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Chicago Labor Troubles.
(Associated Press.)
Chicago, March 13.—Another serious complication in the great building strike came today when the mah, door and blind manufacturers in this vicinity voted to close their mills until the labor troubles are adjusted. By this action 4,000 men are added to the 50,000 now idle, and business interests are further crippled.

A Fac-simile



FRENCH AT BLOEMFONTEIN

He Has Seized Two Hills Near the Railway Station Which Command the Town.

THE BRITISH CASUALTIES.

Two Hundred and Twenty-one Men Wounded and Sixty or Seventy Killed and Missing—Roberts Advancing With Cavalry Brigade.

(Associated Press.)
London, March 13, 2:47 p.m.—Lord Roberts's actual entry into the Orange Free State capital seems likely to be delayed until to-morrow or late to-day, as his statement that he is going to reinforce General French implies that opposition is being encountered on the outskirts of the town, though the definite statement that the British cavalry leader has positions which command the situation leaves no doubt that the occupation will speedily be effected, and with it the London critics believe will accrue to the British important captures of supplies, if not of prisoners.
Boers May Make a Stand.
However the Boers may make a strenuous resistance until Lord Roberts's main army should catch up with the cavalry, whose leader has once more been afforded the opportunity of reaping glory in first reaching the goal.

The strategic importance of what is taken to be the practical capture of one of the enemy's seats of government has created little enthusiasm in London, as for days it had been regarded as certain that Lord Roberts would soon be at Bloemfontein.
Only a few persons gathered around the bulletin boards this morning. Here and there flags were displayed, but no demonstration marked the receipt of the news. The predominant feeling seemed to be curiosity as to what would be the result, and surmises as to whether the Free Staters would give in were rife.
Still Holding Out.
The rumors of the relief of Mafeking became more circumstantial to-day, but they still lacked official confirmation, while the Mafeking dispatch of March 6th, published to-day, plainly disposed of the report that the besieged residents had evacuated the place and that the Boers had retired from Boshof.

COMMANDS BLOEMFONTEIN.

London, March 13.—Lord Roberts telegraphs from Venters Veld at 5:20 o'clock this morning as follows:
"I directed General French, if there was time before dark to seize the railway station at Bloemfontein, and thus secure the rolling stock."
"At midnight I received a report from him that after considerable opposition he had been able to occupy two hills close

MAFEEKING STILL BESIEGED.

London, March 13.—A dispatch received by a South African firm in London, dated Mafeking, March 6th, via Lobatsi, March 9th, says: "All well, but town still besieged."
London, March 13.—A dispatch to the Times from Mafeking, dated Monday, 5th, says the garrison at that place is feeling acutely the stress of the siege. They are reduced to the use of horse flesh and bread made from horse forage, while the water is parasitically contaminated.

CHANGING ITS ATTITUDE.

to the extent of laying before the British government the proposals which United States Consul Hay received from Presidents Kruger and Steyn. It is understood that Mr. Hay reports having attended the conference when President Kruger and Steyn appealed to all nations to use their offices in the interest of peace. But it is stated that he received a special communication to the proposals that should be made, the Transvaal well understanding that the United States as the next best friend of England would be the best channel through which to appeal for peace. It is believed, however, that the administration did not commit itself, leaving to Great Britain to determine without reservation on the part of the President whether it should

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London, March 3.—A number of cablegrams have been received from Mafeking to-day, including one to a Birmingham firm, telling it to ship goods immediately, thus indicating the speedy relief of the place.
Lady Georgiana Cueson also received the following dispatch from Lady Sarah Wilson at Mafeking: "Delighted to receive your letter of the 29th and will be well March 1st."
The latter message was dispatched from Mafeking on March 4th by way of Col. Plumer's camp.

The indications are that Col. Plumer was at Lobatsi on March 9th, and as it is only 57 miles thence to Mafeking, def-

FLED DURING THE NIGHT.

Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, Sunday, March 12.—Lord Roberts's advance here yesterday across the scorching plains from Poplar Grove was marked by the most severe day's engagement since crossing the Modder River.
The Boers stubbornly contested every foot of the ground, fleeing only at dusk. Lord Roberts threw most of his troops against the centre of their weakened line.

At the point where Col. Broadwood turned the Boer left he found himself under the fire of their nine-pounder. The Boers, however, ultimately hoisted the white flag. When Col. Broadwood advanced he was surprised to find the Boers had taken advantage of the cessation of fire to escape during the night.
The Transvaal prisoners showed they were entirely surprised by Lord Roberts's tactics.
A Free Stater whose house President Kruger occupied during the Boer flight from Osfontein, said he complained to the President about the depredations of the Transvaalers, whereupon the President said: "No wonder we are beaten. The burghers entered into the war to fight for a righteous cause, but now they have developed into horse and cattle stealers."

STATES AND MEDIATION.

New York, March 13.—That the eyes of the world are turned toward the United States as the only power that will at least make an effort to mediate between Great Britain and the South African Republics, is evidenced by the many specials to the morning papers.

THE BRITISH LOSSES.

