nine Officers Killed and Thirty-Nine Wounded.

London, Feb. 21.—An incomplete list of the recent British casualties given nine officers killed, thirty-nine wounded and one missing.

Dispatch from Roberts.  
London, Feb. 21.—The following dispatch has been received at the war office from Lord Roberts:

Pogadeberg, Feb. 20.—Between Feb. 19th and 18th Major-General Knox was wounded, Major-General Hector Macdonald severely wounded, and Lieutenant N. Smith was killed.

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### Advance to Ladysmith

#### Boers Made but a Slight Resistance at Colenso—British Crossing the Tugela.

#### Burglers Concentrating to Oppose the March of Roberts to Bloemfontein.

London, Feb. 21.—The last news of the day is that Gen. Buller thinks the Boers are about to raise the siege of Ladysmith. They are leaving all the positions held by them on British territory, and are concentrating for the defence of their own.

Gen. Clement reports that the force confronting him has been greatly diminished. Ten thousand men are said to have gone from the Colenso district alone. The Boers are also retreating their steps from Zululand.

Thus they are relaxing their hold on all sides in order to oppose Lord Roberts. He is pressing on steadily towards Bloemfontein. This is shown by his inconspicuous advance from Paardeberg, fifty or sixty miles away. Doubtless he is miles behind the column that is pursuing the Boers.

#### Pursuing the Boers.

and the most important news may be the occupation of Bloemfontein.

Nothing has been heard from the chase of the Cronje force for two days. Owing to the lack of transports, the British are not likely to invade Boer territory except where Lord Roberts is operating. Gen. Buller will have to stop at the Drakensberg mountains. Probably a part of his 40,000 men will ultimately join the legions of Lord Roberts.

If, as Gen. Buller fears, the Boers are retreating from him, then the news on every side is favorable to the British. Nevertheless troops continue to go in. The war office thinks that the call of veterans to join their colors together with the loyalty will bring 45,000 men to the home defence. The agency with which home defence is pressed exhibits some wonder.

The British losses in killed, wounded and captured now aggregate 11,102.

#### OCCUPATION OF COLENSO.

#### Boers Offered But Slight Resistance and Are Retreating.

London, Feb. 20.—Gen. Buller sends the following dispatch: "Blow's Farm, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 4:20 p.m.—The Fusilier brigade yesterday took Hlangwani Hill, the right of the enemy's position, and commanding Colenso, the rest of the force advancing towards the Tugela.

"This morning the enemy had withdrawn all the troops north of the Tugela and practically evacuated Colenso. "Today General Hart occupied Colenso after a very slight resistance by a weak rear guard and we held the line of the Tugela on the south side from Colenso to Beale's Nest.

"The enemy seem to be in full retreat and apparently are only holding the position they occupy across the Colenso-Ladysmith railway, where it is close to the angle of the Tugela, with a weak rear guard.

"Hart's advanced guard is crossing at Colenso.

"Our casualties yesterday and to-day have I hope, been but few."

#### MAGERSFONTEIN RETREAT.

Kelly-Kenny is endeavoring to cut them off from Bloemfontein.

London, Feb. 21.—The Daily Chronicle's correspondent telegraphing on Sunday, describes Gen. Cronje's retreat with the Boers at Magersfontein on learning of Gen. French's success.

At midnight on Thursday, headed by Gen. Cronje, 5,000 Boers, with their heavy guns and six wagons, evacuated Magersfontein. At dawn on Friday the retreating Boer army was seen from the British naval gun station on Klip Drift keeping trekking westward across the British front at a distance of 500 yards. One gun opened upon them, and a force of mounted infantry, crossing the river, made

#### A Dashing Charge.

in the attempt to cut off the head of the enemy's column. But in half an hour their whole force had gained shelter under a line of kopjes.

Meanwhile two of our batteries had coffee no, and with the Oxford Buffs, West Hill and Gloucesters, with our infantry, crossed the Drift, and for three hours were engaged with the enemy. While our batteries shelled his position the mounted infantry kept hard at work. Unable to withstand our galling fire, the enemy retired, disputing every inch of the way, and took up a second position on the kopjes to the eastward. It was a magnificent spectacle to see the Boer army at bay. Their rear guard, 2,000 strong, fought us while the main body trekked further east, and then brought

### The Jameson Raid

#### Proposal to Reopen the Inquiry Rejected by House of Commons.

#### Mr. Chamberlain on the Hawkesley Telegrams—Sir William Harcourt's Reply.

London, Feb. 20.—In the House of Commons, to-day Mr. David Alfred Thomas, Liberal member for Merthyr Tydfil, moved the re-opening of the inquiry into the origin and circumstances of the Jameson raid.

Mr. Thomas said it was in the interests of the nation and the character and the reputation of the House of Commons and Mr. Chamberlain that there should be a full and searching inquiry.

Mr. Samuel Thomas Evans, Liberal member for the middle division of Glamorganshire, seconded the motion.

Mr. Evans said it was a question whether the authors of the raid had sufficient power or influence to prevent a satisfactory inquiry.

Mr. Chamberlain said that there were influences which might be worked to prevent the government from asking for the re-opening of an inquiry.

Ministerial cries of "What inducements?" followed these remarks.

Mr. Chamberlain, amid profound attention, said there was absolutely nothing in what had happened since 1897 which could possibly be raised as a ground for a second inquiry.

He proceeded to review the whole history of the committee and repeated his previous declaration, especially referring to the Hawkesley telegrams.

Mr. Chamberlain ridiculed the grounds advanced for a new inquiry, and said the "precious collection of documents" published by the Independent, which had been offered for sale to various London papers, "would not touch them with tongs," and at last they found "a customer in a friend of the Boers who contrived to transmit them to Mr. Leyds, who paid or promised to pay £100, and they were then sent to the Independent."

There was nothing in these documents from first to last," said the Colonial Secretary, who then dissected most of the documents, pointing out that they afforded no ground for charges against the colonial office. He then said, "If this matter had not been raised as a party of men and personal animosities, no man in the House would have said there was a shadow of ground for such an inquiry. The object of these personal attacks is to prevent me from participating in the Transvaal settlement."

Mr. Chamberlain said that the hon. members opposite did not want an inquiry. "They want an execution," he said. "Let them do their worst; I am perfectly ready. I rest upon the good sense and generosity of the House and country. The attack will recoil upon those who made it."

At one time he felt bitterly against such insinuations, "which those repeating did not dare assert they believed, should be brought against me after 24 years' membership in the House of Commons."

The manner of conducting the business of the committee and the closing of the inquiry, he declared, was "a farce, out as suggested by Sir William Vernon Harcourt, who certainly did not desire to shield anyone in the colonial office. At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Chamberlain was heartily cheered by the Ministerials.

Mr. Chamberlain said: "On the very face of it the former committee's report did not find that there had been a full inquiry, as indeed there had not been. The suspicions against the colonial office were not the work of political adversaries but rather of men who for their own objects sought at anything the way of expediency, forgery and fraud. The authors of these suspicions were the agents of Cecil Rhodes. They sought to assert the complicity of the colonial office to cover their own guilt."

Mr. Jameson told Sir John Willoughby, a man of unquestioned honor, that the government was behind the raid and Dr. Jameson had not denied it.

Mr. Chamberlain—Yes, he has. Sir William Vernon Harcourt—"The insurrection was promoted by the foulest frauds. When the Colonial Secretary, after the raid, asked for an inspection of the telegrams, Harcourt wrote back that this was unnecessary as the Colonial Secretary knew all. Therefore suspicions were set afloat by the agents of Rhodes, but then there was no suggestion that they were covered by the complicity of the colonial office. That is what I want to have shown up, I want the transactions of these men brought to light. Rhodes has deceived everybody. The raid was made by gold and lies."

Mr. Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who defended the committee's proceedings, said he feared the speech of the Colonial Secretary would not tend to lessen public suspicion.

Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, the government leader, stigmatized the motion of Mr. Thomas as "a personal attack on the Colonial Secretary, which will recoil on his own opponents."

The House rejected the motion to reopen the inquiry by a vote of 289 against 152.

### The Battle of Colenso

#### British Soldiers Lured Into a Perfect Zone of Death

#### Graphic Description of the Fight by London Daily Mail's Correspondent.

Chieveley Camp, Dec. 20.

In my last week's letter I referred to the advance from Paardeberg to here, and the position which the move gave the men. It is now my unpleasant duty to record that this happy feeling was short-lived, as on the following day it gave place to dejection and disappointment, our repulse when we endeavored to occupy Colenso being responsible for this rapid change.

The troops started out with the utmost confidence in the judgment of their own strength and in the judgment of their commander, General Buller, had given the mode of attack the serious consideration it deserved, for he was aware that the forces commanded by Lord Methuen and General Gatacre, having been opposed to temporarily suspended operations, the British position looked to him to inflict such a blow on the Dutch forces as would check their growing confidence and weaken them all along the line.

But, though cognizant of the strength and capabilities of the enemy, either made the common mistake of underestimating the numbers and fighting ability of the enemy, or was misled by an incompetent intelligence department.

At any rate, whatever the cause, subsequent events proved that in his mode of attack he attempted an impossible task, one which the utmost bravery of our troops could not accomplish, though the exhibition of that bravery must be added to the long list of heroic performances by British arms in the making of the Empire.

As in previous engagements, the enemy had secured a considerable advantage in regard to position, and during a month's occupancy of the stronghold had made it well-nigh impregnable.

The scene of battle was a semi-circle eight miles long, with the Tugela River dividing it into two parts. North of the river runs a low continuous range of hills, overlooked by a second range. This, in turn, is peeped over by the Umfukwana, from which the Boers bombard Ladysmith. All these hills are exceptionally rocky, and are strewed with rocky cliffs and dongas, with here and there a clump of bushes, and covered with the impenetrable boulders so dear to the heart of the Boer when in combat with Tommy Atkins.

Any one of the numerous ravines would have made it itself a remarkably strong position, and the enemy had at his command fully a dozen of them. To the right Fort Wylie stood out prominently, with on its left the village of Colenso, which nestled between the hills. This fort, which was the centre of the Boer position, which extended fully three miles on either side.

The British position needs but little explanation. Imagine a gentle incline of grassy slopes, about three miles wide, running a similar distance down to a small stream, which was bounded by the river, and you understand the position, which was traversed by our men to a nicety. There was no part of it that could not have been comfortably traversed by a cyclist.

On the top of the incline were stationed some of our heavy guns, and from them a splendid panoramic view was available. At 4 o'clock on the evening morning the camp was active, notice having been given every one on the previous night that an advance was to be made. With the greatest confidence the troops sallied forth to take up their

#### Adopted Positions.

and the brilliant morning was not one whit brighter than the ambition of each and every one to distinguish himself in the way to be dealt for Queen and country.

The plan of attack was as follows: General Hart's Irish Brigade was to advance on the left flank and cross the

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#### GEN. HUTTON'S RESIGNATION.

