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MURDERER EXECUTED.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 26.—Antonio Ferraro was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison today for the murder of Luciane Muehlo, in Brooklyn, on April 14th, 1898.

FIREMAN KILLED.

(Associated Press.)

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 26.—Fire last night destroyed the Detroit Steel & Spring Company's works, and caused the loss of a fireman's life and property valued at \$100,000. It was fully insured.

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Boers Attack The British

Tried to Break Through the Lines at Paardeberg to Join Cronje.

Repulsed With Heavy Losses—Soldiers Wounded by Explosive Bullets.

Burgbers Have Made Shell Proof Shelters in the River Banks.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 26.—The latest dispatches from Paardeberg show that Cronje's forces have more protection from Field Marshal Lord Roberts's heavy fire than the first dispatches indicated.

A special dispatch from Paardeberg, published in the second edition of the Daily Chronicle, dated the 24th, says: "A balloon has discovered the enemy well covered by a system of burrowing in the river bank, which resembles a rabbit warren and affords shell proof shelter."

This perhaps more than any other communication explains why Cronje's death struggle, as it is looked upon here, is so prolonged. Thus it will not be a surprise if to-day and to-morrow, the anniversary of Majuba Hill, pass without being marked by the surrender or annihilation of the Boers so overwhelmingly hemmed in.

Roberts's Plans.

The military critics are inclined to the view that though the main cause of the prolongation of the Paardeberg tragedy undoubtedly consists in Roberts being unwilling to risk the great loss of life which an assault would entail, his delay is also prompted by the subsidiary motive of attracting to Paardeberg of many reinforcing and relieving Boer units as will come, feeling strong enough to look after them. In other words Roberts holds a position almost analogous with that held so long by the Boers at Ladysmith.

As Cronje is reported to have plenty of food, the plan of starving him out can scarcely avail, so Roberts must either wait until his ammunition, which is said to be short, runs out, or those of Cronje's forces, who are counseling surrender, prevail. So indefinite is the information that either of these alternatives may occur at any moment.

In the meanwhile Roberts's engineers are sapping steadily towards the Boer laager, and according to a special from Paardeberg dated Sunday, February 25th, the cordon is gradually drawing closer.

The March to Ladysmith.

Boer's march on Ladysmith is being marked by sharp fighting. A Pietermaritzburg dispatch of Thursday's date says he is still heavily engaged in fighting.

Retreat From Barkley East.

In Cape Colony the British arms are steadily advancing. Barkley East is now in their possession, according to a dispatch from that district, the Boers evacuating the place, retreating on

Ladygrey and wiring President Steyn for reinforcements to prevent the surrender.

Statue to Rhodes.

A special dispatch from Kimberley says its inhabitants have planned to erect a statue to Cecil Rhodes in recognition of his services during the siege.

Arrival of Militia.

The military critic of the Morning Leader says: "The militia are now arriving at the Cape, and they will be able to release the regulars on the lines of communication who can be pushed to Roberts, Clements and Gatacre's aid."

"Buller burrows forward, but the enemy around Ladysmith is not yet in a hurry to be gone. It is rumored that Buller and Roberts are waiting to strike the final blow simultaneously on Majuba Day."

Casualties in Natal.

London, Feb. 26.—Gen. Buller, in a dispatch from Colenso dated Sunday, February 25th, reports that the British casualties for February 20th were 12 killed and 100 wounded among the Somerset and Dorsets, and that on February 22nd and 23rd twelve officers were wounded.

FIGHTING AT PAARDEBERG.

Boers Attempt to Reach Cronje, but Were Driven Back—Ammunition Wagons Destroyed by British.

Paardeberg, undated, via Modder River, Feb. 25.—The Borderers and the Yorkshires have repulsed a Boer attack, inflicting heavy loss.

(It is probable that the above dispatch refers to the engagement of Friday, described in the Associated Press dispatches.)

Details of Fighting.

Paardeberg, Feb. 24.—There was a most interesting series of fights along the British front.

One thousand Boers, commanded by Gen. Dewet, who were known to be operating in the immediate front at early dawn yesterday, determined to attempt to break through the British lines and aid Cronje. A body of 500 Boers moved towards the British left and centered the object of occupying it. Unfortunately for the Boers, however, the kopje was held by a company of Scottish Borderers, who opened heavy fire. The Boers galloped off, but moved again towards another British position, but the

Borderers Were Again Ready to receive them. The third repulse thoroughly discouraged the Boers, who galloped away in a panic.

Later, perceiving another kopje, the Boers moved toward it. This kopje was unoccupied, but the Borderers, not to be beaten, raced for the position and won, occupying the kopje and driving off the Boers, and a portion of the latter ultimately occupied a kopje flanked partially by the Borderers, facing another kopje held by the Yorkshires. A vigorous fusillade ensued, the British firing truly and accurately and silencing the Boer fire.

Meanwhile the Buffs were ordered to reinforce the Yorkshires in case the Boers should be reinforced.

The British Attack

worked around the right of the kopje held by the Yorkshires, where the 3rd Battalion was stationed, the 6th Battalion being placed at a farm near the centre of the Borderers' position. A vigorous shelling accompanied by a British fusillade completely silenced the Boers.

A company of Yorkshires were sent to clear out the Boers, but the attempt failed, the Boers opening a heavy fire and the British having no cover.

The British then again opened heavy rifle fire, which again silenced the Boers. The Boers made several attempts to run but the Maxims opened upon them effectually and checked them.

The Buffs now worked carefully and cautiously around and got within 150 yards of the Boers. Eighty Boers surrendered, but many, it appears, escaped, going singly. Most of the prisoners had

Just Arrived From Ladysmith.

They complained of the bad generalship of their leaders. Nearly every man carried explosive bullets and five British were wounded with these missiles. I have seen the bullets. One Boer carried 50.

There is no longer the slightest doubt that the Boers are gradually discarding all rules of civilized warfare. The other day they poured the contents of a Vickers-Maxim gun into an ambulance, which happened, however, to be empty, some three hundred yards away from the nearest troops.

The war balloon is doing excellent service. Early this morning it arose to a great height and discovered in the bed

of the river four wagons, which contained ammunition. Three were

Exploded by the British Shells.

an hour afterwards. The balloon observer also discovered a number of horses concealed near these, which also received attention from the British.

The Gordons are now incorporated in the Highland Brigade, making four killed regiments. The Highland Light Infantry, who are not killed and are a fine body of men, are going to Join-Gen. Smith-Dorrien's brigade.

MAJOR ARNOLD DEAD.

Died on Thursday From Wounds Received at Modder River.

Winnipeg, Feb. 26.—Col. Otter reports that Major Arnold, late of 90th Winnipeg, who was wounded at Modder River, died on 23rd.

Major Arnold was in command of A Company, first Canadian contingent.

Another Death.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—A cablegram was received to-day from Sir Alfred Milner stating that Capt. Arnold, of Winnipeg, and Pte. McCreary, of the New Brunswick Co., R.C.I., who were wounded in the battle a week ago on Sunday, have died in the hospital. Capt. Arnold was major of the 90th, and Private McCreary was of the 74th, N. B. McCreary died a week ago to-day, and Major Arnold on Friday last.

Sympathy From Australia.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The Lieut. Governor of New South Wales cables to Lord Minto as follows:

"Sydney, N.S.W., Feb. 26.—The Premier, on behalf of the people of New South Wales, desires to express deep sympathy with the people of Canada in the loss of so many of their valuable and gallant sons. (Signed) Fred. M. Darby."

RHODES ON THE WAR.

One Hundred and Twenty Citizens of Kimberley Killed or Wounded During the Siege.

Kimberley, Feb. 24.—Cecil Rhodes presided at a meeting of the De Beers Co. to-day, and announced that the profits for the year were £2,000,000.

Speaking of the war, he considered it a puzzle why it had arisen. The Transvaal and the Free State were not Republics, he declared, but oligarchies, and had been long conspiring to seize British South Africa. Each government was simply a small political gang, who humbugged the poor Dutchman, appealing to their patriotism and dividing the spoils among their cohorts. The Transvaal had been working 20 years for the independence of Africa. He said former President Reitz, of the Orange Free State, had years and years ago made a tax drive. England got out of Africa. After showing how Kimberley had been defended by civilians, of whom 120 had been killed or wounded, and thanking Gen. French for his gallant ride, Rhodes closed by brilliantly asserting "We have done our duty in preserving and protecting the greatest commercial asset in the world, Her Majesty's flag."

NAVAL ESTIMATES.

The Total Amount to be Asked From Parliament Will be £30,000,000.

London, Feb. 26.—In introducing the naval estimates in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. George J. Goschen, the First Lord of the Admiralty, said there was nothing to be expected for the financial year. The total, with the expected additions, would be £30,000,000. There had been complaints that the estimates would be sensational, but the government most fully realized the situation and knew the nation expected the navy to be prepared for all emergencies and the estimates were arranged on that footing. Nothing had been put down for the mobilization of the fleet. If mobilization should be necessary the government would not hesitate to mobilize and come to parliament for money. He thought the time had not arrived for taking that course, and he hoped that it would not arrive.

Pomeranian at Capetown.

Capetown, Feb. 26.—The Canadian transport Pomeranian, from Halifax January 27th, with another contingent of Canadian troops on board, has arrived here.

Reports From Capt. Slocum.

New York, Feb. 26.—The war department at Washington, says a Herald special, has received important reports concerning the operations of the British army in Africa from Capt. Slocum, military attaché with the British forces. The criticisms which Capt. Slocum makes have caused the department to determine that it would be improper to make them public, and they have been fled away in the military division department for the use of officers in their studies for the several military schools.