London, March 13.—The war office has received the following additional dispatch from Lord Roberts at Venters Veld, dated March 12th:
"Our march was again unopposed. We are now about 18 miles from Bloemfontein."
"The cavalry division is outside the railway six miles south of Bloemfontein. There were 221 men wounded, and about 60 or 70 killed or missing."
"Col. Umphry has died of his wounds. Lieut. Pratt, of the Essex Regiment, was wounded severely."
"The wounds are as a rule more serious than usual owing to the expanding bullets which are freely used by the Boers."

ACCEPT OR REJECT.

Mounting White, in a signed Washington telegram to the World, says: "I have already expressed the desirability of a friendly neutral, preferably the United States, mediating in order to bring the deplorable South African tragedy to a peaceful termination. It is absolutely indispensable that a third power should be a party to a settlement, in order to give a basis of permanency thereto. There is also the danger of the destruction of Johannesburg, which will involve the loss of \$150,000,000, or the entire amount of the British war loan. This I imagine, will be a strategic necessity, as the Boers could not defend it, nor could they allow it to remain as a base for military operations against Pretoria."
The London correspondent of the World says he learns on good authority that the

APPEAL SENT LAST SATURDAY.

to England by Kruger was remarkable in both manner and matter. The language of the document, fairly pulsating with indignation, was a direct appeal for peace in solemn phrases, such as "in the name of the Triune God."
"It is not improbable that the ministers are awaiting the occupation of Bloemfontein before stating the conditions under which proposals for peace will be considered, and their declarations of a

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Roberts's Advance

British Forces Were Not Opposed During Yesterday's March Towards Bloemfontein.

The Boers Entrenched at Modder River—Outwitted by Commander-in-Chief.

London, March 13.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Venters' Post, dated last evening, says:

"We left Avondale Kop this morning, preceded by cavalry and marched here, a distance of about 15 miles. The army has been following Kaal Spruit and we are now rather to the south of Bloemfontein and only 42 miles off.

"All the division have not joined the main advance. Lord Roberts's headquarters are at Gregorowski's Farm. You will remember that the 'reform' prisoners were tried before Judge Gregorowski.

"By advancing along Kani Spruit, Lord Roberts has again outwitted the Boers, who had entrenched themselves along the Modder, thinking that our route would be in that direction.

"We found most of the farms along our line of march deserted with white flags flying over the houses. All the buildings worth removal had been taken away and there were evident signs that occupants left in a hurry, things being littered about. The commander-in-chief has given strict orders that nothing is to be touched.

"It is not expected that we shall meet with great opposition in entering Bloemfontein."

The March of the British.

Lord Roberts is making a very rapid advance, and he is again misleading the Boers by continuing the advance southward instead of through the flat country east of Avondale Kop. He will probably seize the railway south of Bloemfontein, and although another battle is possible, it is more likely that the Boers are only endeavoring to delay his advance until all the rolling stock of the railway and the stores of troops from the Orange River district can be gotten away.

The Political Aspect.

Such confidence is now felt in the military operations that interest rather centres in the political aspect of the war. The Daily News quotes Whiteley Reid as saying in a private letter:

"I give you hearty congratulations on the changed aspect of the war. It is an immense relief to us all as well as to you. 'This view,' says the Daily News, 'is welcome as expressing with an unusual measure of authority the enlightened public feeling of the United States.'

Except in the case of Germany, the replies of the powers to the Boer appeals for intervention are not yet known publicly here, but it is quite certain that Austria-Hungary and Italy will decline to interfere, and there is no apprehension that anything will come of the overtures of the two republics.

The morning papers take the line that the government will decline to open negotiations with the Boer republics except on the basis of complete surrender, and will also make it perfectly clear that nothing in the shape of intervention will be tolerated.

The Standard says: "There is an idea in some quarters that on arriving at Bloemfontein Lord Roberts will issue a proclamation which will leave little doubt as to the future of the republics."

The Times says: "President Kruger and President Steyn should have considered the best before they made war. They played for a great stake and have lost. Until they are ready for unconditional surrender they may save themselves the trouble of sending communications to Her Majesty's government. We are glad to see that it is understood in the United States as well as on the continent that any offer of mediation will be distinctly repugnant to this country. It would be wholly inadmissible, and the Dutch minister at Washington is entirely mistaken in supposing we would listen to such proposals if they come from a nation on terms of cordial intimacy with us. We mean to settle this controversy ourselves and in our own way."

The Boer Force.

Venters' Post, March 12.—Evening. The British forces, which since the fighting at Driefontein have been marching rapidly hither, have turned the Boer position. Our cavalry are ahead. The Boers were reported this morning about 12,000 strong with 18 guns in position on a range of kopjes commanding the road to Bloemfontein, which is 15 miles distant.

KRUGER'S APPEAL.

Statement by Mr. Balfour in House of Commons.—The Independence of the Republics.

London, March 12.—Mr. Balfour, in a question as to whether, consistently with public interests, he could state the

essential conditions on which alone the government would entertain peace proposals from the South African republics, promised that papers in this connection would shortly be presented to the House of Commons.