London, Feb. 20.—In the House of Commons to-day, replying to an inquiry as to the reasons for the resignation of Major-General Hutton, the commander of the Canadian militia, Mr. George Wyndham, the parliamentary secretary for the war office, said that General Hutton had been given employment in South Africa, for which he had long been anxious.

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#### Graphic Description of the Fight by London Daily Mail's Correspondent.

Chieveley Camp, Dec. 20.

In my last week's letter I referred to the advance from Paardeberg to here, and the position which the move gave the men. It is now my unpleasant duty to record that this happy feeling was short-lived, as on the following day it gave place to dejection and disappointment, our repulse when we endeavored to occupy Colenso being responsible for this rapid change.

The troops started out with the utmost confidence in the judgment of their own strength and in the judgment of their commander, General Buller, had given the mode of attack the serious consideration it deserved, for he was aware that the forces commanded by Lord Methuen and General Gatacre, having been opposed to temporarily suspended operations, the British position looked to him to inflict such a blow on the Dutch forces as would check their growing confidence and weaken them all along the line.

But, though cognizant of the strength and capabilities of the enemy, either made the common mistake of underestimating the numbers and fighting ability of the enemy, or was misled by an incompetent intelligence department.

At any rate, whatever the cause, subsequent events proved that in his mode of attack he attempted an impossible task, one which the utmost bravery of our troops could not accomplish, though the exhibition of that bravery must be added to the long list of heroic performances by British arms in the making of the Empire.

As in previous engagements, the enemy had secured a considerable advantage in regard to position, and during a month's occupancy of the stronghold had made it well-nigh impregnable.

The scene of battle was a semi-circle eight miles long, with the Tugela River dividing it into two parts. North of the river runs a low continuous range of hills, overlooked by a second range. This, in turn, is peeped over by the Umfukwana, from which the Boers bombard Ladysmith. All these hills are exceptionally rocky, and are strewed with rocky cliffs and dongas, with here and there a clump of bushes, and covered with the impenetrable boulders so dear to the heart of the Boer when in combat with Tommy Atkins.

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#### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I shall apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their meeting to be held on the 14th day of March, 1900, for a transfer of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors upon the premises known as the Adelphi Saloon, situated on the corner of Yates and Government streets, Victoria, from myself to William Roberts.

Dated this twenty-first day of November, 1899.

HENRY HARRIS.

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Provincial Legislature

Discussion of Technicalities Occupied the House Most of Yesterday's Sitting.

Redistribution Measure Read a First Time and to Be Pressed Forward.

Victoria, Feb. 20, 1900. Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p. m. Prayers by the Rev. Dr. Campbell.

The following petitions were read and ordered to be printed:

By Mr. Macpherson, from I. H. Shrewsbury and others, in favor of the Vancouver City Consolidation Bill.

By Mr. Tisdall, from J. M. Atkins and others, opposing the eight-hour law.

By Mr. Tisdall, from the Vancouver Board of Trade, opposing the eight-hour law.

By Col. Baker, from D. McKensie and others, residents of Fernie, in favor of eight-hour law.

By Mr. Green, from A. E. Teeter and others, residents of Slokan, in favor of Compulsory Arbitration Bill.

Chinese Immigration.

Hon. Mr. Cotton read the following telegram from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which he had received from Ottawa:

"Legislation to amend the existing Chinese Immigration Act in the sense of greater restrictions, will be introduced this session."

Mr. Higgins—Anything about the Japanese in that?

Mr. Jos. Martin—I noticed that in the newspapers three or four days ago (laughter).

Question of Privilege.

Mr. Prentice asked leave, on a question of privilege, to introduce a bill to amend the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act, and explained its object was to cancel the eight-hour law. He did not want to lose a day in putting this forward, and wished the bill read a first time at the House and passed on the same day.

Mr. Higgins—It is not a question of privilege, but a question of order. The House is not sitting on a question of privilege.

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The Premier pointed out that this measure was a revenue bill, it did not propose to impose any taxes, but was simply carrying out the necessary work of redistribution.

Hon. Mr. Henderson took exception to the arguments advanced by Mr. Higgins, and did not think that objections had been made having to do with the resolution.

Mr. Pooley said the bill had been properly introduced on the recommendation of the crown, and he would like to give the Attorney-General credit for knowing what he was talking about, but his contention had placed the government in a very bad position and virtually put the measure out of order if his contention were correct.

Mr. Joseph Martin—it would be very strange if we have a message from the Lieutenant-Governor, see it put into committee of the whole, and hear a motion to read it a first time, and then be told that none of these things had really happened, that they had not been done at all.

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Mr. Eberts—Well, I'll bet you a hundred dollars, you will not stay in to read your argument. He said that if the government attempted to act as it was now acting it could not hold the confidence of the country. All public bills, according to present arrangements, were to be shelved, and none of the matters dealt with during the session in the public interest were to be carried out, because the government had determined to push this gerrymander to a finish.

Mr. Eberts would ask the gentleman opposite who had laughed—a very silly laugh it was, too—if the redistribution bill brought in by the Turner government was not a fair bill.

Mr. Eberts—You know it was a fair bill, Mr. Eberts repeated.

Hon. Mr. Cotton—Now, don't give us a stump speech. (Laughter.)

Mr. Eberts hotly retorted, and was proceeding to argue with the Finance Minister when called to order by the Speaker.

Mr. Eberts—Do you hear those impertinent remarks being made across the floor of the House, Mr. Speaker?

A voice from the government side—Oh sit down. (Laughter.)

Mr. Eberts, with great indignation, and glaring at the Finance Minister—I'll call you down some day, you just see. (Laughter.)

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The Fire Inquiry

Council Last Evening Heard M. Baker's Charges Against the Fire Department

The Proceedings to Be Continued Next Friday—Other Business Transacted.

The City Council met in special session last evening, when the principal business was the inquiry into the charges laid by M. Baker against the workings of the fire department. The complainant's case was in the hands of Mr. J. P. Walls, while City Solicitor Bradburn presided over the city's interests. A large number of the fire department were on hand to give evidence, but they were not called, and owing to the lateness of the hour when the complainant's case was concluded an adjournment was taken until Friday evening.

The first business to engage the attention of the council was the recommendation of the electric light committee, that an electric light be installed on Esquimalt road, a largely signed petition having been received to that effect from the ratepayers in the vicinity. The cost of the light would be in the neighborhood of \$100.

Mr. Eberts, addressing the council, laid the report on the table, pointing out the details of the estimates, and Ald. Kinsman, though willing to have the report laid till then, impressed upon the council the urgency for a light in that quarter.

Ald. Beckwith, while not opposing the adoption of the report, recommended, however, that on these occasions committee members should not be present at the meeting of the various committees, who would deal with the matter. As it now happened, communications were referred to the city engineer, who in his turn reported on them, which necessitated the council considering these matters twice over.

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was only in force for one year, but Ald. Brydon quoted voluminously from the Municipal Revenue By-law of 1894, while Ald. Beckwith held that it would be ridiculous for such a resolution to be acted upon unless it came through the finance committee.

Ald. Stewart could not comprehend what the money was required for, and the mover explained that considerable expense was often incurred in preparing large petitions.

Ald. Stewart favored opening a public subscription to obtain the required amount.

The discussion dragged on at great length, and finally the motion was put and lost.

The Annual Loan By-law was then passed, and Ald. Stewart brought up the question of appropriating \$3,000, in order that should the various committees report favorably, the investigation borings in the harbor preliminary to the Sorby harbor scheme be carried out.

Ald. Stewart suggested that the various committees should get together and go into the matter. He was quite certain that Mr. Sobly was aware of the fact that as a result of the recent conference with several gentlemen, the council were of the opinion that something was seriously wrong in the matter.

Ald. Beckwith did not want the public at large to understand the impression that the council gave their endorsement of the remarks made by the various gentlemen at the recent conference. He could not see that the committees had pulled apart.

Ald. Yates reminded the council that owing to the fact that Mr. Harris's tender for the borings had been accepted, and other arrangements made, he was at a considerable loss per day, as he was led to believe that the work should go on at once.

Ald. Brydon agreed with the preceding speaker, and mentioned that there was a question of a municipal liability on this subject. The Mayor stated, however, that he would call a meeting of the Sorby committee at the earliest opportunity, and the discussion ceased.

The next business was the consideration of the complaints made by M. Baker against the workings of the fire department. Of these there were three, dealing with the alleged unreasonableness of the charges made by the department in arriving at the scene, the defective alarm system, the unwarranted damage to hay by water, and the instructions given by the chief that the department should not leave the hall until he gave them the word.

The first witness, M. Baker, was sworn and attested that he was the owner of the hay stored in the premises. In the large building there were 100 tons of compressed hay, and in the smaller structure about 30 tons of potatoes. In the third barn there was some loose straw. He stated that he was rather late in getting to the fire, and upon arriving met the chief and exclaimed: "What a disaster! My hay must have got here late!" to which the chief replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Baker then said: "If you could have saved the buildings," and the chief replied: "Yes, undoubtedly." The chief had then explained the confusion of the alarm, stating that he had driven over the hay to ascertain if the fire was in that vicinity, and that he gave orders to the department not to move until they heard from him.

Continuing, Mr. Baker stated that he asked the chief not to put so much water in the hay as it would not burn, but the chief refused to do so.

Mr. Baker was proceeding to deal with the price of the hay, when Mr. Bradburn objected on the ground that the inquiry was not instituted to ascertain the amount of damage, but to elucidate the cause of the trouble.

Continuing, Mr. Baker stated that water drenches the hay, and bursts the bands, and the water had not been thrown on the hay in such quantity he would not have lost five tons. He was not insured, but had intended to insure the next day. There was about \$1,500 worth of compressed hay lost in the fire. The brigade continued to play water on the fire all night, and as far as he could see throughout the next day also.

Mr. Bradburn, Mr. Baker said that when he arrived at the fire it was just about under control. He admitted that he asked the chief to throw water on the adjoining building. After he arrived there was not very much burning, and he did not tell the chief to put water on different portions of the building.

He could not say whether any hay had been taken away since the fire. The large building held 250 tons of baled hay, and was 22 feet high, 75 feet in length and 40 feet in width. If the roof had fallen in and burned away, the hay would not have been so damaged.

Mr. Conard, an employee of Mr. Welch, who has charge of Mr. Baker's hauling, gave evidence as to arriving at the fire, going to Mr. Baker's residence and returning to the fire with him, and the latter's conversation with the chief.

Owing to the lateness of the hour it was decided to adjourn until next Friday evening, although the chief wanted to continue, as he had a number of witnesses who could refute Mr. Baker's statements. However, it was otherwise decided, and after carefully inspecting a bale of hay brought to the City Hall entrance by the complainant, the members dispersed.