TROUBLE BREWING.

Chinese Determined to Prevent the Building of German Railway.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 26.—United States Consul Fowler, at Chefoo, province of Shantung, China, reports according to a dispatch from Peking to the Herald, that 4,000 armed natives have gathered on the line of the survey of the new German railway to await the arrival of German troops. The natives are determined to resist the construction of the road.

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The War in South Africa

Rumor of Cronje's Escaped Emanated From Boer Headquarters at Brussels.

Mr. Spencer Wilkinson Reviews the Situation in Free State and Natal.

London, Feb. 25.—Nothing new has been received from the scene of what the London papers call Gen. Cronje's death struggle.

The war office announced at midnight that nothing to give out. The officials stated that they believed it impossible for Cronje to escape from the grip of Lord Roberts.

Summarizing the week's events in the war in South Africa for the Associated Press, Mr. Spencer Wilkinson says: "On the night of Thursday, February 15th, Gen. Cronje marched out from Magersfontein between Gen. French, who had just entered Kimberley, and Gen. Kelly-Kenny, the at Klip Drift on the Modder River.

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19 previously forwarded is that of Private Pat. McGueary, of the 47th battalion, Sussex, N.B., and there is some ground for believing that he may be alive. This variation is in the B Company, where there are two Smiths, one J. Smith, of Woodstock, the other R. Smith, of London. Hamilton's list reported R. Smith killed, and the official list makes the killed J. Smith, who was reported wounded in the first list. Both Smiths presumably are in the casualty list, one as killed and the other wounded.

BOER ATTACK ON LADYSMITH. Details of the Pierce Fighting Which Took Place on January 6th.

London, Feb. 23.—The Standard correspondent sends a long account of the terrible assault on Ladysmith by the Boers on January 6th. First of all, he gives a brief explanation of the mysterious way in which the Boers managed to get so close before they were discovered.

"At 7 o'clock on Friday night," he writes, "five hundred picked Boers rode from the laager behind Ladysmith, following the river came to a kopje south of Caesar's Camp. They then bivouacked until 1 o'clock in the morning, when they crept cautiously along the ravine and across Fouries Spruit. Avoiding oneicket and patrole one section moved up the ravine to the eastern shoulder and climbed silently up to the slope in the fold of the hill. Another company moved towards the plateau on the south. Three or four thousand were in reserve among the kopjes and broken ground.

"On the attack upon Caesar's Camp, one party of fifty Boers seeking to make good their retreat were overtaken by the Border Mounted Rifles and escaped for the moment by declaring that they were the town guard. This trick was, however, becoming too stale, and every man was shot down as he came into the open.

"When, after many hours of fierce fighting, the Boers were almost repulsed from Caesar's Camp, a storm came to their aid. Retiring at the moment, the Boers pushed forward another force from behind Bulwana, but they did not get beyond the kopje east of Caesar's Camp, where our naval gun threw a few shells into their midst. The storming party made a dash down the hillside, hoping to find protection in the storm. Many of them were killed, others were swept themselves into the river and swept out of sight. This rush brought the fight at Caesar's Camp to a close amid a fusillade that almost drowned the thunder.

"But it was at Wagon Hill where the most dramatic features of the assault occurred. Of this, the Standard correspondent says: "Col. Edwards was leading his men into position in the east of Wagon Hill, when a bullet struck him in the shoulder. Though

Robbed of Their Leader at a critical moment, the Light Horse never wavered. Creeping forward to the position that seemed least exposed to the devastating fire from the front of the hill, they fought manfully, often within 20 and often 10 yards of their enemy. This did not mean for hours without any manifest sign of advantage on either side, though men were falling on every hand. Major Bowen called for volunteers among the 60th Rifles. Only half a dozen came forward, and with this handful of gallant heroes the brave officer dashed at a strong position held by the enemy. Not a man lived to tell the story of their valor. Lieutenant Tod with 25 men made another gallant charge. Thus the fight wavered through the long and anxious hours of the morning.

"At noon the Boers came to the rescue. The Gordons having no officers were again falling back, but rallied to the call of Major Miller-Walnut. The enemy left the emplacement and rushing among the rocks. Their presence was not long dangerous, and another effort was made to dislodge them.

"A subaltern in charge of a working party of Sappers, Lieutenant Digby Jones, a youth of 22, who had

Already Won Fame by the destruction of the howitzer on Surprise Hill. When the enemy first appeared on the crest of Wagon Hill, Lieutenant Digby Jones engaged the storming party from a sangar on the west front. Collecting a company of Sappers, Rifles, and Highlanders, he led them against the new position held by the enemy. As they dashed up the narrow path, the Boers, never imagining that men could display such reckless courage, called upon them to throw up their hands. Bullet and bayonet convinced them of their error and the position was ours. But fate was holding the sheets over the head of the hero's life. An hour or two afterwards, when we had at great sacrifice reconquered the western limit of the hill, Lieutenant Digby Jones

was in the gun emplacement with Major Miller-Walnut and one or two men. The enemy had been driven back, yet maintained a searching fire and having received strong reinforcements was preparing for another advance. Suddenly three or four dark shadows were cast over the parapet, in which there were no loopholes. Von Wyk, with the leader of the Harrismith command, Field Cornet De Villiers, and another brave Boer, were making their last desperate charge. Major Miller-Walnut shot his man and fell himself from a bullet aimed at the back of his head. A corporal of the Sappers slew De Villiers, whose handkerchief was almost filled with explosive bullets. Lieutenant Digby Jones, running out of the emplacement, shot Commandant Von Wyk, before he himself

End of a Short Hero's Career with a Manner bullet through the throat. His valor and brave conduct. Lieutenant Digby Jones fell a moment afterwards while going to the aid of the wounded.

"The battle of the hill was nearly over. Our men were again on the summit of the hill and the Hotchkiss gun of the Natal Volunteers was no longer in jeopardy. But there remained a small and gallant band of Boers who either would or could not retire. They were hidden among some rocks about 20 yards from the brow of the hill. Their fire was deadly in its searching accuracy. One man alone is credited with having shot no fewer than five officers. Colonel Parke asked whether anything could be done to remove them. A charge suggested by the commander of the Devons. The order was given and the three companies went forward.

With a Charge Across the open-slope ground, Lieutenant Lafont, and upon his heels Lieutenant Masterson. The enemy did not receive the cold steel, but threw themselves over the hill in headlong flight, trusting to speed and the flooding sheet of rain. Lieutenant Masterson, having to retrace his steps, tumbled into a sangar with two wounds upon his body. Captain Lafont and Lieutenant Field fell victims to a cross-fire while the Boers were in flight.

"The battle was over. For sixteen hours it had raged and the very heavens had been shaken with the roar of cannon and the rattle of musketry. Ladysmith had not fallen. The enemy had been repulsed on every side, and the tale of their dead, east, west, south, and north, was heavy beyond anything that they had suffered in Natal."

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S DEFENCE. London, Feb. 24.—The event of the week, apart from war, was undoubtedly Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's vigorous, almost vicious, self-defence in the House of Commons. The Colonial Secretary met the accusations and demands with a retort and scorn he once more denied the so-called revelations of the Independent Belge, and with deft phrases repudiated the opposition as a personal attack upon himself.

In the heat of the debate, and with an overwhelming majority ready to cheer every bitter phrase, Mr. Chamberlain carried all before him, but after reflection some of those who believe Mr. Chamberlain to be absolutely unimpeachable and who place no importance upon letters stolen from Mr. Hawley, counsel of the British South African Company, took the matter in such a personal spirit.

In the meantime Mr. Gavin Brown, Clark, Radical member of the Parliament for Caithness, who was formerly the general of the South African Republic, stands accused by Mr. Hawley of buying stolen property in the shape of letters in regard to the raid. Though Mr. Clark has denied the allegations printed in the St. James's Gazette, he has not, so far, denied Mr. Hawley's charges. His fellow Radicals are much stirred regarding the matter, but Mr. Clark seems unlikely to take any steps unless his constituents force an issue.

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In the Gay World

Items of Interest to Many Persons.

Miss Bauer, of Vancouver, has returned to her home after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Walsh-Windle, of Vancouver street.

Miss Carrie Austin, of Cadboro Bay road, who has been very ill with nervous prostration, is happily now on the road to recovery.

Mrs. H. E. Croisdale, Nelson, and her little daughter are staying with Mrs. Walkem at "Maplehurst." Mrs. Croisdale is very warmly welcomed by many old-time friends.

Miss Nellie Dupont, who for some weeks past has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Bell, of Vancouver, has returned to her home here, with Miss Dupont, of Seacrest street.

I am glad to see that the band concerts are if anything growing in popularity. All the beauty and fashion of Victoria now throne there. Last Saturday night saw the hall well filled with young people and their elders as well.

Miss Alice Williams is back from Honolulu (the Sandwich Islands) where she was visiting her brother and his family. Mr. J. S. N. Williams, lately of Victoria. She describes the condition of the plague-stricken city as pitiable.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ward, Mrs. Hussey and Miss Edith Davie left on Saturday for San Francisco for a few weeks' visit. The trip is undertaken in the hope that Miss Davie's health may be fully restored. Every one will be glad if this hope is realized.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Coltart have from skated British Columbia for the chilly regions of Manitoba, their former home. They have lately resided almost entirely in Vancouver. But they have always maintained friendly relations with their many former friends in Victoria.