Being asked if there was any foundation for the report that President Kruger had addressed a communication to the government, Mr. Balfour reiterated his promise that papers bearing on the subject would be presented to the House within a short time.

It is learned that the papers promised by Mr. Balfour will be presented to-morrow and will contain in every respect the news called by the Associated Press Friday last, that the peace rumors were founded on the fact that President Kruger had appealed to Lord Salisbury for a cessation of hostilities, setting forth at length by cable the terms which he was willing to accept, and also that the cable dispatch to the President was signed by President Steyn as well as by President Kruger. Lord Salisbury's answer is exactly as given by the Associated Press at the same time, namely that the advance had met with an emphatic rejection at the hands of Lord Salisbury, who also said that no such attempt to relax the independence of the Transvaal could be considered for a moment by the British government.

Paris, March 13.—The Gaulois publishes the following from its London correspondent: "According to good authority, President Kruger and President Steyn have not made a formal proposition of peace, but have asked the British government, through the United States, the recognition it would accept for the opening of negotiations on the basis of the independence of the republics."

LEYS AND THE IRISH.

Thanks Mr. Clancy, a Nationalist Member, for Resolution of Sympathy.

London, March 12.—The Lord Mayor has directed that the Irish flag be hoisted over the Mansion House on St. Patrick's Day in recognition of the bravery of the Irish troops in South Africa.

Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, in a letter to Mr. John Clancy, Irish Nationalist member of parliament for the north division of County Dublin, thanking the public corporation for the resolution of sympathy for the South African Republics, says: "The resolution is greatly appreciated by me. I know how keenly it will be prized by our much suffering country still struggling for independence and liberty. It is a satisfaction to know that a considerable part of the Irish population in the United Kingdom, mindful of the blood being shed in South Africa, continue to extend sympathy to our people. May this sympathy be re-echoed by numbers of your countrymen."

Dublin, March 12.—Wm. Redmond, M.P., has written to the clerk of the corporation protesting against the proposed address of welcome to Queen Victoria and expressing his intention to re-

ject it.

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sign his seat in the council if the address is presented.

CANADIANS FOR AFRICA.
Twenty-Five Men Left Toronto Yesterday to Join Ship at Halifax.

Toronto, March 12.—Twenty-five men being sent from here to bring the Royal Canadians up to the full standard, left the city this evening for Halifax, on sudden word from Ottawa. They will sail after all on the Monterey with Strathcona's Horse. One or two changes took place, and one new man was W. O. McCarthy, brother of Leighton McCarthy, M.P.

Capt. Boyd, who has been acting as recruiting officer, also received word to report for duty in South Africa, and left with the men. He is a son of Chancellor Sir John Boyd, and had command of "B" Company, Royal Grenadiers.

Strathcona's Horse.
Montreal, March 12.—Thousands of people lined the route of the parade of the Strathcona's Horse to-day. The stay in Montreal lasted six hours. A luncheon was tendered at the regiment at the Windsor, after which the fellows were again boarded, leaving for Halifax at 9 o'clock.

A WARDNER ENGINEER.
Tells How Prisoners Were Treated by United States Soldiers.

Washington, March 12.—L. J. Simpkins, electrical engineer at Wardner, Idaho, testified in the Court D'Alene investigation to-day. He said he did not participate in the riot, but soon after that event was arrested by a squad of United States troops who went about the streets arresting those persons pointed out by Bankerhill mine-spectators. Two spectators on the streets who stopped to see the soldiers and their prisoners were promptly arrested and put in with the other prisoners. The witness said one of the prisoners, a Swede, was taken with a fit, whereupon a negro soldier struck him senseless with the butt of his gun. The corporal of the guard came, and turning over the fallen man said: "I guess you fixed that fellow all right." Simpkins said one of the prisoners was robbed of \$50.

One of Simpkins's recitals caused something of a sensation. He said he was taken from the "bull-pen" by a squad of four soldiers and marched to an open enclosure where he was placed with his back against a building. The soldiers stepped back and cocked their guns, apparently making ready to shoot him. At this point, he said, a high official of the Bankerhill mine appeared, and said they had evidence enough to hang the witness or send him up for many years, but if he could tell who blew up the mill he would be turned loose. Simpkins said he protested that he did not know who the guilty parties were, and the effort to get evidence from him was finally given up.

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THIS FAMOUS WINE

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Read Comparative Table of Imports.

SOLE WHOLESALE AGENTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA:

PITHER & LEISER, Victoria

List of imports of Champagnes into the United States for the years 1898-99, compiled from official records:

	1898	1899
G. H. Mumm & Co's "Extra Dry".....	86,855	109,303
Mott & Chandon.....	84,296	56,888
Pommery & Grand.....	58,318	45,700
Hendrick & Co.....	19,908	13,574
Piper Heidsieck.....	8,022	12,900
Vve. Clicquot.....	11,909	12,479
Reinart, Pons & Pils.....	10,638	11,648
Louis Roederer.....	9,063	10,623
Perrin-Jouin.....	8,123	6,130
Ernest Iroy & Co.....	3,585	2,306
A. DeMontebello & Co.....	1,561	2,301
Bouche, Pils & Co.....	1,702	2,048
Delbeck & Co.....	1,295	1,794
St. Marcoux.....	1,743	1,592
Gros, Goulet.....	1,705	1,258
Various Brands.....	1,345	1,345
(15 or more).....	18,677	19,618
Total.....	248,316	279,700



The City Council

Grant For Harbor Borings Deferred Awaiting the Committee's Report.