To double the capacity of a power plant, without increasing the size of the boilers or the consumption of fuel, is a rather startling proposition at the present day. This result, however, is what Professor Rankine, of the Mechanical School of Berlin, believes he can achieve through a device that was tested unsuccessfully some ten years ago, the idea being to run a second engine, driven by sulphurous acid or other liquid of very low boiling point, with the heat of the exhaust steam from the first engine.

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MRS. BRIDGES'S PUPILS' RECITAL. Full Programme of the Forthcoming Concert. The following is the programme of the entertainment and concert in aid of the Boys' Protective Society to be given on Monday, 28th, in A. G. U. W. hall, by Mrs. Bridges's pupils, assisted by Miss Iona Penketh, Lily and Kate Maynard, Leslie McDonald and Brooks: Trio, Piano and Violin—Fairy Queen. Misses Morris, Bridges, and Mr. Brooks. Song—By Dream of You, John Penketh. Violin Duet—I Know a Bank, Lily and Kate Maynard. Piano Solo—Ely and Katie Maynard. Piano Solo—Petite Valse, Lulu McDougall. Song—Fairest Than Morning, Daisy Bridges. Piano Solo—Rose Sans Epines, Mabel Levy. Song and Dance—Throb, Lulu McDougall. Piano Solo—The Storm, Nora Whitfield. Song—When the Stars Look Fondly Down, Addie Morris. Violin Solo—Selections, Mr. Brooks. Accompanist, Miss Alice Bridges. Song—Jovial Peasant, in costume, Lily and Kate Maynard. Miss Besie, Whitfield. Cake Walk—Two Louisiana, Lily and Kate Maynard. Song—Ply Forth O Dove, Lulu McDougall. Recitation—Remember the Maine, Leslie McDonald. Song—Glad of the Earth, Alice Bridges. Piano Duet—Auld Lang Syne, Lily and Kate Maynard. Song—Up With the Flag, Nora Whitfield. Piano Solo—Playing Soldier, Freddy Levy. Violin Solo—Intermezzo Cavalleria



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THEY DID THEIR DUTY. The dread realities of war have come home to us at last. Like that of all true sons of the Empire, the great ambition of our boys was to come in touch with the enemy and prove to the world that the stern, sturdy British spirit exists in the Britons beyond the seas and that the high imperial contentment of danger which is characteristic of the people of the motherland is shared by Britons everywhere.

THE HEAD OF THE MILITIA. The trouble with all commanding officers sent to Canada by the British war office appears to have been that they considered they were a law unto themselves once they set foot in this country. Laid, Middleton, Gascoigne, Herbert and Hutton have all made the same mistake. Each imagined he was the head of the militia department rather than a subordinate and military adviser to the minister, who again was responsible to the people. It is possible there is something wrong with the system, but as the same thing has now occurred under all governments, Liberal and Conservative, we think the general conclusion cannot fall to be that these military gentlemen came to Canada with erroneous notions as to what their status was to be, and that that sort of thing should be guarded against in the future. The contempt of some professional soldiers for those whom they regard as amateurs is proverbial, and this condition of mind has produced some very hard feelings among colonial troops on more than one occasion. The most efficient soldiers are not always those who cut the finest figure on the parade ground, as has been proved more than once, although promptness in executing movements and absolute obedience to instructors are essential at all times. The great objection to General Hutton appears to have been his contempt for and disregard of the feelings and prospects of all who were subordinate to him, of which we had an example in the case of Col. Hughes. Looking at the events of the last few years, we think it will do no harm to give a Canadian officer a trial.

THE REAL TARTE. Toronto Saturday Night. The language of Mr. Tarte, as it reaches the maritime in Ontario, is often of an exasperating kind, and gives the impression that he has a perfect genius for rubbing our fur the wrong way. However, there is a fashion among Mr. Tarte's enemies of attributing to him, not only the words of La Fontaine, for which he is not always responsible, but also the words of many other French-Canadian papers which make indelicate remarks. France which Ontario people meet the real Tarte they are usually surprised at discovering that he has not the exasperating temper and the tread of the eagle which he is always very agreeable and jovial person. After being held up for several months as the renegade foe of the Empire, he comes to the Young Liberals' banquet and proposes a scheme of Imperial Federation, which might well have emanated from the bosom of Dr. Parkin. Mr. Tarte is too swift for his enemies.

EX-CONSUL MACRUM. Advice from Washington show that Mr. Macrum, late consul of the United States at Pretoria, has not only made out his claim that there were good reasons why he should have been allowed to resign his post, but confirm the general opinion of the English-speaking world that he was entirely unfitness for the position. He not only openly sympathized with the Boers, and was therefor unfitness to undertake the duties which his government placed in his hands of looking after the interests of British subjects and superintending the distribution of funds forwarded from the United Kingdom, but he made the statement when he arrived home that the British authorities had tampered with the United States mail. An examination of the records at Washington now reveals the fact that while at Pretoria Mr. Macrum had never officially made a charge of this kind against the postal officials; he had made a protest that private mail of himself and some other American citizens did not reach them punctually, and he therefore protested against such arbitrary proceedings. We are now informed from Washington that the department there investigated the matter and learned that no unnecessary delay existed, and that it does not credit the statement that any correspondence, official or otherwise, was opened, inspected and delayed by the British authorities. So that this effort of Mr. Macrum to discredit the Imperial authorities and justify his actions while in office has simply resulted in his own discomfiture. But further revelations of the ex-consul's methods and impeachment of his veracity resulted from an investigation of his statement that his vice-consul, a gentleman by the name of Van Ameringen, had closed up his business, took the oath of allegiance to the republic and gone in the front to fight with the burghers. The records show that when this gentleman applied for an appointment as vice-consul at Pretoria, he stated that he was born in Holland; that his legal residence was in Pretoria, and that he was a naturalized citizen of the South African Republic. Those who came to the conclusion from the actions of Mr. Macrum while at Pretoria that he was completely under the influence of his mind, stronger than his own, probably those of Kruger and his government, were probably not so far astray.

CRISIS IN THE WAR. The dispatches from the front all indicate that the supreme struggle is now taking place, if indeed it is not over, in the conflict in South Africa. The brain that conceived the masterly strategic plan which deceived all the newspaper experts and put Kruger and his forces to flight, as well as apparently effected the almost bloodless relief of Ladysmith, we may be sure did not leave out of account the possibility of surrounding the entire Boer forces and bringing the war practically to a close with one mighty stroke. Little news has been allowed to come out by the censor for several days, and none escaped that could be of use to the Transvaal leaders when repeated back to them. There have been rumors of all kinds, but all we know for certain is that there has been fighting of a severe kind and that it appears on the whole to have been favorable to the British. It is clear that the enemy have been driven from their entrenchments and an opportunity thus given to our generals to engage them on somewhat even terms. The one point that may cause anxiety at the present time is the possibility of bodies of the British forces in the eagerness of pursuit becoming so isolated from the main army as to allow of the enemy striking them singly and

THAT DEPOSIT. To the Editor:—Mr. W. H. Bone in Sunday morning's Colonial complains that the City Council were lax in their duty in not compelling the promoters of the Victoria to Chilliwack railway project to deposit an amount sufficient to defray the expenses of the by-law, and instancing the treatment meted out to the Port Angeles ferry scheme promoters in this respect. Mr. Bone, I am afraid, is travelling a little "faster than his horses," for he does not know whether in the event of an agreement having been reached between the Angles people and the company of which he complains, all the conditions would have been insisted upon by the council. However, the City Council no doubt can justify their actions without any assistance from me. But I may perhaps be permitted to point out that there is a very wide difference between the two propositions to which Mr. Bone refers. In the first place the Port Angeles ferry scheme was a proposal from a certain number of American gentlemen who are desirous of pushing forward the construction of a line of railway from the city of Port Angeles, in the state of Washington, to connect with the Northern Pacific railway system at the effective point, and subsequently to connect the city of Victoria with such railway by a modern fast steam ferry service. It was advanced that if the ratepayers elected to vote an annual subsidy it would secure the completion of the whole project and give to Victoria better railway facilities. It may be that our city fathers were uncharitable enough to think that the greater benefits in this transaction were on the side of the promoters, and insisted on the deposit to which Mr. Bone refers. The Victoria-Chilliwack proposal is now before the people as a citizens' scheme for their benefit. Started at a meeting of business men on May 17, 1899, who appointed a committee to inquire into the practicability. Committee's report adopted and endorsed by a business men's meeting at the Board of Trade rooms on September 20. Adopted at a public meeting at the City Hall on September 28, and endorsed at meetings held subsequently at Victoria, West, Joaze Bros., hall, and at Spring Ridge. Supported by a petition of Victoria's leading and influential ratepayers representing \$2,700,000 of ratable property. Taking all these important facts into consideration and that it was a Victoria citizens' scheme, it is difficult to see how the City Council could not insist on the deposit being made. The action of the City Council in demanding a deposit against the placing of a by-law is a departure from the custom which has heretofore prevailed—for instance, no such condition was insisted upon when an option was given on the James Bay line. The promoters, who were active in connection with the Victoria-Chilliwack by-law, and to express the hope that a large and decisive vote will be polled. It is admitted on all sides that it will give Victoria an active connection with the transcontinental railway systems now operating on the mainland, and that such railway connection would be beneficial to Victoria. That this can be an accomplished fact depends entirely on the united efforts of our citizens. Let us have a large one. Let us show whether we have any faith in the future of our city.

OUR TURN NOW. Hamilton News. Some United States papers, annoyed by the paper columns are, according to the removal of the duty on pulp wood and pulp, to give them "access to the virgin forests of Canada." May it not turn out that such a measure, if not long delayed, Canada has all along been waiting to play fair, but our neighbors are hardly exacting us to be satisfied to go on forever playing with the cards stacked against us.

CANADA'S DUTY. Montreal Witness. To send men there at our own expense and lacking nothing in a great stride in advance of what we have ever thought of doing before, and we justly congratulate our government upon it, but it still leaves the most of our duty undone, and it leaves Canada still in the humiliating position of a dependent colony, owing under the wing of a small island across the sea, and allowing her fellow subjects there, not better off on the average perhaps than we are, to bear our burdens as well as their own, and even to pay and feed our soldiers. Canada's total appropriation for the war so far is two millions. Canada has a population of over five millions. The United Kingdom, with a population of under forty millions, has assessed itself a hundred and fifty million dollars, eight times our number, bearing seventy-five times our burden.

A FINE CAMPAIGNING GROUND. We have seen a good deal of camp life on the world, and if one excepts a few discomforts, such as the brown color of our drinking water and an occasional flight of locusts, we must admit that the world, with its level space and bracing air, is an almost ideal field for campaigning. And even the storms of dust, rain and locusts are welcome in moderation, for they are features of the country which go to make up a full experience of life. In the month of June, in one week there have been two rainstorms and one flight of locusts. There is certainly no hardship in that; indeed, the rain is most welcome, for it cools the air and helps to lay the dust. From the first stage of the "Boer War," by H. J. Whigham, in the February Scribner's.