The pretty tea given by Mrs. Sturgeon at her home on Cook street was much enjoyed by those who were lucky enough to be invited. Mrs. P. Gooch and Miss Park ably and gracefully assisted the hostess to dispense her hospitality. I noticed among the throng Mrs. Gabelth, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Gairnet, Mrs. Lee Spencer and Miss Dupont.

A musical treat was participated in by those who enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. and the Misses Bass, of South Turner street, on February 10th. A few of those so favored were Mrs. M. and Miss Schofield, Mrs. R. and Miss K. Worlock, Mr. W. Fisher and others. It is a pity that with all our genuine musical talent more musical evenings are not given.

The tea given by Mrs. Gillespie at "Highwood" week before last is still pleasantly referred to in social circles. It was a very large affair and included almost everyone. Those present included Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Hanington, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Gableth, Mrs. Green, Mrs. R. S. Day, Mrs. Dumbarton, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Jenion, Mrs. O. M. Jones, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Dupont, Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, Mrs. Paddon, Mrs. and Miss Keefe, Miss Prior, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. F. R. Smith and many others.

A very large tea was given at "The Oaks" by the Misses Angus in honor of their sister, Mrs. Rommie, who is paying them a visit. No one who has ever enjoyed the graceful hospitality of these kindly ladies will ever forget the many delightful functions given in their spacious rooms. On this occasion about forty people braved the snow and received a warm welcome. Among them were Mrs. Engelhardt, Mrs. J. Angus, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Gove, Miss Dupont, Mrs. C. T. Dupont, Miss Harvey, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. Goward, Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. W. Angus. The hostesses were assisted by Miss Amy Angus and Miss Aeneas Rommie. At intervals music was charmingly provided by the Victoria theatre orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Debnell. This was a great treat and it is to be hoped more hostesses will emulate the excellent example of the Misses Angus in this regard. Of course the proverbial lavish refreshment for the inner man at "The Oaks" was exemplified on this occasion.

At the Arion Club concert on February 21st there was a good house in spite of the inclement weather—oh, Jupiter Pluvius, so elsewhere—and the bad war news received on that day. The fine quality of the music was much appreciated by the large and fashionable audience. The rich contralto voice of Miss Edith Lombard was heard to advantage. She was prettily robed in white relieved by crimson flowers. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Mrs. Croisdale, Mrs. Griffiths, Miss Walkem, Mrs. Frank Bonnard, Misses Prior, Miss L. Lowen, Mrs. Earle, Mrs. Blythe, Mrs. J. Angus, Miss Angus, Miss Remie, Mrs. and Miss Goward, Mr. and Miss Jeffrey, Mr. Holt, Mr. Evans, Mr. and Miss Claxton, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. George Jay, Mrs. Mess, Mrs. Nicholles, Miss Urs Nicholles, Mr. and Mrs. Worlock, the Misses Russell, Miss M. Graham, Mrs. C. Hall, Misses Bass, Mr. Chatfield, Mr. and Mrs. Lombard, the Misses Williams, the Misses Grey, Dr. and Mrs. Nash, Dr. and Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. H. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sweet. At the end of the concert "The Soldier's Farewell" was sympathetically sung by the club in memory of those Victorians who were killed in action at Morden, Bismarck and the Andromeda rose in a body and remained standing during the rendering of this chorus, and

for once forgot to hurry into their wraps and make for the door as is usual during the singing of the last number on the programme. One only hopes that the occasion for such unworldly show of our deep sympathy will be few indeed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Held at the Drill Hall in Memory of the Fallen Soldiers.

Several thousand citizens attended the drum-head service held at the drill hall yesterday afternoon in memory of the late members of the regiment who were killed in action on a South African battlefield. Early in the afternoon Government street was black with people wending their way over the Bay, and when the service began the hall was crowded to the doors. The regiment was drawn up in a hollow square, and in the square a drum lay on the floor—a pulpit for the chaplain, Rev. O. Ennor Sharp. The service was begun with the singing of the hymn written by the sister of General Hildyard to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers." The band accompanied the singing. Then there was a prayer, a portion of the burial service, by the chaplain, and then all present joined in the singing of another hymn, after which the chaplain preached a memorial service in which he said in part: This parade is held from other parades held in this drill hall in that we are here today to lament the death of those who have died many thousand miles away fighting for their country. We are here to lament our fallen comrades who went from here full of life and brightness, fully expecting to come back. But they took a soldier's chance. So great is the hope that springs up in every human breast, that although everyone knew there might be some bullet to end his career, yet each thought that it might be for another and not for him. The thought that those who had fallen honorably and gloriously on the field helps somewhat to brighten the bereavement. Although they were ordinary men like ourselves, they have been noble and heroic in the manner in which they have met death. We, who know them, will never forget them. As long as the British Empire remains a fabric, so long will they form a part of that building. These lives have been enabled by their deaths and from them we should all learn the lesson of what we ought to do at the call of duty and the call of our Queen. Of the fallen men there was one who was well known to all, whose name was known throughout the Dominion as an athlete. He no longer will join in your drills and sports as he used to do. He no longer will wonder what it is that induces men like them to run such risks. We have known men risk their lives in the search for gold, know them to starve and suffer misery and privation in the hope of coming back with riches, but there was no money to be gained by the risks they ran. Some will say, perhaps, that it was for glory that they went, but in all of that 120,000 the chances for individual glory would not be large. Some will say that it was all for the sake of the fighting instinct. Perhaps in a measure it was, but I take it, it was patriotism. Take this word patriotism, what does it mean? Fatherland, love of the land, and in this world father lies the whole thing. In their sonship they went to fight for the father. In their going they showed self-denial, self-sacrifice, but to them it was duty. They died like men and soldiers, having done their duty.

After the singing of the National Anthem the service ended.

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News has been received from Hullman, Ark., a small town on the Pittsburg & Gulf railway, of the explosion of a sawmill boiler at that place by which seven men were killed.

CHILDREN

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IS WAR EVER JUSTIFIABLE?

Dr. Campbell Discusses Duelling, Suicide, Homicide and War.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, at First Presbyterian church last evening, took for his text the Sixth Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." After expounding it in the light of the spiritual meaning given it by Christ in the sermon on the Mount, he said that duelling is a violation of this commandment, for to kill a man in a duel is murder. Suicide is also a violation of this commandment. It is conceivable that an atheist would commit suicide, but not that a believer in the existence of God and a future state would do so. There is not an instance of a good man in the Bible committing suicide, but there are instances of bad men, such as Saul, Abimelech and Judah. He who takes his own life, if not insane, is a murderer. Homicide, in self-defence, is not a violation of this commandment. Self-defence is the first law of nature and of Revelation. If one can escape, he should; but if he cannot, and one must die, surely the aggressor is the one that should die. Capital punishment by the law for murder is not a violation of this commandment. There should be a proportion between the crime and the punishment. The greater crime is murder, and capital punishment should be meted out to the murderer. This is recognized both in the Old Testament and in the New. But, asked Dr. Campbell, is war a violation of the Sixth Commandment? War of any kind is a great evil, for it injures the victors and vanquished, and brings misery to myriads of the innocent and non-combatants. The great majority of wars are unjustifiable before God, but nations, like individuals, have the right of self-defence. If it is right for an individual to defend himself when assailed, it is equally so for a nation. A principle which runs through the Old Testament from Moses to Malachi recognizes life as justifiable, if the aggressor is not allowed to defend himself, they would soon have been annihilated. Many of the Psalms which David wrote, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit were bemoaning God to bestow victory on the army of Israel; and others were songs of thanksgiving for victories gained. A nation, however, should exhaust every possible means consistent with justice and honor to redress wrong before it enters on war. The New Testament also recognizes the principle that defensive war is justifiable, for it injures the innocent and non-combatants. The Centurion in Matt., 23rd chap., was not commended to give up the army after he became a Christian. No historic church before or after the Reformation declared defensive war wrong. The grand old Presbyterian church has a clear conscience in defending her people against the aggressor. The best of us, as religious liberty. The battle of the Marston and Bothwell Brig eloquently declare that she has no hesitation, if necessary, in defending herself, even with the sword, against persecution.

The war in which the Empire is engaged in now in South Africa is a defensive war, and if she was ever engaged in a war, it was justifiable surely in this war. We cannot but admire the pluck, the courage and bravery of our enemies, but they are the aggressors, and we are only defending our territory, our fellow subjects and our right, and our troops shall fight until victory shall perch on our banners.

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AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME

To be Given by the Pupils of Mr. Wickens to-morrow.

The pupils of Mr. G. Wickens will give a vocal and instrumental concert in the Institute hall on Tuesday, Feb. 27th, assisted by some of the best local talent. The programme of which will be devoted to providing proper hospital beds for the women's free ward, Providence Dispensary and hospital. The concert will be under the patronage of the Lieutenant-Governor and Mayor Hayward. The programme is as follows:

PART I.
Overture—"Mazurka".....Auber
Orchestra.
Germ. Solo—"Air (Variation)".....Wadsworth
Master J. S. Brooker.
Symphony—"Spring".....Haydn
Orchestra.
Vocal Solo—"Swiss Air and Gentle Zittella".....Farmer
Master Frank Armstrong.
Ballad Music for "Rosamund".....Schubert
Orchestra.
Song—"Snowdrops".....Fred. H. Cowen
Mrs. J. D. Hemcken.
Cello Solo—"The Barlet Fifth Air" (Variation).....Bockmuhl
Master J. H. Gordon.
Piano Solo—"Serenade".....R. Wacost
Miss B. Sewerter.
With Cello Obligato (Master J. H. Gordon) and string accompaniment.