Majority of the Council Take Strong Ground Regarding Shacks.

The city council had another protracted session last night, the tower clock changing the hour of eleven before Ald. Brydon was moved to suggest an adjournment. Even the aldermen were unable to complete all the business, and the Tuesday night session, which is becoming a fixture in the municipal programme, was decided upon.

The High-Level Supply.

The minutes having been read and adopted, a communication was tabled from Justice Martin complaining of the inadequacy of the water supply on the high levels during the hot months of last year through the diversion of the water designed for the high level to other portions of the town. He pointed out the injustice of this course, and asked that the same course might not be adopted this year.

Ald. Williams said that the new pumping station would cover the need, and therefore moved that the letter be referred to the water committee.

In seconding, Ald. Hall emphasized the great improvement the new pumping station would be to the city. The motion was carried.

A Disinfecting Plant.

F. Elworthy, secretary of the Jubilee hospital board, drew attention to the necessity of a disinfecting plant for the hospital, especially in view of the proximity of the plague. Received and deferred for consideration with the estimates.

The Rock Bay "Swing."

The matter of the Rock Bay bridge in the name of the corporation, F. C. & G. Gregory protesting against the closing of the swing, on behalf of their clients, Lemon & Gosselin, and Taylor Mill Co. The council had proposed that the swing be closed, and that if the Dominion government decided against it, the necessary council would construct it within six months. The motion was carried.

The Mayor admitted that Capt. Gaudin had reported in favor of their clients and against the city.

The letter statement was promptly denied by His Worship, who was corroborated by several aldermen.

Ald. Yates—How does the bridge stand to-day, Your Worship?

His Worship (laconically)—It's open.

Ald. Beckwith—Is the swing open? (Laughter.)

Ald. Stewart said everyone seemed happy since the opening of the bridge, and it would be too bad to destroy their happiness.

Ald. Yates pointed out the necessity of having the city's case stated before the Dominion government. He thought that if the facts were fully stated it would materially strengthen the city's position.

It was decided to acknowledge the letter and at the same time draw the attention of the writers to its inaccuracies, and also that the mayor, city solicitor and city engineer be instructed to prepare a statement.

Ald. Cameron also suggested that a telegram be sent at once to the government informing them that the city was preparing a case.

A Refund Requested.

Heistermann & Co. had been paying taxes on a piece of property which they believed belonged to a client for two years, but only a portion of which they now found to be his. They therefore asked for a refund. Referred to finance committee and city solicitor for report.

The Ever-green Dispute.

Rev. W. G. Ellison again drew the council's attention to the depreciation of property in Victoria through the breaking of windows, doors, etc., as witness his own property. In his case "a disorderly crowd" had burned up his fences. The people took it for granted that all law and order was null and void. The children were encouraged to burn by day

what their parents pulled down by night. He thought this a bad advertisement for Victoria as a residential city. Received and filed.

The Sorby Scheme.

The mayor reported that at the meeting of the Sorby committee in the afternoon there had not been a quorum present, but a report had been read from the real estate committee, and Mr. Sorby's reply thereto had been tabled. These were read as follows:

Victoria, B.C., 12th March, 1900.

To the Chairman Sorby Harbor Improvement Committee, Victoria:

Sir—Referring to the earlier reports made by you to the real estate committee, we beg to state that that committee had not at the time of making those reports considered Mr. Sorby's scheme as a whole. They had not then fully realized the fact that the occupants of the property which it is proposed should be purchased by the harbor commissioners would be deprived of the revenue resulting from the collection of wharfage dues. In fact, as they understood the position, they were asked to report upon the present value of, and revenue derived from, the real estate fronting on the water.

As to value, we still believe that Mr. Sorby's estimate for the purchase of the land in question and compensation to occupants is reasonable; but we are of opinion that certain of such property would not be prepared under the altered conditions to pay such rents as would be necessary in order to produce the revenue Mr. Sorby has calculated upon receiving.

In the consideration of revenue, we are met with many difficulties, arising chiefly from the fact that all estimates must, to a certain extent, be speculative.

The reclamation of large tracts on the water front must necessarily depreciate by competition the revenue-bearing capacity of the wharves that are now in existence, do we grant which we are not prepared to do that the increased harbor facilities will greatly stimulate our shipping trade. Further, it is quite possible that the imposition of wharfage dues may result in the removal of some of the industries now being carried on in Victoria. We refer particularly to the saw milling business.

In making an approximate calculation, we can only consider the business as it now exists, and we believe that the annual revenue derivable from the land fronting on the water would be at the best fifteen thousand dollars less than Mr. Sorby's estimate, in the event of the collection of wharfage dues—as at present paid—passing into hands other than those of the occupants.