THE FRENCH PRESENTS WHO LIVE NEAR THE SWISS FORMS OF THEM HAVE SUFFERED PREVIOUSLY because of the contamination of their wells. To the Editor:—Mr. W. H. Bone in Sunday morning's Colonial complains that the City Council were lax in their duty in not compelling the promoters of the Victoria to Chilliwack railway project to deposit an amount sufficient to defray the expenses of the by-law, and instancing the treatment meted out to the Port Angeles ferry scheme promoters in this respect. Mr. Bone, I am afraid, is travelling a little "faster than his horses," for he does not know whether in the event of an agreement having been reached between the Angles people and the company of which he complains, all the conditions would have been insisted upon by the council. However, the City Council no doubt can justify their actions without any assistance from me. But I may perhaps be permitted to point out that there is a very wide difference between the two propositions to which Mr. Bone refers. In the first place the Port Angeles ferry scheme was a proposal from a certain number of American gentlemen who are desirous of pushing forward the construction of a line of railway from the city of Port Angeles, in the state of Washington, to connect with the Northern Pacific railway system at the effective point, and subsequently to connect the city of Victoria with such railway by a modern fast steam ferry service. It was advanced that if the ratepayers elected to vote an annual subsidy it would secure the completion of the whole project and give to Victoria better railway facilities. It may be that our city fathers were uncharitable enough to think that the greater benefits in this transaction were on the side of the promoters, and insisted on the deposit to which Mr. Bone refers. The Victoria-Chilliwack proposal is now before the people as a citizens' scheme for their benefit. Started at a meeting of business men on May 17, 1899, who appointed a committee to inquire into the practicability. Committee's report adopted and endorsed by a business men's meeting at the Board of Trade rooms on September 20. Adopted at a public meeting at the City Hall on September 28, and endorsed at meetings held subsequently at Victoria, West, Joaze Bros., hall, and at Spring Ridge. Supported by a petition of Victoria's leading and influential ratepayers representing \$2,700,000 of ratable property. Taking all these important facts into consideration and that it was a Victoria citizens' scheme, it is difficult to see how the City Council could not insist on the deposit being made. The action of the City Council in demanding a deposit against the placing of a by-law is a departure from the custom which has heretofore prevailed—for instance, no such condition was insisted upon when an option was given on the James Bay line. The promoters, who were active in connection with the Victoria-Chilliwack by-law, and to express the hope that a large and decisive vote will be polled. It is admitted on all sides that it will give Victoria an active connection with the transcontinental railway systems now operating on the mainland, and that such railway connection would be beneficial to Victoria. That this can be an accomplished fact depends entirely on the united efforts of our citizens. Let us have a large one. Let us show whether we have any faith in the future of our city.

THE ONLY SON. O bitter wind toward the sunset blowing. What of the daisies to-night? In yonder gray old what dross are glowing. What ring of festal light? "In the great window as the day was dwindling. I saw an old man stand; His head was proudly held and his eyes kindling. But the hat shook in his hand." O wind of twilight, was there no word uttered. No sound of joy or woe? "A good night and a good death," he muttered; "Trust him, he would not fall."

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WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 21-5 a.m.—An area of low pressure of considerable energy covers the province, and is extending eastward.

Forecast. For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh southerly and easterly winds, partly fair, with occasional showers.

Lower Mainland—Partly fair, with rains. Report. Victoria—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 44; minimum, 43; wind, 6 miles S. E.; rain, .50; weather, rain.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, .30; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, 54; minimum, 52; wind, 6 miles W.; rain, .18; weather, cloudy.

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At St. Barnabas' church last night the programme published in last night's Times was carried out in the presence of a good audience.

See the Big City Show, A. O. U. W. Hall, to-night.

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The local Trades and Labor Council will hold its regular fortnightly meeting in Sir William Wallace hall to-night. A full attendance of the members is requested.

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Members of the Centennial mock parliament are requested to be on hand at 7:30 o'clock this evening for the election of officers. The debate on the Chinese Exclusion Act will commence sharp at 8 o'clock, the speakers being as follows: For—Messrs. Barraclough, Campbell, Fraser and Powell. Against—Messrs. F. Duvoy, Schofield, Black and Lawson.

Stricken Blind, A. O. U. W. Hall, to-night.

The Dallas hall will this evening be the scene of a jolly gathering upon the occasion of the first dinner of the Eastern Province Old Boys now residing in Victoria. The idea has been enthusiastically taken up by the large colony of Easterners, and the sale of tickets has been very large.

One of the most attractive engagements of the season at the Victoria theatre will be found in the appearance of Blanche Walsh and Melbae MacDowell in a repertoire of Sardou's great plays. Last season's tour by this couple is said to have been the longest but by strictest legitimate company, and at that, one of the most profitable, Miss Walsh has been readily accepted in her impersonations of the characters made famous by Miss Davenport, and as she has youth and beauty on her side, her performances carry a deal of interest with the additional presence of her partner. The bills for the programme here will be "Cleopatra" and "La Tosca." The dates are March 2nd and 3rd.

Miss Lillian L. Armon, musicianist, will give another variety and musical recital, with an entire new programme and Greek positions on March 6th, in Philadelphia Hall.

See "Celia," the Hawaiian Dancer, at Savoy.

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Give your friends Blue Ribbon Tea. Hear Rogers and Adair in song selections at Savoy.

The regular business meeting of the W.C.T.U. will be held to-morrow at the Refuge Home, Cormorant street.

Tree Pruners, Pruning Knives, Hedge Trimmers and Garden Tools cheap for cash, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

Weller Bros. do a large trade with "Northern Points," and can supply goods for stores, hotels, saloons, etc., at the best possible prices.

Out of respect to the memory of the Victoria boys who fell in the engagement on Sunday the committee having in charge the proposed Eastern Province Old Boys' dinner to-night have postponed it for a couple of weeks.

The case of Gin Wing, charged with perjury, was resumed in the police court this morning, and eventually adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Wing Chang Ling was charged on the charge of an infraction of the Sanitary by-law. The case was adjourned until to-morrow morning, owing to the non-appearance of the defendant.

Return of "Lynwood, the Human Knot," at Savoy.

The mail from Dawson is being brought out in good time this winter. The mail by the steamer Anur on her last trip left Dawson on February 1st and was received here thirteen days later. This is the fastest time that has been made. The last three mails received since, most of which came from Skagway on Seattle steamers, were brought out in twenty or twenty-one days each.

There was an exhibition this morning in the city clerk's office a map of Europe, which for originality and significance of arrangement affords a striking example of the unique. The map was published in 1850 by Koch Brothers, London, and each country is ingeniously shaped in the form of its emblematic animal or bird. The map is satirical in its conception, being a take-off on different powers at the time of publication. England and Scotland are arranged in the form of a rampant lion, and mounted by a representation of Britannia holding peace overtures in her hands, while hundreds of ships surround her shores. France takes the form of a hand, while the word panie is generally placed on this portion of the continent; Spain, that of a wild bull; Turkey, that of a turkey; Italy, that of a mad dog, and Russia, a bear. In fact each country is characteristically represented.

To-night McPhee's Big Co., A. O. U. W. Hall.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Strike Still On—Arrival of Sir Hibbert Tupper.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Feb. 21.—There was practically no progress to-day towards a settlement of the longshoremen's strike.

The morning thirty Japanese were put on loading cargo, but at 11 o'clock they were taken off, and work is now going ahead with the crew alone. Longshoremen said they wished to avoid unnecessary trouble, but intimated that they would stop the Japanese if they were not taken off at once.

Sir Hibbert Tupper arrived from Ottawa this afternoon. He does not think the government will go to the country this year, and as usual predicts a Conservative victory when the election does take place.

A placid mine strike has been reported from Jerome lake. Three men were arrested in Vancouver yesterday registered nine claims and say that quite a local excitement has been caused by the strike.

Frank Joseph Schmidt, formerly a butcher and hotelkeeper of Nanaimo, was the man whose dead body was found last week on the Westminster road. He had recently received a remittance of \$100 from Germany.

The officers of the Empress of China have sent through a large packet of papers and tobacco for the Canadians in South Africa.

WAR IS HELL.

"War is hell," says a surety. "War is hell!" in its entirety. Can we picture such more dreadful than the horrors of war and awful?

Just on the battlefield displayed? Or view with spirit undimmed? The sad results that come from war—Trenches, fathers, slain, dead is o'er?

War! the cause of cannon's thunder. Dread effects of a nation's blunder. Why should there be a sacrifice of honest men, to pay the price of hot-headed rulers' hasty act?

Why should the human heart be racked by sorrow's poignant dart of woe. For cause we often seldom know?

Oh, ye! I speak to every one. Why do we pray, "Thy will be done?"

FRANK J. ANGEL

Victoria, B. C.

A tumbler to be built in Chicago 30 feet below the street, 4 feet wide and 7 feet high, for telephone wires.

THE WESTSIDE.

Government Street. Victoria's Popular Store. 21st February, 1900.

Opening Days for Spring Costumes.

THE WESTSIDE sets the fashion clock far ahead of most ordinary stores. It must needs do so to lead—no other store carries the principle of exclusiveness so far as "The Westside." It guards against you seeing the exact counterpart of your new spring costume by having absolute control of the newest styles.



There will be a splendid showing of new and magnificent Spring Costumes and Jackets all this week, carefully chosen garments picked with the taste learned from decades of dealing with tasty people. This costume show is one that you will admire and examine with interest—and well worthy of a visit.

These Price Hints: \$9.50, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$25.00.

STYLISH SPRING JACKETS.

The Fin-de-Siècle Garment for Spring is The Jacket, that smart, graceful, stylish, dashing garment that ladies love so much, the newest creation, are at The Westside in all the magnificence of silk, lincing, embroidered effects, and carefully planned styles. We are ahead of time, you'll say, with this showing, but that is the principle of The Westside to be first in point of time as well as first in point of value.

Jacket Price Hints: \$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$9.00, \$10.00.

Mail Orders Carefully Filled. The Hutcheson Co., Ltd.

TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK.

Description of the Fire Engine Now En Route to Victoria.

The combination chemical engine and hose wagon, which is to be purchased by the council, should prove satisfactory, on inspection, was shipped from Portland Ore. this morning, and will probably arrive in the city on Saturday morning. Should the apparatus fulfil the requirements, its purchase will in all likelihood be the first step towards equipping Victoria West with up-to-date fire fighting facilities.

The machine was purchased from the Champion Manufacturing Co., of Chicago by the City of Everett, during its recent "boom." It being the intention to inaugurate a modern paid fire department with the latest apparatus at that place. When the boom subsided, however, it was discovered that to maintain a department of this sort was an expensive undertaking, so the authorities decided to fall back on the volunteer system, and also dispose of the apparatus.