PART II.
Overture—"Poet and Pensant".....Suppe
Orchestra.
Violin Solo—"Bridal".....Valse Brillante, op. 49.....D. Aigr
Miss A. Brooker.
Song—Selected.....Mrs. F. B. Pemberton.
Flute Solo—Selection for "Madame Angot".....Basquit
Miss C. O'Brien.
Selection for "Faust".....Gounod
Orchestra.
Violin Solo—"Cavatine".....J. Raff
Miss G. Shrapnel.
March—"Athletic (War March of the 'Frishts)".....Mendelssohn
Orchestra.
The audience is requested to join in singing the "Soldiers of the Queen" and the National Anthem.

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Murdered at Selkirk

News of Another Yukon Tragedy Received—A Fabulously Rich Claim.

Two Hundred Dollars to the Pan-Road House Burned Down.

A correspondent, writing from Fort Selkirk to the Yukon Sun, under date of February 5th, says: A man named Chas. Hill gave himself up to the police about 11 a.m. on Saturday, having shot and killed his partner, John Blair, claiming it was done in self-defence. He claims that trouble originated over a dog, and says his partner started after him with a gun, shooting first. Hill started running and got behind a pair of sleds from which he fired the fatal shot. The tragedy occurred at a fish camp on the Yukon, about 50 miles up the Pelly river. An Indian woman living with him was the only witness of the shooting. Constable Tuttle and one civilian started on Sunday morning to bring in the body. A request will be held as soon as they return.

A man named Leclair brought up from Stewart, apparently insane, will be examined by the doctor.

Dr. Madore, assistant surgeon N. W. M. P., was called to Big Salmon to attend Constable Tyrrell, who was badly frozen some time ago.

A Midas Warehouse. A story of sensational proportions, and which would ordinarily receive no credence, was related to a Sun reporter under such circumstances as to admit of no doubt of its reliability, says the Yukon Sun of Feb. 6th. As, however, it was told in confidence, and the interested parties are desirous of avoiding publicity, the names must be withheld.

On a claim within five miles of Grand Forks, owned in part by one of Dawson's best known and most successful operators, the workmen recently tapped a deposit of gravel so rich in gold as to fairly startle them. Pans running up into hundreds of dollars were quite common, and for depth of two feet—one foot of gravel and one of bedrock—it is liberally estimated that \$200 per pan, on the average, was being obtained, in addition to all this, two or three feet more of gravel run so high in gold as not to materially reduce the average on the whole. So overwhelming was the effect of this find upon the men working the claim that they quit work and telegraphed to the principal owner, who was, at the time, on the outside, to come and see the work of taking out this deposit his personal supervision.

While this phenomenal strike is of comparatively recent occurrence, the claim has long been known to be a very rich one. Some months ago the owner imparted to his confidential adviser and friend the results of a test made by him of the claim-up of one day of nine hours, when 11 men were employed, yielded nearly \$20,000. And that another day, the work of 13 men for ten hours, resulted in a yield of over \$25,000. What the result will be when active work is prosecuted at the point where \$200 per pan is the rule, would be difficult to calculate, but so sensational would seem the result that we prefer to let our readers make their own estimates. At some future time, having obtained the consent of the interested parties, we may have the satisfaction of laying before our readers the facts with every essential detail. For the present we can only reiterate that the story emanates from most reputable sources and is told in all seriousness. The statement of facts given is deemed absolutely veracious.

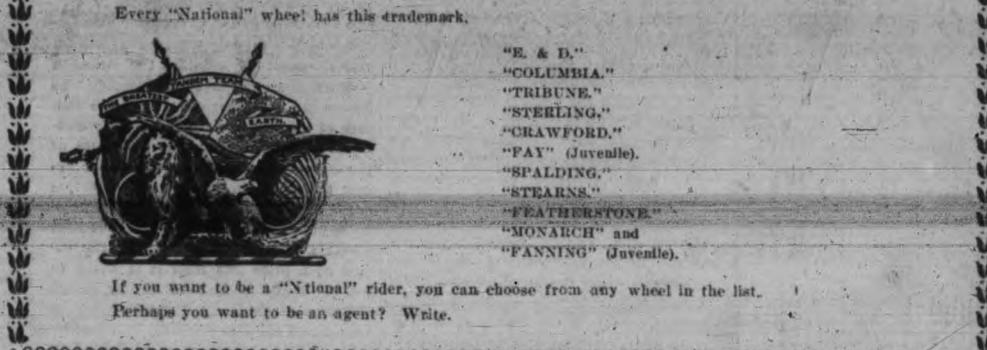
Road House Burned. A complete gutting of Mr. Verge's (late Yukon Field Force) road-house took place at Indian River on Friday night, Feb. 2nd. The trouble appears to have arisen through someone lading a cup of coal oil from an open tin of the same, under the impression that it was water, and then throwing it into a mess of dog feed on the stove. Water was thrown on the mess, but that only spread the fire, and although four men worked hard to save the building, nothing remaining but the charred logs. The loss comes heavy on Mr. Verge, who has just been married a month. His place was situated about two miles above the Indian River road-house.

A Good Showing. It is understood a rich strike has been made on the Yellow Jacket, one of Lord Hamilton's bonded properties on Pine creek, says the Atlin Claim of Feb. 10th. Enquiry at the office of the representative of the company in Atlin secured no confirmation of the report, however.

This property, or more correctly speaking, properties, for it includes the Yellow Jacket extension, was bonded last fall. The duration of the bond was nine months. The company during this period have spent a large amount of money in prospecting and developing the ground, erecting suitable bank houses, sinking shafts and running several crosscuts. A force of eight men has been employed steadily around the works, and it is understood a very rich and highly satisfactory strike was made recently in the tunnel that is being pushed across Pine creek at a depth of 40 feet. A large body of decomposed quartz was here encountered showing specks of shotty gold throughout the lode. Jack Perkinson, "Big Jack," as he is known in Atlin, is interested in the Yellow Jacket. He arrived from Dawson last Monday and his trip here at this particular period is for the purpose of closing the deal with the bondholders of the property. He left for Skagway on Wednesday the most one of his partners, also interested, went on his arrival back will be in a position to close the sale of the property. The figure is a large one.

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Another year of active business has been done by this company. The aggregate of new assurance written was \$1,225,000, a sum which is almost a million more than in any previous year, and attests the popularity of the company. The testimony given by policy-holders of satisfaction with the earning power of its endowment policies must assist in calling attention to this form of life insurance, which is one that the NORTH AMERICAN has exemplified with a marked degree of success. In one case a policy-holder received \$27,381 for a \$20,000 endowment taken out in 1884; in another the amount paid in cash on a \$2,000 endowment was \$2,597. These two persons were manifestly satisfied to receive such returns and to have their lives kept insured all the time.

The annual meeting was held on the 30th January, when a very satisfactory report and balance sheet were submitted. An addition of \$371,000 was made during the year to the company's assets, which now amount to three millions and a half, of which sum \$2,229,000 is held as security and annuity reserves. The net surplus is \$408,023. More than seventy per cent. of the assets are in the form of first mortgages on real estate and of stocks, bonds and debentures—whilst last it is worth while to observe, are taken in at cost, though standing at a premium at present prices. The consulting actuary, Mr. Standen, of New York, pays a deserved compliment to the company's office system, to "the unexceptionable quality of its assets," and to the volume and quantity of its business.

LEE & FRASER, CITY AGENTS. S. G. FAULKNER, PROVINCIAL MANAGER, VANCOUVER, B.C.

CHINESE IN THE STATES. To the Editor:—I enclose an interesting table, giving the population of the United States, with Chinese and Japanese population of each state, thinking you may like to use same. These figures are taken from Lupton's "Family Atlas of the World," 1890, New York. I presume the figures are correct. Statistics of Canada's Chinese and Japanese population are not given, the Atlas being mainly a United States get-up.

HAROLD BURNETT. F. R.—It will be noticed that in the state of New York, having a population of nearly six millions, there are less Chinese than in the city of Victoria, and a good deal less in Ohio with a population of over three millions.

State.	Popula.	No. Ch.	No. Jap.
Alabama	1,513,017	48	3
Arizona	50,620	1,170	1
Arkansas	1,128,170	92	218
California	1,208,130	73,472	1,147
Colorado	422,148	1,298	10
Connecticut	749,258	272	78
Delaware	168,493	37	0
Dist. Columbia	230,292	91	0
Florida	464,629	108	14
Georgia	1,837,353	108	5
Illinois	3,485,285	2,067	0
Indiana	2,829,351	740	14
Ind. Territory	46,999	0	0
Iowa	2,028,000	3	94
Kansas	1,334,928	3	94
Kentucky	1,858,655	28	3
Louisiana	1,118,287	333	139
Maine	691,086	73	1
Maryland	1,042,300	180	7
Massachusetts	2,495,345	994	18
Michigan	2,421,454	120	38
Minnesota	1,574,819	94	2
Mississippi	1,289,000	147	7
Missouri	2,079,184	400	6
Montana	132,130	2,832	6
Nebraska	1,008,910	214	2
Nevada	46,761	2,833	3
N. Hampshire	376,539	58	2
New Jersey	1,873,109	698	22
New Mexico	153,033	261	3
New York	5,997,853	2,365	148
N. Carolina	1,617,947	22	1
N. Dakota	182,710	38	1
Ohio	3,069,000	61	10
Oklahoma	287,229	25	10
Oregon	313,767	9,540	22
Pennsylvania	5,258,014	1,146	32
Rhode Island	984,758	69	5
S. Carolina	1,151,149	34	177
S. Dakota	330,975	0	0
Tennessee	1,797,318	51	6
Texas	2,235,528	710	3
Utah	247,324	708	0
Vermont	332,422	32	1
Virginia	1,655,980	55	16
Washington	349,249	3,260	269
W. Virginia	762,794	15	3
Wisconsin	1,937,015	0	0
Wyoming	69,705	365	0

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These symptoms indicate a weakened heart. They are unmistakable evidences of the engine of the engine of life breaking down. Now there's only one reliable remedy for restoring strength and vitality to weakened hearts and relieving all distressing symptoms. It is Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. The case of Mrs. A. Stratton, Frederick, N. B., amply proves this. Here is her statement: "I suffered very much from an impoverished condition of the blood, coupled with extreme nervousness. A dizzy sensation on arising quickly or coming down stairs, often troubled me, and my breath was so short that I could not walk up stairs. The least exertion caused my heart to flutter and palpitate violently, and I sometimes felt a smothering sensation on going to sleep. I doctored back and forth for my weakness, but I got no relief from any medicine until I tried Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and I can say that they helped me wonderfully. Sometimes my face and arms would turn blue and purple, but all these troubles speedily yielded to the restoring influence of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and I am now strong and well. I did not use them long until I regained the blessing of 'refreshing' sleep, and it will always be a pleasure to me to recommend them to others."