In Mr. Sorby's estimate, credit is taken for an increase of revenue of \$20,000 per annum to be received from reclaimed land and new wharves. This we think is purely speculative, and should not be taken into consideration, depending as it does on the possibility of increased trade.

Yours faithfully,

C. A. HOLLAND,
JAMES FORMAN,
C. F. TODD,
Sub-Committee on Real Estate.

To this Mr. Sorby replied as follows:

Victoria, 12th March, 1900.

The Chairman Investigating Committee:

Sir—With reference to the report of the real estate committee in this date, I have always stated, and the fact has been published many times, that wharfage dues and rents receivable from properties purchased were separate and distinct sources of revenue. In fact the wharves are mainly let off separately and have no connection with the offices and warehouses between them and the adjacent streets, from which alone the real estate revenue is calculated to be derived. The committee seem to have failed to understand this, and also to make allowance for the fact that the rates named in my schedule are gross rates as now existing and are not net rates, as you state, and are not to be paid until the end of the next year, or in some cases, for example, in the case of the waterfront, for several years to come. They have also failed to grasp the fact that the whole estate, improved, unimproved or reclaimed, is one undivided property, under one control and practically owned by the city, and of course cannot be depreciated by competition, as it might be under separate owners.

With reference to saw mills, the owners at present maintain their wharves at great cost for repelling and pay taxes; this cost of maintenance and repair is not included in the purchase by the harbor trust and a wharfage of 20 cents per thousand feet is charged instead, which would in fact be a considerable saving to the mill occupier. The \$20,000 per annum calculated as receivable from reclaimed land is speculative after a period of years, as stated, and may be left out of the calculation.

The logic of the committee's argument is this: That the fact of deepening and improving the harbor, so as to be accessible to modern carriers, and building broad stone wharves and other facilities for the expedition handling of the trade of the port, would be to depreciate the annual value of properties abutting on the harbor

from their present rentals of \$78,124 to only \$38,100, which is manifestly absurd. My estimates having been challenged, I made it my business to check my calculations by interviewing the leading importers and ascertaining for myself the wharfage actually paid. I have obtained returns from 31 of our leading importers of their import trading, and these figures demonstrate the hitherto unknown fact that charges actually paid vary with the size and weight from 50 cents to \$2.50 per ton. A very large proportion of the imports come in small parcels, i.e., under half a ton, and pay the higher rates. The mean of all the averages is 83 cents per ton, and the rate on export by reason of their being in smaller lots is higher still. I beg to include, for personal the original figures marked H, to be returned to me. I also submit a detailed statement marked H. The tonnage stated cannot be disputed; it is a little over the revenue committee's figures, after correcting their obvious omission of 10,000 tons, and calculating this tonnage at rates varying from 10 cents to 80 cents, keeping well within the actually ascertained rates. I maintain that the revenue from this source would be \$115,918, and adding to this the revenue from real estate, now as reduced by the committee, \$37,000, the total revenue to be derived would be \$152,918, instead of \$128,100, as before estimated. The tonnage, I repeat, is beyond the custom house average of the last three years.

There is one thing I would like to make clear. The proposition first is that a harbor board shall be incorporated as at Montreal, Quebec, etc.—That the federal government shall advance to the board \$2,500,000 at 3 per cent., as at Montreal, Quebec, and other ports, to enable them to acquire the properties under consideration. The interest on this loan would be about \$75,000 per annum, and the revenue about \$150,000. The board to report to the government the facts as they find them and suggest a course for future proceedings. 3. Or in the alternative, guarantee the city's bonds so that they could obtain the money on similar terms. The board would have no power, under the act, to incur any liabilities beyond the limit of their revenue, so that by no possibility can any risk be incurred that is not clearly visible on its face and was not controllable by the property owners.

I trust I have said these facts clear. I remain, sir, your faithful servant.

THOS. C. SORBY.

8,870,000 feet cut lumber, at 25c..... 2,267
10,200 cords of wood, at 20c 2,040
3,000,000 bricks, at 15c..... 4,500
35,000 sea-going tonnage, at 175 tons (inwards), at 25c..... 8,750
Reservation of wharfage, etc., say..... 6,000
..... \$19,747
Rents receivable (less taxes)..... 37,500
..... \$152,918

Estimated average revenue from reclamation and new wharves lands after the 4th year, say..... \$30,000
Less 1-7 ground rent as tax..... 4,285
..... \$25,715

Ald. Brydon moved that the reports be laid on the table. The council had been wanting because they had been confused by statements made by Messrs. Ker and others. Now the facts had been demonstrated by the committee.

After some discussion the matter dropped.

Yates Street Paving.

George De Wolf said that he believed Yates street could be much more cheaply paved by tender than by day labor.

Ald. Cameron moved that the letter lie on the table, adding that unless fresh legislation were served the chance of doing a paving this year was very remote, and he could not be diverted from current revenue.

A Case of Trespassing.