Mr. A. G. Long, the Champion Company's agent at Portland, then took charge and offered to sell the engine to the municipality of Victoria for a trifle over \$1,200, which, counting duty and freight, would make the entire cost about \$1,700. The cost of a similar engine purchased direct from the factory would amount to about \$3,000, laid down in Victoria, so should the council approve of the machine, now on its way here, a substantial saving will be effected.

The apparatus is practically a new one, and is both an engine and hose wagon. It has two cylinders of 90 gallons capacity, each four acid receptacles, 200 feet of 1-inch 4-ply special rubber hose, complete two brass shut-off nozzles, with three tips; a wire basket, for chemical hose, with a connecting pipe to the cylinders; four brass Eclipse lanterns; two 14-foot ladders, made to splice. There are also the necessities in the way of buckets, wrenches, torches, gags, axes and crowbars. The wheels are of the Archibald pattern, with brass closed and hub caps; the tires are made of steel, while the springs are of mottentemp steel. The frame is of iron, and the brake controls the four wheels.

The hose wagon will have a capacity for 600 feet of 2 1/2 inch rubber fire hose. The color of the apparatus is English vermilion, with gold leaf striping.

THE STOCK MARKET.

(Published by Ben. Williams & Co., Brokers, Phone 223.)

New York, Feb. 21.—The following are the closing quotations on the Stock Exchange: American Sugar, 11 1/4; C. R. & Co., 23 1/2; C. M. & St. P., 12 1/2; Manhattan, 9 1/2; People's Gas, 30; C. R. I. & P., 10 1/2; American Tobacco, 16 1/2; Adams, 10 1/2; Union Pacific, 7 1/2; Tenn. Coal, 90; Louisville & Nashville, 82 1/2; Brooklyn & Queens Transit, 7 1/2; Union Pacific com., 50 1/2; American Steel & Wire com., 28 1/2; money loaning at 2 1/2 per cent.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—The following are the closing quotations of the Board of Trade: May Wheat, 67 1/2; July Wheat, 65 1/2; May Corn, 33 1/2; May Oats, 13 1/2; Liverpool Wheat, May, 54 1/2.

There will be no session of the Chicago Board of Trade or New York Stock Exchange to-morrow, Feb. 22nd, on account of Washington's birthday.

Meeting of the Women's Exchange at 11 o'clock, Thursday morning, rooms at Y.W.C.A.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Feb. 21.—Premier Ross intimates that the government is considering the question of a uniform tax on nickel ore. A bill is to be introduced abolishing royalties on mining, a mineral tax being substituted.

Ontario Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., convened here last evening. G. P. Graham, G. M., presiding. The reports read show a gain in membership for the past year 4,804.

Brantford, Feb. 21.—Wm. Grant & Sons, dry goods merchants, who have been carrying on business here for many years, have assigned with liabilities of about \$85,000, distributed principally among Montreal houses.

The moulders in Massey-Harris works here have gone on strike in sympathy with their co-workers in Toronto.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association was held this morning, Col. Prior, M.P., presiding. Resolutions were passed expressing sympathy with the families in the Dominion who have given up sons in defence of the Empire. All officers were re-elected.

MAOMAHON'S WIDOW DEAD.

(Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 21.—Madame MacMahon, Duchess of Magenta, widow of Marshal Patrick Maurice MacMahon, second president of the Third Republic of France, died yesterday.

THE HAWKESLEY LETTERS.

(Associated Press.) London, Feb. 21.—The St. James Gazette says this afternoon that the late Hawkesley letters, to which Mr. Chamberlain referred yesterday evening in the House of Commons as having been sold to Dr. Leyds for £100,000, were purchased from the thief, for what sum we do not know, by no less a personage than Dr. Clark, M.P.

The St. James Gazette then says it presumes Dr. Clark transferred the letters to Dr. Leyds.

Govin Browne, Clarke, M.D., Radical, is member of parliament for Cathness. He was consul-general of the South African Republic prior to 1891.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Islander from Vancouver—Alex. Watson, Mrs. Watson, C. K. Byrnes, Mrs. Penner, E. A. Marshall, H. D. Jones, Mrs. G. H. Cross, A. St. G. Hamersley, T. Taylor, J. W. Scott, Mrs. Scott, J. W. McFarland, W. Farrell, R. A. Rogers, A. G. McCarthey, H. Burroughs, J. J. Allen, B. J. Hanna.

Per steamer Victoria from the Sound—J. B. Thompson, J. L. Homer, C. H. Miller, P. McLeod, Mrs. Muirville, J. Edgar, T. Cory, C. P. Miller, G. W. Chin and wife, W. R. George, W. G. Bailey, A. A. Gibben, H. L. Whitman, D. Galsky, B. Simon, A. Sargent, R. Erskine, L. W. Graham and wife, P. Harrow and wife, N. J. Jennings and wife, A. R. Ebbetts, Miss Livingston, F. Hopkins, J. E. Fairbank, B. Temple, H. Hinesworth, J. R. Kirk, R. J. Scott, E. Macleod, Mrs. R. B. Wilson, Harry Goodwin, G. L. Barr, B. J. Methwin, J. Gilmore, W. M. McQuay.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Victoria from the Sound—H. Hayfield Co., McLeod & Co., The Hutcheson Co. Ltd., L. Goodacre, Pedon Bros., J. Sutherland, Baby Bros., A. Lindsay, W. R. Skelton, G. E. Macrae, J. McLeod, A. R. Ebbetts, Miss Livingston, Harry Goodwin, S. L. Barr, B. J. Methwin, J. Gilmore, W. M. McQuay.

SHIPPING NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The monthly freight and shipping report of R. P. Ritchie & Co. for January says: "The grain and freight markets during the past month show very little change in their general position. Although there was a slight tendency to a firmer market, for wheat towards the close of the month, low prices are still ruling, and there is therefore little encouragement to exporters to push business. Notwithstanding this, feature freights continue firm with very little tonnage available, either spot or to arrive. There is still a large surplus of grain to be moved, and there is every prospect of the present high freight rates continuing for some time. The demand for lumber continues steady and the increased price mentioned in our last issue is fully paid. Again freights may be quoted at about the same as last recorded, while rates for lumber show a general advance, particularly for Australian ports. For early loading somewhat higher rates have been paid than noted."

Although the first case of salmon will not be packed for many weeks to come at the British Columbia canneries, the exporters are being untimely in securing ready five sailing vessels, all hailing from Glasgow, with a total tonnage of over 8,000 tons, have been secured. The vessels chartered up to the present are: British ship Deuchmont, 1,727 tons; Clan Mackenzie, of the Clan line, 1,684 tons; Ardmurchan, 1,718 tons; Screen, 1,478 tons, and Ptery Cross, 1,450 tons. The rate paid to the Deuchmont is 37s. 6d., the Clan Mackenzie 36s. 5d. and the Ardmurchan, 37s. The rates under which the other two vessels have been chartered have not been announced.

Steamer Tees sailed at 11 p.m. for Skagway, via Union and Vancouver. Most of her passengers will go to Vancouver by the steamer Islander to catch the Tees at the Terminal City, from where she sails to-morrow.

Ship Glory of the Seas is now on her way up from San Francisco to load coal at Comox for R. Dunsmuir & Sons.

H.M.S. Arctura, which is coming to relieve H.M.S. Amphion, is due here on March 10th.

Bark Hawaiian Isles is expected from Oyster Bay in tow of the tug Pilot. She comes here for a crew.

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OVERCOAT THE BOY NOW. There will be plenty of wearing time yet before spring, and judging from present mill prices for goods, overcoats will be much higher in price next winter; but that's a matter of speculation. We'd rather sell than speculate. Therefore this great reduction in price. Boys' navy blue nap cloth overcoats, long capes attached, well made, and lined with check tweed, sizes 4 to 12 years, prices \$2.50 to \$3.50. Your choice, any size, for \$2.00. Men's overcoats and waterproofs at 20 per cent. discount. W. G. CAMERON CLOTHING, FURNISHER AND HATTER. 55 JOHNSON STREET. What is the Difference Between a bald-headed man under Dr. White's treatment for baldness and Darwin's Paterfamilias? One has hair apparent and the other has a hairy parent. R. J. MATTHEWS, Agent for the Preparation, 101 Douglas Street. The House Wife will find everything in the way of Kitchen Utensils at Weller Bros.; large selection.

"The best value for the least money" is the motto of Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea.

Mining News

Rosland Camp. The Rosland Miner in its weekly mining review says: Some 400 men are now steadily employed in the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star, and it is possible that even more men will find employment as the times settle down to the normal order of things.

Table with 3 columns: Week, Year, Tons. Rows include Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star, Iron Mask, Evening Star, Monte Christo, and Titan.

Le Roi—A visit to the Black Bear ground at the Le Roi found the new electric hoist in the Black Bear tunnel, recently installed, working very satisfactorily.

Centre Star—The work of sinking the shaft is being pushed on as usual. It is expected that the new shaft will be completed to the 800-foot level about May 1st.

War Eagle and Centre Star—The timber for the new Centre Star hoist at the head of the shaft in the shipping level are nearly all in place.

Big Four—Work continues in No. 1 and No. 2 tunnels. No. 1 tunnel is in for 35 feet. It is a drift tunnel. No. 2 tunnel is in for a distance of 75 feet and the ore is coming in bunches.

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The Columbia-Kootenay, has been completed, and sinking is now in progress, as is the work of upgrading from No. 1 to connect with the tunnels above.

Evening Star—The drift on the level continues to bring forth favorable results. The ore shoot is improving with each day's work and the conclusion is being reached that the Evening Star, when further developed, will take its place as one of the valuable mines of the camp.

Iron Mask—Work is proceeding in the Iron Mask tunnel without any stoppages. Nearly 100 tons of sorted ore was shipped out during the week.

Centre Star—The work of drifting both ways on the No. 3 level continues. The ore met is of a good character and reveals that the ledge is rich at depth.

Evening Star—Work has been commenced on the tunnel, which is now in for a distance of 100 feet. The tunnel is intended to explore the ledge at a depth of 20 feet, as it is started at the base of a cliff.

Nickel Plate—Sinking in the new shaft on the Nickel Plate, from the 400 to the 600 level is in progress, and development work is being carried on in other sections of the mine as usual.

No. 1—Development work is being kept up in the No. 1. Sinking from the 400-foot level is in active progress as usual.

Douglas—The work of extending the lower drift tunnel continues. It has now been driven in for a distance of 258 feet.

O. K.—A force of men are at work in the No. 12 tunnel, extending it in order to tap the vein at depth. Good progress is being made.

Jumbo—Drifting and crosscutting on the 450-foot level continues. The outlook is of an encouraging character.