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On and after Tuesday, February 20th, the Vancouver boat will leave C. P. N. Co. wharf, Victoria, at 7 a.m. every night except Monday. The Sunday night boat will leave Victoria at 12 o'clock (midnight) instead of at 11 o'clock as formerly.

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The New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Co. Limited. Supply from their Nanaimo, Southfield and Protection Island Collieries. Steam, Gas, Coal House.

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without the intervention of the electors the general verdict will be that nothing is impossible. LOOKING BACKWARD. The able address which Hon. F. Peters delivered in Pioneer Hall on Saturday evening contained not only a timely warning to the Liberals of Victoria of the necessity of preparation for the rapidly approaching general elections and a splendidly condensed survey of the statesmanlike policy of the Laurier government since its accession to power, but was also most convincing evidence of the strong reinforcements which have been added to the Liberal ranks here by the presence of the eloquent ex-Premier of Prince Edward Island. Could we have more convincing proof of the probable future greatness of our province and city than the fact that a man of the standing of Mr. Peters, who, as he himself said, was the cock of the walk in his native province and had everything there that the heart of man could desire, should pull up stakes, burn his bridges, and with his family make Victoria his permanent abiding-place.

nothing in it for them. And of the remainder the majority are indifferent. It will be conceded by every person who has given the subject any thought that Victoria will never get railway connection with the Mainland until it is prepared to pay some portion of the cost of making that connection. And it will also be admitted, we think, that the connection should be via the valley of the Fraser river, and with the C.P.R., the G.N. and N.P. railways. There cannot be any doubt of these two facts. Before voting for or against the by-law on Wednesday next every citizen should carefully consider the situation and weigh all the facts for himself. The Times has no object other, than the welfare of the city in counselling every elector to look carefully at the provisions of the agreement as contained in the by-law published on another page of this paper and vote yes or no as his judgment prompts him. Our opinion is that Victoria will never get railway connection at a price less than it is asked to pay for it under the scheme now before the people. It is for the ratepayers to consider if they are willing in consideration of the advantages to be gained to incur the liability that will be created by the adoption of the by-law, or whether it will be better to postpone indefinitely the whole matter. Whatever the decision, we trust it will be an emphatic one. Let every voter vote. If a majority of the electors approve of the by-law they should take the trouble to go to the poll. A small vote and a small majority either way will not be satisfactory.

The Colonist says: "Legislation was prostituted to oblige an influential supporter of the House who desired to secure an advantage over a business rival." This of course refers to the Coal Mines Regulation Bill. Is it possible to put any faith in the statements of a paper which makes such an assertion? The legislation proposed, as we suppose everybody knows, was to exclude Chinese from mines to insure the greatest possible protection to the underground workers, and it would at the same time have placed all the coal mining companies on terms of absolute equality as regards cost of operation. At the present time the New Vancouver Coal Company employ no Mongolians in their mines and are at a disadvantage in competition for trade, but they may at any time, if they see fit, place themselves on even terms with their competitors by lowering Chinamen down their shafts. These are the facts, and they are too well known in this part of the province, at least, for our contemporary to gain anything by reporting to such tactics.

A laudable example has been set by the civil servants of the provincial department of mines in assigning one day's pay each to be devoted to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The view taken of the matter by the members was that where so many were sacrificing their civil situations to join the colors it was but a trifling indication of the sympathy of those who remained at home to contribute one day's pay to the cause of the Empire. This action has been followed by the employees of the customs house, and the latter have communicated with the department at Ottawa, citing the course followed by the employees of the department of mines and asking that some steps be taken to induce similar action throughout the customs service of Canada. If such a course be followed in all of the business houses and firms throughout the Dominion an immense sum will be realized for the patriotic purposes mentioned.

The Toronto Globe made a great scoop over its contemporaries in securing, ahead of them, the news of the first battle in which the Canadians were engaged. Canada's leading paper has an enterprising correspondent with the first Canadian contingent, and it has a man whom we would be hard to beat with the second, Mr. John A. Ewan. The Globe leads them all, and the graduates of the grand old paper in all parts of Canada are proud of the name it is making for itself.

division files over the country is rather possible to the uninitiated. Dr. Leyds has added a new condition to the terms on which the Boers will consent to the cessation of hostilities. Kimberley must be surrendered to the Boers and become a permanent part of the South African Republic. The youthful doctor and diplomat draws the modest income of seventeen thousand pounds a year for making demands of that kind, and he cannot be blamed for coming out strong in his claims. Here are the concluding words of a recent interview with the representative of Oom Paul: "I believe that England will have to give us back a good part of the territory formerly snatched away from us. We shall, of course, obtain for all our kinsmen who have joined us every guarantee that not a hair of their heads shall be injured. Peace without such guarantee there will never be for us. As to the absolute independence of the two Republics, no words need be lost. The Boers are prepared and have made all arrangements for a long war. Its end will not be brought about by them, but by England, which, under the pressure of circumstances, will have to make an offer of peace, unless she sets her already endangered position at naught."

The Boers have not succeeded in their declared intention of capturing Cecil Rhodes and his diamond mines. Neither Mr. Rhodes nor his property appears to have suffered greatly from the siege of Kimberley, as the De Beers corporation have announced profits to the amount of two million pounds from the past year's operations. Lord de Warr is the not inappropriate name of one who is not the least of many distinguished correspondents now at the front in South Africa. The noble lord represents the London Globe, and succeeded to the editorship by the death of his elder brother, which occurred after the high-born correspondent had taken up his newspaper duties.

It has not yet been settled who is governor of Kentucky. The old state is now blessed with two governors and two legislatures. One of the latter is composed exclusively of Democrats and the other entirely of Republicans, both making laws and nobody knowing apparently whether the acts of either are valid.

A DIRE POSSIBILITY. New Denver Lodge. If the B. C. legislature held its sessions in Kentucky instead of Victoria, Joe Martin would likely be under the dastardly provided. Cortin could shoot as well with a gun as Martin can with his mouth.

WHERE THE BEARMS LIES. Buffalo News. All doubt about the right of the matter vanished when the Boers declared war and crossed the territorial line to attack Dundee. They invaded British territory to destroy, as President Kruger and the Boers the business must rest.

THE CANADIAN SPIRIT. London Times. The speech made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the premier, and Sir Charles Tupper, leader of the opposition, in the Canadian parliament yesterday, formed a marked contrast to the depressing observations of the British Premier on last Tuesday, and those of the Earl of Kimberley, at the National Liberal Club last night. The Canadians have just paid their first sacrifice of life and blood to the cause of the Empire. These mourn their dead and grieve over their wounded with the spirit of an Imperial people. The achievements of their soldiers and the sacrifices by which these achievements were accomplished, commend them the more, as the Canadian Prime Minister eloquently stated, in their resolve to do their full duty in the present emergency.

THE EIGHT HOUR LAW. To the Editor—I have followed with considerable interest and some amusement the number of positions that have been presented to the provincial House in reference to the abolition and upholding of the eight hour law, but so far as I can see at present you have not published any correspondence on the subject from those who are most directly interested in it, that is the miners, to whom the maintenance of the eight hour law is of vital importance. The agitation in favor of the abolition is, of course, from the owners of mines, who are so short-sighted as to think that in demanding ten hours work underground they are going to make larger profits and pay larger dividends. I am a miner of forty years' experience and I can state positively that eight hours work underground in more or less bad air, in smoke and in wet, is long enough for any man, and that it is impossible for men to do justice to their employers or work to advantage any longer time. In England, Australia and other colonies the eight hour law is in force. Is British Columbia to be the exception; if so, for what reason? If the miner is protected elsewhere, why is he not so protected here? The fault lies in not so far as wood and water are concerned, are equal, if not better here than in those places above mentioned, and notwithstanding the eight hour law prevailing there, mine owners and miners work advantageously together. In order to bring pressure upon the provincial House, the owners of mines are shutting down their properties, the reason for so doing, they say, being the eight hour law, it is merely a ruse to blind the public and those that are in the eyes of our legislators. In Nelson and its neighborhood, mine owners were paying \$3.25 and \$3 per diem for the eight hours, and were eager to get men at these rates, but now, in order to force the House, they have also closed down their mines.

The eight hour law is one that ought to remain on the statute book; the agitation against it is from capitalists and monopolists, whose motive is to make the miner their slave, but it is our intention to see that it remains law, as we shall clearly prove at the next election.