Sam Briggs, of North Chatham street, wrote saying that some parties had laid the sidewalk there to suit themselves. He asked the council to rectify the matter.

Ald. Beckwith counselled dealing sharply with those who meddled with the sidewalks.

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THE EVENING PAPER FOR THE NEWS. It is almost midnight in South Africa when the evening newspaper in Canada is going to press, and thus its readers will not have to wait until the next morning for the record of each day's happenings...

IRREGULAR HORSE. The Duties It Performs, and Its System of Working. Military experts seem generally agreed that the irregular horse, as known in South Africa and India, will play an important part in the crushing of the Boers as our regular forces.

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

Victoria, March 12-5 p.m.—A vast high barometer area extends from Vancouver Island eastward to Manitoba, with in California the barometer is comparatively low. These conditions are likely to cause several fine days and frosts tonight over the Pacific slope, and moderate winds along the coast from the Straits to California. The weather is from the coast to the Great Lakes, and frosts have been general west of the Cascades.

Forecast.
For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh northerly winds, fine today and Wednesday. Frost at night.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 43; minimum, 43; wind, 2 miles N.; weather, clear, frost.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 38; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, clear, frost.

Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.09; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barberville—Barometer, 30.62; temperature, 18; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 59; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles S. W.; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Give your friends Blue Ribbon Tea.

High class ladies' costume lengths sold at Geo. R. Jackson's, \$6.25 up.

The cheapest store in town for carpenter's tools and hardware. Olsons & Fleming, Broad street.

Imperial Cafe for afternoon tea, Balmston's bread and buns; cosy rooms for ladies.

Have you seen the \$1 per dozen Printed Caps and Saucers at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

The City Council will meet in special session to-night to take up business deferred from the regular sitting last evening.

All our fine teas require 25 minutes to infuse" was formerly the yam on some grocer's bags. Times, teas and tastes have changed and it is wonderful how easily and quickly a delicious cup of "HONDI" can be made. See directions on the packets.

The regular annual meeting of the Victoria branch of the British Columbia and Foreign Bible Society will be held on Thursday evening in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. This meeting was adjourned from last Wednesday.

The Centennial mock parliament will resume session to-morrow evening, when a measure will be introduced providing for the government contract of the manufacture and selling of spirituous liquors, after the manner of the Gottemlich system now in vogue in Norway and Sweden. The regular election of officers will also take place.

News has been received from Honolulu of the death of the well-known coast artist, Solly Walter. He died on February 20th after a lingering illness. Mr. Walter went to Honolulu six weeks prior to his death on the barkentine Archer in the hope that the sea voyage might improve his health. He was one of the best known illustrators on the Pacific coast.

The meeting of the Sorby harbor scheme investigation committee to have been held yesterday fell through for lack of a quorum. These present, however, discussed matters informally for over an hour. The real estate committee's report was presented and replied to by Mr. Sorby. Both the report and reply came up at the council meeting and are included in the report of the council's proceedings.

"Who is Who," the musical farce comedy presented by Pusey and St. John and a specially selected company of twenty-two players and vaudeville stars, will be seen at the Victoria theatre to-morrow night. Since last season the play has been thoroughly revised and brought up to date. Another feature of this season's production is the liberal introduction of "vaudeville trappings" and pretty girls. These two pleasing additions have brought "Who is Who" right in line with the leading farce comedy organizations of the day.

Aggie, and her den of lions; Lyceum Theatre to-night.

Lovers of romance and good wholesome comedy will have an opportunity of satisfying their tastes at the Victoria theatre to-night, when that splendid play "Toll Gate Inn" is to be presented by an excellent cast and with very elaborate scenic effects. This attraction has been meeting with phenomenal success everywhere in the East, and its first appearance in this city will no doubt be greeted by a crowded house. Victoria and Vancouver are the only cities north of Seattle where the company will appear, as there are no other stages in this vicinity large enough to receive the production.

Rambler Bicycles—"the 21-year old wheels." Weller Bros.

There were no cases up before the police-court magistrate this morning.

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

Inspect Rambler and Ideal juvenile bicycles. Weller Bros., cycle, Broad and Broughton streets.

The Youth and Beauty of Victoria and vicinity procure the People's Trading Stamps at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

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

The Band of Hope in connection with the James Bay Methodist church will give an entertainment this evening at 8 o'clock.

Lyceum Theatre to-night; The Dockmans, champion bag punchers of the world.

Rev. R. M. Simpson, of Vancouver, will speak in Zion Tabernacle, corner of Broad and Pandora streets, to-morrow evening, on "The Failure and Iniquity of Vaccination." Some startling facts are promised and all persons opposed to vaccination are requested to attend.

The headmaster and boys of the Collegiate School have received the following self-explanatory letter: The conveners and committee of the South African soldiers' committee desire to thank Mr. Laing, the head master, and boys of the Collegiate School for their generous and loyal response of \$10.50. The sum purchased thirty dozens handkerchiefs for the Canadian soldiers in South Africa. (Sd.) F. R. Cressé, A. M. McMicking.