Social Settlement. The terms upon which the Social Settlement has been settled are set out in a communication from the Silver Lead Mines Association, under the date of December 23rd, to the following effect:

The Silver Lead Mines Association of British Columbia, being desirous to effect a permanent settlement of the existing wage differences which prevail between said association and the miners' union of the Shewan, for an eight-hour day, is prepared, and do now make the offer of a compromise on the following basis for underground work: Miners in shafts, \$1.50 to \$4; machine men, \$2.50; hand laborers, \$3.25; carmen, \$1.50; laborers, \$2; timbermen, \$3.50 to \$5; engineers, \$3.50 to \$4; blacksmiths, \$3.50 to \$4; laborers on surface (ten hours) \$3. (Note—As formerly, men working in unusual hot places, and in bad air, were compensated with shorter hours, we now offer under similar conditions, \$3.50 per shift of eight hours.)

In making the above offer of compromise as to the wage scale for an eight-hour day, the association reserves the privilege of employing or discharging all men, whether union or non-union, upon the basis of capability alone, and agrees that no discrimination shall be made against any man by reason of his affiliation with labor organizations.

BROWN WRITES SMITH ALL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES. My Dear Smith—Your pointer was a peach. I left for Chicago immediately after I saw you, and of course bought my ticket over the Wisconsin Central R.R. from St. Paul to Chicago. I had plenty of time in St. Paul to get up town and get my supper, as my train leaves St. Paul at 7:40 p. m.

I returned to the depot about 7:30. When passing through the gates, the gateman said, "There's your train to the right." I handed my grip to the gentlemanly porter, who placed it in my berth. (You will notice I call this my train, while it really belongs to the Wisconsin Central. I could not help but feel that I owned the train, and even the road, the employees are so courteous.) I then prepared myself for travelling. I have travelled all over the wide world, but never had a more delightful trip than this one from St. Paul to Chicago over the Wisconsin Central R.R. I rotted about 10 p. m., and enjoyed a good night's rest in the Pullman palace car; only woke up once during the night, and that was when the porter punched me and said, "Mr. Brown, please don't snore so loud, you disturb the rest of the passengers." I at once fell asleep, and awoke again about 7 a. m., and prepared myself for breakfast; went into the dining car about 8 a. m., and partook of a most sumptuous meal. All meals are served in a car, as you know. My entire trip was a most delightful one. I will never cease to praise the Wisconsin Central R.R., and I know that your sentiments are the same.

Our friend Jones reached Chicago via another route, and was six hours late. Consequently he missed connections for New York, and cannot make connections there with pleasure for the Paris Exposition. Hence has given up his trip, and will return home via the Wisconsin Central R.R. Your friend, BROWN.

P.S.—Since you were in Chicago, the Wisconsin Central R.R. have changed their terminals, and are now running into the Central Station, at Park Row and 12th St. This depot is also used by the Michigan Central R.R., Illinois Central and C. & N. Y.

The washing in Egypt is usually done by the men. The Egyptian washermen stand on the banks of the Nile and slap

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THE WHOSE SECRET.

Of the Remarkable Success of a Remedy for Indigestion and Stomach Troubles.

A new remedy which may revolutionize the treatment of stomach troubles has been placed before the public and bears the endorsement of many leading physicians and scientific men.

This preparation is not a wonderful discovery nor yet a secret patent medicine, neither is it calculated to cure anything except dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach troubles, with which nine-tenths of our nation are more or less affected.

The remedy is in the form of pleasant tasting tablets or lozenges containing vegetable and fruit essences, pure aspicin (free from animal impurities) Golden Seal and diastase. They are sold by druggists under the name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Many interesting experiments made with these tablets show that they possess remarkable digestive power, one grain of the active principle in one of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets being sufficient to thoroughly digest 3,000 grains of lean meat, eggs, oatmeal or similar wholesome food.

Stuart's Tablets do not act upon the bowels like after-dinner pills and cheap cathartics, which simply irritate and inflame the intestines, without having any effect whatever in curing indigestion.

If the stomach gets weak and is assisted in the work of digestion it will very soon recover its normal vigor, as no organ is so much abused and overworked as the stomach. This is the secret and the whole secret of the remarkable success of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, a remedy practically unknown a few years ago and now the most popular, safest and most widely sold of any treatment for stomach weakness.

This success has been secured entirely upon its merits as a digestive, pure and simple, because there can be no stomach trouble if the food is promptly digested. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets act entirely upon the food eaten, digesting it completely, so that it can be assimilated into blood, nerve and tissue.

Every drop of blood, every bone, nerve and tissue in the body can be renewed in but one way, and that is from wholesome food properly digested. There is no other way, and the idea that a medicine in itself can purify the blood, or supply new tissues and strong nerves is ridiculous, and on a par with the fad-lore of that other fallacy, that a weak stomach which refuses to digest food can be made to do so, by irritating and inflaming the bowels by pills and cathartics.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets cure dyspepsia, water-brash, sour stomach, catarrh of the stomach, gas and bloating after meals because they furnish the digestive power, which is the one thing that weak stomachs lack, and unless that lack is supplied it is useless to attempt to assist it by the use of "tonics," "pills" and cathartics, which have absolutely no digestive power and do not claim to have any.

The regular use of one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after meals, will demonstrate their merit and efficiency better than any other argument.

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Excursion Tickets. On sale to and from all stations on Saturday and Sunday good to return on Monday.

Victoria & Sidney RAILWAY. Trains will run between Victoria and Sidney as follows:

DAILY: Leave Victoria at 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: Leave Victoria at 7:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

Intercolonial Railway. On and after Sunday, January 14th, 1900, the train leaving Union Station, Toronto (via Grand Trunk Railway), at 9 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., make close connections with the Maritime Express and Local Express at Montserrat, Moncton, and Miramichi.

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TRANSPORTATION. Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. (LIMITED) WHARF STREET, VICTORIA.

Time Table No. 46—Taking Effect February 20th, 1900. VANCOUVER ROUTE. Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday, at 7 o'clock a.m., Sunday, 12 p.m. Vancouver to Victoria—Daily at 1 p.m., 7 o'clock, or on arrival of U. P. No. 1 train.

NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE. Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Ladner and Lulu Island—Sunday at 12 o'clock, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. For Plumper Pass—Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. For Pender and Morceby Islands—Friday at 7 o'clock. Leave New Westminster for Victoria—Sunday at 5 o'clock p.m.; Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock. For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock. For Pender and Morceby Islands—Thursday at 7 o'clock.

NORTHERN ROUTE. Steamships of this company will leave for Port Simpson and intermediate ports, via Vancouver, on the 1st of each month, at 8 o'clock a.m.

ALASKA ROUTE. Steamships of this company will leave every Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. For Wrangell, Dyea and Skagway. BARBLAY SOUND ROUTE. For Sitka, leave Victoria for Sitka at 10 o'clock on the 1st of each month, extending later trip to Quinalto and Cape Scott.

G. A. CARLTON, General Freight Agent, G. S. BAXTER, General Passenger Agent.

For Cape Nome. The Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., Limited, will despatch their steamer Iron SS. AMUR.

MAY 1st, 1900. The Amur has been thoroughly overhauled and is specially fitted up for this service, and is provided with accommodations for passengers and freight of an exceptionally suitable character.

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Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

Health Inspector Marston says that according to the city health regulations there are now too many persons in the jail. He is naturally not intending to take any very drastic action for the punishment of the civic authorities for the position that affairs are in, for he cannot suggest a remedy of how the 70 odd prisoners are to be taken care of in any other way than at present.

The steamer James L. Grant came in on Sunday night to the new fishing packing establishment at False Creek. She brought her first cargo of herring from Departure Bay. There were 500 barrels in the shipment, and the fish were sent East on Monday.

Mrs. Jennie Davis died on Monday night at St. Paul's hospital. She was taken there on Sunday night, having been the victim of an unfortunate accident. She had lived for several years on Keefer street, just off Westminster avenue. Shortly before 7 o'clock she lighted the lamp to prepare her evening meal, and it had been burning but a few minutes when the lamp suddenly exploded, with a loud report. The oil was thrown about the woman's head and body, and the fire caused by her dress catching in a moment, burned her frightfully. She ran to the door and obtained assistance, and before the fire department could arrive the poor woman was extinguished. The poor woman was taken to St. Paul's hospital, where she gradually sank and last night, about 24 hours after the accident, she passed away.

At Monday night's meeting of the city council the question of proposed increases in civic salaries was brought up. The report of the water committee provided for an increase in the salaries of the two officials at the city hall of the water department, and also of several outside men. When the report was read, Ald. Neelands moved, seconded by Ald. McGuigan, that the question be laid over for the estimates. Ald. Portman objected strenuously to this. He said that these matters should be settled by the committee. He thought officials were entitled to better treatment than they had received in the past. Ald. Neelands decidedly objected to the matter being referred back to the committee. Ald. McGuigan said that those things must be done for the estimates. It was always the custom to lay these over. The amendment was carried, and a few minutes after it was adopted.

Neelson may have a new hospital in the immediate future if Dr. Frank Ewing concludes to build one to accommodate possible patients among the workmen on the Balfour extension. When in charge of the Nelson & Bedlington road Dr. Ewing has been hospitalized in the hospital along the line, and while acting in a similar capacity on construction of the Robson & Penticton, he established three hospitals along the line. Dr. Ewing is going into the matter now and will disclose his intentions shortly.

John McMartin, who has secured a position in the Balfour extension, expects to start work on his contract this week. He expects to employ 150 men on the contract.

Dr. LaBau, who is medical health officer for the district of Kootenay as well as for the city of Nelson states that there are but four cases of smallpox in this district, namely, one at Nelson, one at Beaver, and two in Rossland. All four cases are reported good well.

James Gossett, who met with an accident in the Le Roi about a month since, died at the St. Paul's hospital on Saturday evening. The unfortunate man's back was broken and he has not had the use of his lower limbs since.

The marriage of Mr. Chas. Collins, assistant chief of the Rossland fire brigade, and Miss Laura Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd, of this city, and sister of Mr. Boyd, of the fire department, took place on Saturday at the family residence on Spokane street, north, Rev. Geo. R. Morden officiating. On Friday afternoon Chief Guthrie, on behalf of himself and the members of the brigade, presented Mr. Collins with a handsome bronze clock and a dress.

Those responsible for the movement in favor of the establishment of a rifle range in Greenwood are now in communication with the military authorities at Victoria. On receipt of a favorable answer, and after the necessary formalities have been gone through, it is hoped that recruiting will be commenced some time in the spring.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) This district has already contributed some seven hundred dollars to the Mansion House fund. SS. Albion, Telus, Kuch and Thistle and the transport took in coal at Union wharf this week. J. B. McLean, conductor on the V. C. O.'s railway, returned on Wednesday from a trip to Abbotsford.

THE MARKET.

Table listing market prices for various commodities including wheat, corn, oats, and flour. Includes sub-sections for 'THE MARKET' and 'THE COAL TRADE'.

THE COAL TRADE.