We put our faith in the present administration, they have curbed the privileges of monopolists, broken existing laws, and have protected labor, and we cannot believe that

General French and his flying column appear to be cutting a pretty wide swath in South Africa. This gallant gentleman and his ten thousand men seem to fit around like a will-o'-the-wisp and turn up at the place where they are most wanted just at the right time. How supplies can be transported at the rate this

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SOCIETIES. VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1, meets first and third Friday month at Masonic Temple, Douglas street, at 7:30 p. m. B. S. ODDY, Secretary.

SCAVENGER. JULIUS WEST, General Scavenger, successor to John Dougherty—Yards and cesspool cleaning, estimates made for removal of earth, etc. All orders left with James Fell & Co., Fort street, grocery; John Cochran, corner Yates and Douglas streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 50 Vancouver street. Telephone 136.

VICTORIA THEATRE. Tuesday, February 27th.

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A party who have instituted a progressive policy will desert from the same at the dictate of the moneyed classes. I am, yours truly, Lillooet, Feb. 19th. MINER.

TEXADA HOTEL DISPUTE. Mrs. George Le Roy Charged With Larceny. (Special to the Times). Nanaimo, Feb. 23.—Mrs. George Le Roy is in the provincial goal here, where she will stand trial on a charge of larceny. Mrs. Le Roy was the proprietress of the Copper Queen hotel, on Texada Island, and obtained a license to conduct a saloon there last November. Then she took a partner named Wilson, who alleges that he furnished the money to purchase liquor and cigars to stock the bar. Mr. Wilson further alleges that for a consideration Mrs. Le Roy agreed to transfer the license to him. He says that she sent him to Nanaimo to arrange for the transfer of the license, and while he was away she disposed of a great part of the stock in trade and removed the balance and concealed it. When Wilson returned to the hotel, Mrs. Le Roy refused to let him enter the building, and threatened to use a shotgun. Mrs. Le Roy claims to have bought the liquors and cigars which he has not been using exactly right, and he applied to Justice McCready and Seymour for a warrant for Mrs. Le Roy's arrest. After examination she was committed for trial.

Memorial services were held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last evening in honor of the dead Canadians. There was a large number of people present to listen to the touching and eloquent discourse of Rev. W. B. Cumming, the pastor.

NEW POLICE CONSTABLES. Appointments Made—On Saturday Afternoon—R. H. Walker to be Sergeant.

The board of police commissioners met in the city hall on Saturday afternoon to consider the applications received in response to the advertisements in the local papers calling for four new constables. There were present: Mayor Hayward in the chair, Commissioners Stewart and Percy, and Chief Langley. The number of applications received was 48, of which 44 were for the position of constables, and 4 for sergeant. After thoroughly examining into the respective qualifications of the applicants and the various testimonials, the board made the following appointments: To be sergeant, Constable R. H. Walker; constable, H. W. Shoppard; and constables, Ezra Carlow, W. H. Handley and H. J. O'Leary.

Alderman Stewart has posted a notice to the effect that, at the meeting of council this evening, he will move that the marching agent be requested to call for ten men for police uniforms, to be received not later than Monday, March 5th, at 3 p. m.

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 felt that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I 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 a marked improvement, and after I had finished my bottle my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. S. Edwards, Publisher of The Review, Wyand, Ill. For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

VANCOUVER NOTES. Attempted Suicide—The Longshoremen's Strike Still Unsettled. (Special to the Times). Vancouver, Feb. 21.—A young man named James Mackay attempted to commit suicide last night by cutting his throat with a broken piece of window glass. He had just received the news of his mother's death.

The Longshoremen's strike in connection with the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamers is still unsettled. The steamer Walls arrived on Sunday with a crew twice its usual size. The men were assigned on articles at Seattle, and were unloading the steamer to-day. A police guard was put on the wharf and no interference by the strikers was attempted.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE. (Associated Press). Montreal, Feb. 20.—A disastrous fire broke out about five o'clock this morning in a building occupied by the Theatre Francaise, St. Catherine street east, and before the flames were extinguished half of the block bounded by St. Catherine, Cadieux, Demontigny and St. Dominique streets was destroyed. The flames owing to a high wind and the biting cold, the thermometer registering about ten or twelve degrees below zero. The loss is about \$200,000. Many of the occupants of the buildings had narrow escapes.

CITY HALL. On Friday, March 2, 8 p. m. to consider the advisability of forming a Branch of the Red Cross Society in this city. In order to send help to the sick and wounded in South Africa. This Society will not interfere with the objects of the Patriotic Fund, dealing as it does, only with the sick and wounded.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 26-5 a. m.—The pressure continues high over the Pacific Coast region, and fair weather has been general with light rain on the Washington coast and mild temperatures. In the Northwest Territories, the barometer is also high with minimum temperatures reaching 20 degrees below zero.

Forecast.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate winds, mostly fair and mild.

Lower Mainland—Cloudy, not much change in temperature.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 36; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, cloudy. Kamloops—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 22; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, fair. L. S.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 20; minimum, 18; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Sau Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Give your friends Blue Ribbon Tea. See our show windows for 1900 Rambler and Ideal juvenile bicycles. Weller Bros.

You will find it in the B. C. Guide; 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.

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The Great McEwen, Hypnotist, A. O. U. W. Hall, Tuesday, 27.

Superb hair and all facial blemishes removed by electrolysis. Electric Parlor, 114 1/2 Yates street.

Have you seen the \$1 per dozen Printed Caps and Sausers at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 89 Douglas street?

Instead of Trading Stamps we give 10 per cent. discount on all military and dry goods. Stevens & Jenkins, 84 Douglas street.

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

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Don't you often hear it said that advertising is a fine art? You require the truth neatly and plainly put. When you hear that "HONDI" Ceylon Tea is the best and purest on the market you have it.

Mail was received in this city early yesterday morning via Seattle, from Bennett, Tagish and Dawson and other northern points. The Dawson mail left the Klondike metropolis on Feb. 7th, occupying seventeen days in transit to Victoria. The record so far is thirteen days.

At the Centennial church this evening the annual missionary meeting will be held, at which, in addition to addresses by Rev. Mr. Hughes and Mr. W. B. Deaville, an address will be given by Rev. Chas. Champeau, of Central China, who is on his way back to the mission field after two years' furlough in England. Mr. A. J. McEwan will occupy the chair.

Hon. Fred. Peters, on the invitation of the Young Men's Liberal Club, addressed a large audience in Pioneer hall on Saturday evening. The speaker dealt with the necessity of preparation for the approaching Dominion general elections, and with the record of the Liberal government since it attained power in 1896. Messrs. Booth, McKechnie, Deane, D. Milne and Senator Templeman also spoke briefly.

The members of Alexandra Lodge, No. 116, Sons of England, have patriotically stepped into line, for at their last meeting they decided to open a subscription list in aid of the widows and orphans who have been left destitute by the deaths of soldiers fighting in South Africa. The money subscribed will go to ward augmenting the general fund instituted by the Sons of England lodges throughout Canada, and will be forwarded to the Grand Lodge at Toronto.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has just issued two excellent immigration pamphlets for 1900—"Western Canada" and "British Columbia"—which contain a great deal of useful and accurate information about the country west of Lake Superior, and are of special interest to those who contemplate settling either in the Canadian Northwest or British Columbia. Large editions of these pamphlets are distributed gratuitously in Great Britain and the United States, as well as throughout the Dominion, and are eagerly read by those who are seeking a new home and desire to know something of the best country in the world in which to find one.

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Will Cure Your Rheumatism.

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High class ladies' costume, length sold at Gen. H. Jackson's, \$9.25 up.

There will be a musical meeting in the Salvation Army barracks to-night, led by Staff Capt. Gall.

See Josie Gordon at Savoy, to-night.

The British government, having taken the Canard steamer, which should have sailed Feb. 17th for New York, as a transport to carry troops to South Africa, and being no American steamer coming forward that week, the English weekly papers, including Illustrated London News, Black and White, Graphic, Times Weekly, etc., will be about five days later than usual.

Thanks are extended by the management of the Boys' Protective to Mr. Robing, manager of the New Vancouver Coal Company, for three tons of coal delivered to Mr. Radgey, manager of Spratt & Co., for one ton of coal, and to all the ladies and gentlemen who have so generously contributed toward the support of the Home during the past year.

A most successful concert was given on Friday evening in the public hall, Metcosh, in aid of Mansion House fund. Miss Drake recited "The Absent Minded Beggar," and Miss Violet Hastings sang "The March of the Volunteers," collecting \$68.50 thereby. Those who took part were Messrs. Fisher, Demers, Harbottle, and Hayward, Messrs. Parker, Rals and Drake, and Misses Smart, Arden, Argyle and Oldershaw.

See the Morris at the Savoy to-night.

The war in South Africa is laying a heavy hand on the family of Mr. G. A. Kirk, of Turner, Beeton & Co. It is only recently that he received the intimation of the death of his brother in the fight at Spion Kop, and now comes the information that another brother, Capt. H. B. Kirk, of the Highland Brigade, who was unseated in the two battles on Modder River, has been severely wounded in another engagement in the same vicinity.

Messrs. Jackson and McDowell, the indefatigable proprietors of the Savoy, promise their best patrons another programme of huge proportions this week. It will embrace a merry combination of farce, opera and variety. Among the many features will be the Morris, the modern Samsons, who will present now and startling feats of strength. As a finale to their act this week they will introduce three kinds of boxing, Post and Ashby, the immitable duo, will offer another royal feast of comedy, Miss Josie Gordon, queen of song and dance, will be seen for the first time on the Coast. Dave Marion, the happy comedian, will appear in a new monologue. The balance of the large company will be seen in entirely new specialties, making the bill one of the best in vancouver.