The sad news was received on Sunday by Mrs. Griffith, of Port Townsend, who has been visiting in this city, of the death of her eldest brother, James Fox, which occurred at Astoria, Oregon. Mr. Fox was formerly a resident of Victoria, having learned his trade as a machinist at the Albion Iron Works, at that time controlled by the late Joseph Spangier, with whom he was employed for many years, however, he has been engaged at the Astoria Iron Works, of which his brother, John Fox, collector of customs for Oregon, is president. Mrs. Griffith was a passenger for her home this morning.

The A.O.U.W. Grand Lodge will hold their annual session in the A.O.U.W. Hall, Yates street, commencing to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Delegates from all over the province will arrive this evening, and it is anticipated that the proceedings to-morrow will be of a nature no less successful than interesting to members of this powerful organization. The business will consist of the regular election of officers, the consideration of a large number of reports, and other matters in connection with the work of the order. Among the delegates attending are representatives of a new lodge of Workmen which has been organized in the city since the last Grand Lodge meeting—Banner Lodge, No. 6. This organization is growing rapidly, and although not a year old is entitled to take a high place among sister lodges of the order.

See Basco and Rice, the peculiar comedians, Savoy to-night.

A most enjoyable and successful meeting was held by the members of Temple Lodge, V.L.A.F. & A.M., at Duacans, on Saturday evening last, when a large number were in attendance, including visiting brethren from Victoria. Considerable business was transacted and one particularly noticeable feature was the rapid growth of the lodge during the past few years. The meeting was held in the lodge rooms. Upon the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Quanchian Hotel, where the host, Mr. Grievs, had arranged an excellent table around which the guests assembled, and passed the evening with toast and a musical and literary programme. Among the visiting brethren were: Wor. Bro. A. Maxwell, P.M., of Victoria; W. Mason, N.G. Foster, H.E. Church, G. Baines, J. G. Shaw, H. O'Connell, H. J. Jones, of Ashlar Lodge, Nanaimo; F. W. Grievs, J. G. Fraser, St. John's Lodge, Wellington, and H. J. Hollings, and W. F. Chapman, Cobble Hill, the officers of Temple Lodge, John Frame, W.M.; H. S. Smith, S.W., and S. Robinson, J. W. who were accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Berryman, daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Berryman, of 94 Pandora street; piano, the bride's parents; check, A. C. Flamerfelt; silver egg cruet, employees of Ames Holden Co.; silver cake basket, Mr. and Mrs. C. Berryman; silver fruit basket, Messrs. Pither & Lobser; jardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Hanft; knives and forks, Mr. Ulin; candle holder, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman; table spoons, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Richards; silver butter knife and sugar spoon, Mr. and Mrs. McKeown; lamp, C. Cameron; silver pickle cruet, Mr. and Mrs. Merrifield; marble clock, Miss Parsell and Wm. Parsell; silver spoon, Mr. and Mrs. McGregor; silver cream pitcher and sugar bowl, J. Morris; manure set, Mr. and Mrs. Longfield; lemonade set, Mrs. Lawrie; card receiver, Miss Lawrie; cream set, Mr. and Mrs. Arnall; lamp, Mr. G. Wilson; egg chair, Mr. and Mrs. Lubbis; silver sugar spoon, Mrs. G. Merrifield; silver pickle cruet, Mr. and Mrs. Renfree; silver tea spoon, J. Renfree; picture, Miss Renfree; 5 o'clock tea set, Mrs. Parsell; cushion, D. Spencer; check, Mr. Lowen. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a brooch set with pearls, and to the bridesmaid brooches set with opals.

There will be a rehearsal for the coming production of "The Bridal Trap" at Waitt's Hall this evening. All those taking part are requested to be in attendance.

Workmen commenced this morning to tear down the Teutonia saloon on Government street for the erection of the new two-story brick building for Dr. Frank Hall, mention of which was made in these columns last evening. The premises were formerly owned by Mrs. Baumgart.

The monthly meeting of the board of trustees was held yesterday afternoon. A number of Nanaimo insurance men attended to secure if possible a reduction of insurance rates in the Coal City. What success they met with is not learned, for all Secretary Elliott will say is that "We have nothing for publication."

The Halcyon Club, a recently organized association of young men of this city, held their first social evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Morse, Dallas road. A very enjoyable time was spent by those present in dancing and games being indulged in until a late hour when the guests sat down to a sumptuous supper.

The board of hearing commissioners will hold their quarterly meeting to-morrow afternoon, when eleven applications will be submitted, ten for transfers and one for a temporary permit. Some of these have, however, not complied with the regulations and will not therefore be considered. All Stewart will take his place on the board in succession to Ald. Brydon, who declined the position.

There are on exhibition at Porter's butcher shop on Johnson street through-out today some magnificent specimens of local bred poultry. They consisted of two hens and one cock, barred Plymouth rocks, and their owner, Johnson Grahame, of Kingston street, is the proud possessor of a long list of prizes awarded in Vancouver, Nanaimo and elsewhere throughout the province for the birds. Francis who this morning inspected the birds gave it as his opinion that it would be a difficult matter to match the property of Mr. Grahame in this part of the country.