The Weekly Letter of J. W. Harrison, of San Francisco, tells of the shortage of coal in the West. In his circular for the week ending on Saturday last, J. W. Harrison, the coal and metal broker of San Francisco, says:

During the week there have been six arrivals of coal from Washington, 16,200 tons; four from British Columbia, 14,312 tons; and two from Oregon, 1,050 tons; total, 31,562 tons. Fortunately our deliveries for the past two weeks were heavy, or we would have had a serious deficit locally. Our fuel stock is a hand to mouth one, the amount here is hard to estimate, but it is not very large.

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PUT OUT FIRE WITH AMMONIA. The frightful Windsor hotel fire, followed so quickly by the sad loss of life at the Andrews home, and other disastrous blazes, renders especially interesting the following paragraph:

Probably the best fire extinguishing liquid is aqua-ammonia, without any addition whatever. We have personally had experience with the almost marvelous power of this substance in this district. In one instance, where the fire had originated probably from spontaneous combustion, in a pile containing several tons of cotton seed, and the interior of which was almost a wild body of live coal, a half gallon of ammonia completely smothered the fire. In another, which occurred at Savenay, France, the vapors of a tank containing 50 gallons of gasoline caught fire in the line of a hanging. The room was instantly a mass of living flames, but a gallon and a half of ammonia water thrown into it completely, and almost immediately, extinguished the fire. The ammonia was in a glass demijohn in an apothecary shop next door to the laundry, and was thrown into the room by the druggist as an experiment. So completely was the fire extinguished that workmen were enabled to enter the room almost immediately, where they found the iron tank of gasoline intact.

AN EDITOR'S LIFE SAVED BY CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY. During the early part of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. It was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.

Garfield Headache Powders. Having no injurious action on the heart or stomach, may be taken with benefit by the most delicate. Never fail to give relief. No after effect. Box of 12 powders, 25c. All druggists.

VIGILANT DETECTIVES.

When a crime is committed, no matter in what corner of the earth the criminal tries to hide, he knows that probably somewhere or other on the look-out is a detective waiting to lay his hand on him.



When any disease attacks mankind and hides itself in the human system, no matter how obscure or complicated the disease may be, Nature is always working her great force of detective remedies has one that will hunt down and arrest that particular disease.

Lung and bronchial diseases are among the most baffling complaints which doctors have to deal with; because it isn't the lungs or bronchial tubes alone which are affected, but every corner of the system furnishes a lurking place for these elusive maladies.

"I feel very grateful for the home-treatment given me by the Dispensary Medical Association," writes Mr. T. J. F. Brown, of Santa, Watanga Co., N. C. "I had catarrh for several years, then took Chamberlain's Catarrh Remedy. I had the best of medical attention but only to bring partial relief. I got up for a few months but had more hemorrhages. I took Dr. Pierce's Discovery, (twenty-five or thirty bottles) but in a few months I had more spells of bleeding. I wrote to Dr. Pierce and received kind and timely medicine to use. I commenced taking his 'Golden Medical Discovery' and Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. I used only one bottle when I could see I was improving. I used three bottles of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, and five bottles of the 'Discovery.' I have been able to do any kind of labor for more than twelve months. Well, I just simply owe my life to the World's Dispensary Medical Association."

"I was first taken (nearly two years ago) with choking and itching in my throat, and I suffered dreadfully," writes Mrs. D. Z. Moore, of Denning, Grant Co., N. Mex. "I took everything I could think of, and spent a great deal of money. Had three doctors treating me. My throat grew from Great Britain or Australia, the monthly becoming more unfavorable, notwithstanding the present seductive grain freights now ruling. In former years with the present grain freight tariff now existing, we could not have had a liberal influx of foreign coal from all sections. Some unfavorable marked changes are being created all over the commercial world, advantageous to all for the moment, for how long—quies salve?"

SPANISH DANCING. Singing and dancing in Spain are as the right hand and the left; and the same airs, throbbing on a guitar, guide the most characteristic kind of dancing. Hope the meaning is more explicit; in the pantomime of all Eastern dancing, like the shapeless Jig-trot of the Soudanese, which you can see at Earl's Court, like the unadorned mimicry of the women in the Rue du Caire, at the last Paris exhibition, it is wholly sexual.

But in the dancing here we have perfected in Spain, there is far more subtlety, delicacy and real art than in the franker posturing of Egypt and Arabia. It is the most elaborate dancing in the world, and like the music, it has an abstract quality which saves it from ever, for a moment, becoming vulgar.

As I have watched a Gleana dancing in Seville, I have thought of the sacred dances which in most religions have given a perfectly solemn and collected symbolism to the creative forces of the world. Hieratic, not puerile, centered upon the central fact of existence, moving gravely, without frivolity, in a sense without passion, so deeply is the passion rooted in the nature of things, the dance coils around upon itself as the trails in music and the trails in tone coil round upon themselves. It is another secret of the Moors, and must remain as mysterious to us as those other secrets, until we have come a little closer than we have yet come to the immaterial wisdom of the East.—Saturday Review.

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"I think I would go crazy with pain were it not for Chamberlain's Pain Balm," writes Mr. W. H. Stapleton, Hamilton, Pa. "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for several years and have tried remedies without number, but Pain Balm is the best medicine I have got hold of." One application relieves the pain. For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

BRITAIN'S VICTORIES. Are Won by the Stout Hearts and Steady Nerves of Her Soldiers.

A man that much good for a soldier unless his heart is strong and his nerve is steady. About the first thing the surgeon examining the men of the Canadian contingent did was to feel their pulse and examine their heart. The weak-hearted, feeble-pulsed, nervous man was instantly rejected as unfit for service.

In the battle of life it's the same way. A man can't make much headway in the nerve fight for existence without his heart is strong and his nervous system vigorous.

Mr. David Walsh, of Carleton Place, Ont., a man who served in the British army, and is now an employee of the C. P. R., says: "I was much troubled with nervousness, liver complaint, and loss of appetite."

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UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD THEOSOPHY. New Century (weekly), \$1.50 yearly. Editor, Katherine A. Tingley. Universal Brotherhood Magazine (monthly), \$2 yearly. Editors, Katherine A. Tingley and E. A. Nerretshmer. Publications devoted to teaching of Brotherhood on the broadest lines. Key to Theosophy, by H. P. Blavatsky, \$1.50; Ocean of Theosophy, by W. Q. Judge, 50c. For information of the work and book list, address E. A. Nerretshmer, 144 Madison Avenue, New York.

APIOL & STEEL PILLS. A REMEDY FOR IRREGULARITIES. Superseding Bitter Apple, Pili Cochia, Pennyroyal, etc. Order of all chemists, or post free for \$1.50 from EVANS & SON, LTD., Victoria, or MARTIN, Pharmaceutical Chemist, Southampton, Eng.

MARRIED WOMEN. If you are irregular or troubled with nervousness write to MRS. MARRION WILMOT, Box 10, Bridgeport, Ont., and she will send you the formula that will relieve the worst case in two to five days. No pain. This receipt has brought happiness to hundreds of anxious women.

TENDERS.

Cement and Curb Stones. Tenders (separate), properly sealed and endorsed and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 3 o'clock p. m., on Monday, March 5th, for 2,000 barrels (or more, if required) of White's Portland Cement; also for 2,000 lineal feet (or more, if required) of Granite Curb Stones.

BOILERS AND STEAM PIPES. Tenders, properly sealed, addressed and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 3 o'clock p. m., on Monday, 12th March prox., for 2 Steam Pumps and Fittings; also for 3 Boilers and Fittings; all to be fitted and fixed in place near the North Dairy Farm, about 3 miles from the City Hall, in accordance with specifications, which can be seen at the office of the undersigned. Certified cheque, payable to City Treasurer, equal to 5 per cent. of amount of tender, to accompany each tender.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS. SEPARATE AND WHOLE TENDERS will be received at my office until noon of Saturday, March 3rd, 1900, for the erection of a new brick building on the site of the old building on Carrall street for J. B. Lovell.

TO CONTRACTORS. Tenders will be received up to Tuesday, 27th inst., up to 12 o'clock noon, for brick building, to be built on Government street, for Mrs. Baumgartner.

Municipal Notice. Victoria and Saanich Railway Extension and Loan By-Law, 1900. I hereby give notice that such of the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, as are entitled to vote on a by-law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality, are requested to attend at the polling place, or places, of the ward or wards of the said Municipality, at which they are so entitled to vote, on Wednesday, the 28th day of February, 1900, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., and to record their votes for or against the passage of the Victoria and Saanich Railway Extension and Loan By-Law, 1900, a copy of which By-Law is published in the Victoria Daily Colonist; and copies whereof are posted up at the City Hall, and at the Public Market Building, Comorant street, and also in each ward; and to take notice that said by-law will not be valid, or of any effect, unless the vote polled in favor thereof is at least a three-fifths majority of the votes polled.

Dissolution of Partnership. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, carrying on business at No. 3 Fort street, under the name of the City Transfer Co., has been dissolved by mutual consent as from the 3rd day of January, 1900. All debts due to the said firm, and also in each ward; and to take notice that said by-law will not be valid, or of any effect, unless the vote polled in favor thereof is at least a three-fifths majority of the votes polled.

Notice of Dissolution. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as Coal and Wood Dealers, in the City of Victoria, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to James Baker, at Victoria aforesaid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said James Baker, by whom the same will be settled.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for a transfer to John W. Knap, of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail upon the premises known as the "Palace Hotel," situate on Store street, in the City of Victoria.

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Then follows a list of wounded officers including Col. Boston, of the Yorkshire Regiment; Col. Carthew Yorston, of the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders); Capt. H. M. Arnold (dangerously), and Lieut. J. C. Mason (slightly), both of the Seaforth Highlanders.

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BOER REPORTS.

Dispatches from Pretoria Give Particulars of Recent Fighting—Boers Reported to Have Captured 40 Men.

Pretoria, Feb. 19.—A portion of an official report from Cronje, dated 18th, has been given out as follows: "Yesterday morning, about 6 o'clock, while removing the larger near Scholtzenek we were attacked by the British.

"The fight lasted until 7.30 in the evening. Although on the whole the British were driven back, they each time renewed the attack.

"The loss to the British must have been considerable. "Thus far the Boer loss has been 8 killed and 12 wounded.

"This morning the British started with cannon. "Chief Commandant Ferreira's force was too small to stop the cavalry from entering Kimberley."

Gen. DeWitt says on Sunday afternoon he arrived between Paardeberg and Koodoersand, in which direction there has been heavy firing since morning. He stormed several kopjes which the British vacated, leaving their dead and wounded and 40 prisoners in the hands of the Boers, who captured the kopjes.

The Boer loss was two men killed and four wounded. The fight lasted until late in the evening.

CROSSING THE TUGELA.

Enemy's Rear Guard Driven Back—Boer Guns Silenced—Ladysmith Expects Relief in Two Days.

London, Feb. 21.—The war office has received the following from Gen. Buller: "Chieveley Camp, Feb. 21.—The 6th division crossed the Tugela to-day by pontoon and drove back the enemy's rear guard, our naval twelve-pounder silencing all of the enemy's guns."