Who is McEwen? is the question that everyone will be asking when The Great McEwen, the peer of all hypnotists, has been seen in his marvellous entertainment, which he opens to-morrow night at the A. O. U. W. hall. His demonstrations of hypnotism in surrounding cities where he has appeared are pronounced almost beyond belief, and yet they are open to investigation by all. A great discussion has been aroused in the newspapers as to whether a hypnotized person who will commit ridiculous acts could not also be compelled to commit crime. Authorities agree, however, that this is impossible unless the subject be a criminal by nature. In other words, that a hypnotized person cannot be compelled to do anything which they would not do with proper inducement, be persuaded to do while in a normal condition. Mr. McEwen has conducted his experiments with the approval of the best people, and besides this, he always furnishes a fine entertainment, combining amusement with instruction.

See "Celia," the Hawaiian Dancer at Savoy.

The Fifth Regiment band promenade concert at the drill hall Saturday evening was attended by about 100 people, and was a success in every particular, the selections by the band being greatly enjoyed. Miss Penketh sang "The Idol of My Heart" by Stahl, very acceptably, and responded to a hearty encore by singing "The Royal Red Rose," a patriotic composition by Tom Maguire. "Two Fishers," a vocal duet by Cassatt, was well-rendered by Bandmaster Morse and Carroll, their encore number, an instrumental duet for two piccolos, with band accompaniment, received well deserved applause. After weeks of correspondence, Bandmaster Plan has at last succeeded in inducing Miss Inez Carnot to appear at the drill hall concert. Miss Carnot is an artistic professional harpist, and is widely known as the successful pupil of the distinguished composer and harpist, Aptommos, and is also famous for her work with the orchestras of Sulte, Thomas and Damrosch's New York Symphony Orchestra. Miss Carnot will accompany Mrs. Barry solo at the drill hall concert next Saturday evening, and will no doubt prove to be one of the strongest attractions ever presented in connection with these concerts.

Libel Case Dismissed

Insufficiency of Evidence to Justify a Commitment for Trial.

Similar Charge Against Charles Wentworth Sorel Heard This Afternoon.

The charge against George Sheldon Williams of publishing a defamatory libellous article concerning the Lieutenant-Governor in the Kamloops Standard on January 11th was dismissed in the police court this morning. The magistrate ruling that the evidence adduced against the defendant was not sufficient to justify him in sending the case up for trial. A similar charge against Charles Wentworth Sorel, editor of the Kamloops Standard, is being proceeded without delay.

There were two witnesses examined this morning, William George Workman, printer of Kamloops, and Harry Morton, of the Garrick's Head. The former stated that he had "set up" the article in question. A question from the deputy attorney-general as to whether the handwriting resembled that on the exhibits or manuscripts produced, brought forth a strenuous objection from Mr. Walls, who maintained that evidence of this nature was certainly not admissible. This view was taken by the magistrate, after which the witness continuing, stated that as far as he could remember the signature at the bottom of the letter was "Observer." He had seen other similar letters signed "Observer." Mr. Walls objected to this line of examination on the ground that "Observer" being a stock name the present letter so signed would have no connection with previous letters. This witness was called to contradict the evidence of Mr. Sorel, one of the deputy attorney-general's own witnesses.

The magistrate decided that Mr. McLean's question on this point was receivable, and continuing the witness said that he did not insert the name "Observer" himself, they appearing on the manuscript. He had "set up" two or three letters signed "Observer." He could not swear, but he surmised that Mr. Sorel acted as editor of the Kamloops Standard.

Harry Morton, proprietor of the Garrick's Head, was next examined, and attested that on the night the article came up in the Legislature Mr. Warden came in search of defendant. About 1 o'clock Warden found Mr. Williams at his place, and in response to a question from Warden defendant replied that he had just been down to the boat. Warden then told the defendant that he had got himself (Williams) into a fix, and Williams replied: "What has that got to do with me?" Warden then accused defendant of writing the libellous article, but Williams denied this allegation, remarking incidentally, "That he didn't care a flea." He had always heard the defendant deny in strong terms the accusation that he had written the article complained of.

Mr. Walls submitted, in closing the case for the defence, that there was no evidence connecting the authorship of the article with his client. When Mr. Sorel's evidence was taken down the most of it was very objectionable. Both counsel had desisted from presenting the objected questions because each expected the recovery of the original manuscript to prove his case. Mr. Sorel was not a hostile witness, but showed by his efforts to find the manuscript that he was a most friendly witness to the Crown. Sorel had no desire to protect Williams, and his interest really would be to allow the defendant to suffer and protect himself. That portion of the evidence of Mr. Sorel, in which Williams was connected at all, could be boiled down to a few written notes.

The evidence against his client was that he might have written the letter, but it was not shown he had written it. The second point against his client was that his manner showed him to have written it, which was certainly evidence of a very frail nature. The third point was that the defendant had been a volunteer. The idea of accusing his client of writing the article complained of because he had been a volunteer was too ridiculous to mention. There was not one iota of circumstantial evidence to connect his client with the authorship of that article.

As to Mr. Greig's evidence, he was certainly not a handwriting expert. Even supposed the contentions of his learned friend, the deputy attorney-general, were correct in regard to the handwriting of the manuscripts of the subsequent articles, they certainly did not connect his client with the article in question. As to Mr. Schofield's evidence, Mr. Walls mentioned that it was not for publication, inasmuch as it merely referred to the receipt and filing of the Kamloops Standard.

As to Mr. Young, the speaker remarked that he had practically sworn to nothing as regards his client. In fact Mr. Young knew absolutely nothing about the case, and his evidence was of no weight whatever. The same might have been considered of Mr. Case's evidence. Mr. Warden, the speaker claimed, was an informer of the very worst class, who actually endeavored to trap his client, and while in compassion with him asked him if he wrote the article. Then when Mr. Williams denied the accusation, Warden called him a liar.

"Then what did Warden do?" Why he ran away to those who induced him, probably by hope of promotion, to turn informer, and said: "I can't get this man to confess." Informers are not liked in any quarter, and Mr. Walls held that Warden's evidence was of little weight; on the face of which his learned friend, the Deputy Attorney-General, had the audacity to ask the magistrate to send his client up for trial.

Mr. McLean, speaking with regard to Mr. Walls' onslaught on Mr. Warden, and as to whether he was an informer, emphatically said that such was not the case. The information regarding the conversation was not received from Mr. Warden, but from an outside source. Consequently Mr. Warden was then sub-

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opened, and coming to court had certainly to tell the truth. He submitted that the evidence the crown had given connected the defendant with the article. Most crimes were not proven directly, but indirectly, and the jury drew their conclusions or inferences. He had laid before the court certain facts from which a jury might infer that defendant was the writer of the article.

Dealing with the evidence of Mr. Sorel, the editor of the Kamloops Standard, the speaker said that Mr. Sorel had given his statement on oath that he was a hostile witness to the crown. Apart from the direct statement there was the whole tenor of his evidence. On Mr. Sorel's testimony the only fair inference was that he was the only man in the office on January 11th responsible for the appearance of the letter in the paper. Mr. Sorel had admitted adding a certain paragraph to the letter in Kamloops and when examined it would appear that it was written by one man, and that the only portion Mr. Sorel wrote was the paragraph referred to.

Another point was with reference to the acceptance of the letter in its entirety. Mr. Sorel's evidence showed that he had accepted the letter in its entirety, and added the aforementioned paragraph on the end of it, and that was how it got into the paper. The evidence of the typewriter showed that the word "Observer" was the name of the printer of the Victoria correspondent.

In regard to the number of letters received by Mr. Sorel signed "Observer," he had stated that he might have received five or fifty. Surely he could have attained a familiarity with defendant's handwriting after reading these. The statement by Mr. Sorel that when he read the article he laughed, because he thought it a good caricature, would lead one to believe that not he, but Mr. Williams, was the Victoria correspondent, and Mr. McLean mentioned that he had proved that "Observer" was Mr. Williams. To show clearly that Mr. Sorel did not write the article, his statement that he had "the know of it, it would not have gone into the paper" was sufficient evidence on this point. Mr. Sorel's statement that he might have written under the nom de plume of "Observer" narrowed the authorship of the article to himself and Williams, and it was proven, he maintained, that Mr. Sorel did not write the article.

As regards the evidence in which Williams was referred to as a volunteer, the speaker designated this as a circumstance, inasmuch as the writer in the complaint of article incidentally remarked that "he had once acted as a member of the guard-of-honor in a similar function, referring to the opening of the House. When Williams was asked on the stand by Mr. Sorel and Mr. Walls, the subject of legal proceedings mentioned to him, he did not deny at once having written the article, which was a specific admission that Mr. Williams was the author of the article.

Mr. Warden had been acquainted with Mr. Williams for some time, and he submitted that Mr. Warden was familiar with the defendant's style of literary composition. Mr. Warden had stated that the produced manuscript was in the defendant's handwriting, and the speaker maintained that was sufficient proof that Williams was the writer of the original article. Mr. Greig did not testify that all the handwriting in the several manuscripts was Mr. Williams', but he stated that the body of the exhibits were in Mr. Williams' handwriting. Consequently it was on these facts that he submitted that a case was made out

showing the necessity of further investigation. Magistrate Hall, in giving his decision, stated that the suspicious circumstances were of a vague nature and not sufficient to justify him in sending the case up for trial. The charge was consequently dismissed.

The regular annual meeting of the Bible Society will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on March 2th.

The thanks of the directors of the Jubilee hospital are extended to Mrs. Richard Danko for a donation of \$15. to the institution.

A Chinaman named Ah Dow was brought into the provincial police station this morning from Saanich charged with attempted robbery, in that he tried to steal a valise from a lady.

A mammoth minstrel arrangement of the bright and wholesome kind, aptly describes Richards & Pringle's unequalled minstrel show that will appear at the Victoria theatre to-morrow night. It carries the greatest gathering of colored minstrel men—practically 100—into one big combination. Fifty names are in its roster, two big military bands, a famous troupe of acrobatic Arabs and the best features of an old and new minstrel show. Its big street parade, which will be given at 2.30, is well worth watching.

On Wednesday evening Columbia Lodge, I.O.O.F., will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the institution of the order. This anniversary beside marking the 30th milestone of the local lodge marks the completion also of 30 years' membership in the order of Messrs. MeLellan, Mansel and Farreest. A programme will be given followed by refreshments. In the same connection at the last meeting of Columbia Lodge, Visiting Bro. Ray stated that he had been an Oddfellow for 40 years.

"Gentlemen's Night" at the popular concert in Temperance hall on Saturday evening added another success to the many scored there this winter. Aid. Beckwith occupied the chair. The programme was excellent and long, but the vast audience remained every number. Encores were numerous, the songs composed by Mr. Burton and Mr. Bantty, of this city, and sung by Mr. J. G. Brown, were very heartily received, the patriotic one of Mr. Bantty being encored and the composer gracefully responded. Some very attractive programmes are in hand for the coming Saturday nights, and particulars will be published later.

The death occurred at the family residence, 134 Chatham street, on the 26th inst., of Harriet, wife of John Pearce, in her 80th year. Deceased was a native of Winderham, Lincolnshire, and was one of the pioneers of the province, having accompanied her husband to Carlisle in 1863, and remained there until the following year. After a successful career in that district her husband, Mr. John Pearce, acquired some valuable land in Saanich and farmed there until advancing years compelled the aged couple to seek retirement in their comfortable home in Victoria. They have no children living. The funeral takes place on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at the family residence, at 2.30 p. m.

Mass Meeting of Ratepayers

AT THE CITY HALL,

TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 27th

AT 8 P. M.

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THE STOCK MARKET. (Furnished by Ben. Williams & Co., Brokers, Phone 233.) New York, Feb. 25.—The following are the closing quotations on the Stock Exchange: American Sugar, 103 1/2; C. B. & Q., 12 1/2; C. M. & St. P., 42 1/2; Manhattan, 94; People's Gas, 98 1/2; C. R. I. & P., 102 1/2; American Tobacco, 106 1/2; Atchafalaya, 43 1/2; Union Pacific, 114 1/2; Texas, 51 1/2; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 68 1/2; Union Pacific, 49 1/2; American Steel & Wire, 50 1/2; money loaning at 2 1/2 per cent. Chicago Markets. Chicago, Feb. 25.—The following are the closing quotations on the Board of Trade: May Wheat, 65 1/2; July Wheat, 66 1/2; May Corn, 35; May Pork, 110.62 1/2; Liverpool Wheat, May, 56 5/8d.

Styles and Fabrics in Ladies' Garb. The coming spring is accompanied by new effects, new designs and new colorings in ladies' costumes. I think I would go crazy with pain were it not for Chamberlain's Pain Balm, writes Mr. W. H. Stapleton, Herculais, 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.

Geo R Jackson. Keeps in close touch with all the minutest details of changes in ladies' fashions and fabrics, and he has learned that ladies appreciate the high class—the better quality—the ultra stylish, though not the vulgar, extreme, and he is fully prepared with a splendid stock and the latest plates to cater to the wants of those who know how to appreciate the value in personal appearance and economy of wear of the best. These lovely goods are also sold by the yard at very reasonable prices, ranging from 50.25 for costume length up, shrunk free of charge.

Geo R Jackson. 57 Government Street. Suffer from nervous debility, indigestion, nervous headache, cold hands and feet, pain in the back and other forms of weakness are relieved by Gillet's Iron Pills, made specially for the blood, nerves and complexion.

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Political Situation

The Latest is That Hon Fred Peters Will Be Called in by the Governor.

An All Day Informal Sitting at the House by the Members -- Rumors Galore.

Much has been done today and more will be done this evening, that will have a very potent influence upon the future of politics in British Columbia.

Some of the schemes put forward as means of solving the problem make the practical politician gasp with amazement, they are so violently untried for use in any such crisis as the present shows.

It seems to be felt by the public, especially by the merchant and working classes, that the time has come for a radical departure from the old forms of things--and a rally on a platform which has British Columbia's interests first, last and always for its main plank.

Reference to the short interviews published in another column of this issue will clearly show how predominant is this feeling amongst the business men of this city.

Individuals. Mr. David W. Higgins is happy. He is confident, and when a man is confident he cannot well be unhappy.

Mr. Joseph Martin. The third (?) member for Vancouver City was early at the buildings to-day, and the spring of his step as he went up the east staircase towards the marble stairs indicated, or seemed to indicate, that he was well pleased with things in general.

Mr. Edgar Dewdney. It is impossible to avoid reference now to ex-Governor Dewdney in connection with the present situation of affairs. One hears it mentioned everywhere throughout the city, and where it is said there must be some grounds for this use of a well known name.

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Business Men's Views

Some Merchants of the City on the Present Political Crisis.

Opinions Are Strongly Against Introducing Party Lines at Present Time.

This forenoon a Times representative interviewed a number of prominent citizens and business men with a view to obtaining their opinions regarding the present political impasse.

Ex-Mayor Redford said he would like to see some arrangement made between the parties now in the House by which the government of the country could be carried on without the necessity of a dissolution.

Mr. J. Stewart Yates was wholly opposed to the introduction of party lines as an outcome of the present crisis.

Mr. C. E. Reibout had very little to say, and summed it all up somewhat as follows: "I am strongly opposed to Dominion party lines in provincial politics."

Mr. Walker Morris. The junior partner of the well-known firm of Okeil & Morris was very willing to give an opinion on the matter.

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Fighting the Yaquis

Indians Retreated After a Fierce Fight, in Which They Lost 73 Men.

The Federal Losses Were Over Two Hundred--Many Soldiers Drowned.

(Associated Press.) Pagan, Sonora, Mexico, Feb. 25. The Mexican federal troops, under Gen. Torres, have saved Guaymas from the Yaquis by dint of the fiercest fighting of the year, and the sacrifice of two hundred soldiers, and all the public buildings were utilised.

Torres anticipated the surprise the Yaquis intended. The Indians were accompanied by ten adventurers, miners and cowboys, who acted as commanders of separate companies of 40 each.

The first division retired in confusion and was sheltered on higher ground along the river. More than one hundred men fell at this time. The Democrats then advanced up and swept the shelter with her guns, but evidently ineffectively.

Late in the afternoon, hill signals showed the waiting commander of the first division that the second detachment had reached the neighboring heights to the southeast in his flank movements.

A letter received by Hall, Gospe & Co. from Capt. Funky of the schooner Anita, reports that the writer spoke with the General in which was the mate, Mr. White, on the night of the 14th.

A dispatch from Monterey, Cal., says the British sailing schooner E. B. Merrill, Captain Campbell, is now in Victoria, waiting for a vessel which has been lying in this harbor for several days.

A storm is alleged to be brewing over the sale of the United States revenue cutter Corwin to Capt. E. Coffin, of Boston, for \$10,000.

The next few days will be busy ones at the outer wharf, as two liners are coming from the Orient and one from Australia.

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THE PASSING THROUGH. Arrivals of the Day at the City Hotels--Gossip of the Corridors.

James Knox, who came out as steward on the Islander and who is now steward of one of the C. P. R. steamers on Arrow Lake, is visiting this city.

W. G. Workman, of Kamloops, who came down to give evidence in the Williams case, is at the Dominion.

E. L. Hutchings, of Toronto; Archie Anderson, of Chicago; and L. Kennedy, of Galt, Ont., are among the commercial men registered at the Victoria.

J. Diamond and wife, of Vancouver, are at the Victoria. They are returning from a honeymoon trip spent on the Sound.

Mrs. Dunsuir and Mrs. A. Dunsuir were passengers by the Victorian yesterday from the Sound.

Capt. S. F. Mackenzie and Capt. G. Alexander, of Vancouver, are among those registered at the Victoria.

G. B. Davies, superintendent of construction, Western Union Telegraph Company, is in town.

Geo. M. Rice and W. H. Armstrong, of Vancouver, are among the recent arrivals at the Victoria.

B. W. Grier, of the C. P. R., and E. A. Morris returned from the mainland last night.

G. L. Biggar returned from Vancouver last night and is registered at the Dominion.

King Solomon, in advance of Prof. McEwan, the hypnotist, is at the Dominion.

A. C. Cowan, a commercial man of Toronto, is registered at the Dominion.

O. E. Tisdall, M. P., arrived by the Islander last evening.

W. F. Stein, of Vancouver, is registered at the Victoria.

Miss Nason was a passenger from Vancouver yesterday.

C. W. Mellor, of Roseland, is a guest at the Dominion.

James A. Sward, of Toronto, is a guest at the Victoria.

King of New York, is registered at the Victoria.

J. J. Carment, city clerk of Kamloops, is in the city.

O. W. Ashby, of Tacoma, is at the Victoria.

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