Message from Ladysmith. "New York, Feb. 21.—The Evening Journal has a dispatch which it says comes from B. H. F. Dann, the correspondent with Gen. White's forces.—It is as follows: "Ladysmith, Feb. 21, by telegraph to Colenso, Feb. 21.—The Boers have removed their 'Long Tom' from Bulwark Hill.

"Buller's naval guns are now reaching the Boer position. "We expect relief within two days."

CRONJE'S FOIBE.

He Probably Has Over 18,000 Men Under Him.

New York, Feb. 21.—A London cable to the morning papers says England is anxiously awaiting further and more de-

finite news of Lord Roberts and his movements in regard to Transvaal territory. Of actual news there is a dearth. "Of the strength of Gen. Cronje's force the London correspondent of the Herald says Cronje probably has with him, besides the original force of 10,000, 8,000 invaders of Cape Colony, some of whom were of the command that fought Cienfuegos at Colosberg, while others were at Stormberg.

According to authorities the Free States who are moving from Colenso and Ladysmith, will add ten thousand more to Cronje's ranks if, indeed, they are able to join him.

Winston Churchill's account of Gen. Buller's fourth attempt to reach Ladysmith is printed in the World. Churchill says: "At last we have got on their flank, and although Boer fighting lies before us, it will give us considerable tactical advantages, and the relief of Ladysmith looks a great deal more hopeful."

AT OTTAWA.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Words of Sympathy With the Bereaved. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 21.—When the House met to-day Sir Wilfrid Laurier called attention in brief but eloquent and appropriate words to the relief of Ladysmith and to the casualties that occurred to the Canadian troops. He said that the cable received was brief, announcing twenty deaths and sixty-nine wounded among the Canadians.

Sir Charles Tupper supported all that Sir Wilfrid said, and suggested sending a cable to Col. Otter from parliament. Sir Wilfrid at once agreed, and said that he would have it prepared and shown to Sir Charles Tupper before being sent.

Sir Wilfrid in closing his remarks on to-day's news from South Africa said: "The announcement is such as to, if it were possible, still more confirm us in our resolve of doing our full duty in the present emergency. We can do nothing at present to relieve these families which are bereaved, but we can assure them, and this I am sure we do in our hearts, that the loss is not their own exclusively, but is also ours and our country's."

PLACES AT HALF-MAST.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The news from South Africa to-day caused widespread sorrow throughout Eastern Canada. In many places flags were flying at half-mast out of respect to the dead heroes.

DEPARTURE OF CANADIANS.

Her Majesty Wishes Them Godspeed and a Safe Return. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The following cable was received by Lord Minto this morning: "London, Feb. 20.—Her Majesty the Queen appreciates the enthusiastic loyalty of Canada, and wishes the troops Godspeed and a safe return, signed Chamberlain."

REPLY TO MAURUM.

He Made No Complaint Regarding His Mail-Report of Alliance With Britain Unfounded. (Special to the Times.) Washington, Feb. 21.—The answer of the state department to the house resolution for information regarding certain charges made by late Consul Maurum was transmitted to the house yesterday by the President. It is signed by Secretary Hay, and after reciting the resolution says: "Answering the first part of the resolution, the department of state has been in regular communication by mail and telegraph with Charles E. Maurum, late consul of the United States at Pretoria, South African Republic, since his departure upon duties of the office. Communications made to him have been answered and the execution of instructions sent has been reported by him. His dispatches to the department, forwarded through the consulate at Lorenzo Marques have, during that time, been regularly received. The only instance of complaint in respect to the transit of the mails for Lorenzo Marques and Pretoria was in November last, when a temporary stoppage of the mails occurred at Capetown, against which Mr. Maurum and the consulate at Lorenzo Marques protested. Arrangements were made for the prompt delivery of the consulate mails to the United States consul-general at Capetown, by whom the mail for Mr. Hollis and Mr. Maurum was forwarded to Lorenzo Marques. The delay lasted but a few days and has not recurred so far as the department is advised. Any further complaint of the department's mail for Lorenzo Marques and Pretoria was sent by a neutral route which, it appears, was known and open to Mr. Maurum and Mr. Hollis as early as November 16th last. No obstacle, therefore, is here known to have retarded since then to Mr. Maurum's unhindered correspondence with the department of state. At no time while at his post did Mr. Maurum report to the department any evidence of violation by the opening, or otherwise, of his official mail by the British censor at Durban or by any person or persons whatsoever, there or elsewhere, neither has so reported since he left Pretoria, although having the amplest opportunity to do so by mail while on the way home, and in person, when he reported to the department upon his return home. "Answering the second part of the aforesaid resolution, the undersigned secretary of state has the honor to say that there is no truth in the charge that a secret alliance existed between the republic of the United States and the empire of Great Britain, that no form of secret alliance is possible under the constitution of the United States, inasmuch as treaties require the advice and consent of the senate, and finally, that no secret alliance, convention, arrangement or understanding exists between the United States and any other nation. (Signed) John Hay, department of state, Feb. 20th, 1900."

Sailing of the Milwaukee. Halifax, N. S., Feb. 21.—The transport Milwaukee, with the Canadian anti-air and mounted infantry will sail about 4 p.m. to-day. "The Milwaukee left the dockyard at 5.35 p.m. Telegrams for Kimberley. New York, Feb. 21.—The Commercial Cable Co. makes the following announcements: "We are advised that telegrams for Kimberley can now be accepted at sender's risk."

News From Capt. Forester. Toronto, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Forester, wife of Capt. Forester, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, has received a message from the captain at Kimberley that he is safe. "It is presumed Capt. Forester is now in pursuit of Cronje, he being attached to Gen. French's division. To Take His Brother's Place. Ottawa, Feb. 21.—John A. Barrie, of the Victoria Rifles, Montreal, a brother of Barrie, the Montrealer killed in South Africa, has telegraphed the militia department offering his services in his brother's place. He also offers to pay his own expenses to South Africa. Patriotic Fund. Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The Canadian patriotic fund to date is \$124,507. Seizure of Goods. Lorenzo Marques, Feb. 21.—United States Consul W. S. Hollis has sent a circular letter to merchants here stating that he is instructed to inquire into the recent seizure of merchandise from New York. He requests information as to the actual ownership of the goods, the reasons given for the seizure and other matters pertaining to the subject, and says that he is prepared to receive the sworn declarations of the parties interested. An American Killed. Chicago, Feb. 21.—Geo. Labran, whose death is reported in the Morning River dispatch, was an export mining engineer and machinist, well known in the copper and iron district of Northern Michigan, and was located for some time in Houghton in that state. He had been connected with the De Beers diamond mine at Kimberley for about ten years. His wife and sons are at present in Aurora, Ill. Labran came originally from Milwaukee. Shelling Women's Lager. Lorenzo Marques, Feb. 21.—An official report received from Col. Buller-Powell of the occurrences in the shelling of the women's and children's lager, says: "General Buller in reply to a letter containing the deliberate shelling of the women's and children's lager, offered his excuse or apology, and by transparent falsehood admitted he ordered the shelling. I have told him that I have now established temporary premises for the prisoners in the women's lager and hospital in order to protect them from deliberate shelling."

Women's Appeal. New York, Feb. 21.—The National Council of Women has sent a communication to the Countess of Aberdeen, former president of International Council of Women, with the request that she forward it to Queen Victoria. It begins: "Most Honored Queen, and says: "In the name of the National Council of Women of the United States of America, an organization representing more than a million wives, daughters, mothers and sisters, we pray you to offer arbitration to the people of South Africa, who are engaged in a terrific fratricidal warfare with your government."

Notes from the Capital. Debate on the Expenses of Canadian Contingents Still Going on—Rifle Association Meeting. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Col. Prior resumed the debate on Fielding's resolutions. He spoke only a few minutes, and added nothing new to the subject. He was followed by Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick, who made a brilliant and patriotic speech, dealing with the loyalty of French-Canadians. The standing committee of the House met to-day for organization. The following chairmen were elected: Debates, L. N. Chamague; standing orders, Dr. Landecker; expiring laws, H. J. Logan; agriculture, J. McMeekin; private bills, H. G. Carver; public accounts, D. C. Fraser; banking and commerce, Archie Campbell; railways and canals, Jas. Sutherland; privileges and elections, T. Fortin. Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Col. Prior occupied the chair at the Dominion Rifle Association meeting to-day. Col. Gibson was re-elected president and all the vice-presidents for the different provinces were re-elected. Lieut.-Col. Delamere, Toronto, will likely be appointed in command of the Bisley team. Instead of Trading Stamps we give 40 per cent. discount on all military and dry goods. Stevens & Jenkins, 84 Douglas street. "We have only a few of the 'Special Line' of Down Quills left—in fact the sale of these goods has been most satisfactory. We're Bros.

Victoria's Gallant Dead

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They Fall Victims to Boer Bullets on Sunday Last.

Profound Grief Expressed in the City—Sympathy for the Wounded.

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J. D. Thagard, of Seattle, formerly proprietor of the Hotel Northern, in that city, is at the Victoria. He will leave shortly for the North to look after his mining interests in the Yukon valley. Mr. Thagard will probably go to Cape Nome when the season of navigation opens.

R. E. Lipman, an insurance man of San Francisco; W. L. Gazzone, general manager of the Aetna Assurance Co. of Seattle, and Ralph Herron, an insurance man of the Bay City, and wife, are among the recent arrivals at the Priard.

R. Seabrook, vice-president of R. P. Rither & Co., is still at the quarantine station. He will be released in a day or two and come up to the city. His health is said to be much improved.

Major Bliss, of the Yukon Field Force, who is hurrying to Ottawa to receive orders, presumably to proceed to South Africa, arrived at Seattle yesterday by the steamer Cottage City.

A. P. Pincus, of Vancouver, Wash., is at the Dominion. Mr. Pincus is a private detective of the city across the Sound, who is on the trail of a runaway girl.

H. O. Blankenship, of Atlin, who has large properties in the British Columbia diggings, is registered at the Dominion. He intends to leave for Cape Nome shortly.

Fritz Miller, discoverer of the Atlin mining district, and T. McLaren, his partner, arrived from the Sound this morning and are registered at the Victoria.

J. J. Allen, secretary of the Lord Nelson Clear Co., and R. J. Hennah, of Toronto, of Adams & Bums liquor establishment, are among the commercials at the Victoria.

S. Barber, of the Victoria-Vancouver Transportation Co., arrived from Vancouver last night and left for the Sound this morning.

Capt. Walbraun, master of the Chilean bark Antofagasta, now about loaded at Chemaluis, is among those registered at the Victoria.

E. W. Turner and Fred Baylis, of Toronto, and H. L. Whitman, of St. Louis, all knights of the grip, are registered at the Priard.

T. P. Geiger, C. Geiger and J. Wilson were among the Victorians who went