The roof of the handsome brick block on the corner of Government and Broughton streets was completed on Friday and the operations are now confined to the inside. The ground floor structure will be of a more elaborate finish than that on the first floor, and the entire building when completed will be an imposing addition to the structures already erected on Victoria's principal street. The ground floor will be occupied by Messrs. Waitt & Co. and Eskine & Wall. There will be a hall upstairs for the former firm, while the basement will be utilized by Messrs. Eskine & Wall for storehouse purposes. The building is owned by Charles Van der Meer and is expected to be ready for occupation by April 1, but in all probability it will require a further period before completion.

The Metropolitan Methodist church last evening, when among other business officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Rev. W. H. Barclough, B.A.; secretary, Mr. Fred Davey; treasurer, Mr. N. Shakespeare. The object of the council is social and moral reform throughout the city, and considerable interest is being manifested in this work by the members and adherents of the organization. There will be another meeting of the council in the near future when the members will decide upon plans for aggressive operations.

Choreth and Thatcher, America's finest artists, Savoy to-night.

The residence of Dr. Mary MacNeill was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday afternoon, when Rev. J. G. Hastings, M.A., joined in wedlock Mrs. Joseph McLean and Miss Martha Mann, of Paisley, Ont., and late of Portage La Prairie, Man. The bride was attired in white cashmere trimmed with satin and an effusion of chiffon. She carried a shower bouquet of white carnations, and the long veil was very prettily held in place by pink carnations. Only the immediate relations and intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom were present. After the ceremony the company repaired to the dining room, where a sumptuous repast awaited their attention.

A large audience were present in the Centennial Methodist church last evening and enjoyed a delightful entertainment provided by Mr. Noah Shakespeare, and Mr. T. H. Matthews, leader of the Centennial church orchestra. Mr. Shakespeare's contribution to the evening's enjoyment consisted of a rendition of stereoptonic views by means of the vapor light, which is considerably superior to the lime light. The views were most appropriate for the present period of history, inasmuch as they consisted principally of war scenes. The "Charge of the Light Brigade" was most graphically shown, as well as several scenes of the recent war in the Soudan. The present war in South Africa also came in for considerable attention, the portraits of Roberts and Buller being the signal for vociferous cheering. Much amusement was caused by the representation of John Bull in the act of giving Kruger a sound thrashing, the audience not demonstrating any marked sympathy for the old gentleman underneath the vigorous John. From the sterner scenes of war, the exhibitor diverted the attention of his audience to those of peace and gave many splendid views of beautiful spots along the Canadian Pacific railway. The exhibition closed with a portrait of the Queen, which evoked loud and continuous cheering. During the evening the Centennial orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. T. H. Matthews, contributed materially to the enjoyment of those present by some excellently rendered musical selections.

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THE PASSING THROUG.

Arrivals of the Day at the City Hotels Gossip of the Corridors.

The Occidental is now doing business under the management of the new proprietor, Alex. Ziokovic, who has done much to refit and improve the Wharf street hotel. The severity or more rooms have been repaired and refurnished. The hallways too have received much attention, and even the office windows are hung with crisp new curtains. The parlors, sitting rooms and dining room have all been altered, and in fact, many things have been done by the new proprietor to improve the hotel, and add to the comfort of his guests.

E. Skinner, of the N.W.M.P., and R. P. Clark, who has been in the government employ at Dawson, arrived by the Victorian this morning and are at the Dominion. They came down on the Falarion to Port Townsend. Mr. Skinner has been stationed up the Stikine river.

Mrs. C. C. Chipman, wife of the general Western manager of the Hudson's Bay Company, and her daughter, Mrs. Duper, of Cobourg, Ont., are guests at the Delriad. Mrs. Chipman has just returned from a stay of four months through California and Texas.

John Fanning, curator for the provincial museum, is attending to his duties again, having completely recovered from a recent illness.

F. McArdie, superintendent of the Van Ande mines at Texada Island, is among those registered at the Delriad.

J. Kavanagh, of Omineca, is a guest at the Delriad. He has been engaged in mining in the northern district.

Samuel M. Robins, superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Co., is a guest at the Delriad.

O. Murphy and C. G. McPhee, of St. Catharines, Ont., are registered at the Delriad.

C. J. Edmonds and six members of the Toll Gate Co. are at the Dominion.

T. R. S. Balfour, of London, is among the late arrivals at the Delriad.

W. K. and Mrs. Houston, of Vernon, are guests at the Imperial.

John Hibbert and wife, of Nanaimo, are at the Dominion.

Sunt. Huser, of the provincial police is able to be out again.

Alex. Baillie, of Tacoma, is a guest at the Delriad.

H. C. Finlay, of Chicago, is a guest at the Delriad.

A. C. Martin left this morning for Montreal.

Trott Fishing—Get your rods and tackle from Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street; open every evening.

Last night the premises of W. Bowness, the Government street hardware dealer, were broken into by thieves, and about \$50 worth of goods and loose money stolen. The thieves effected an entrance through the rear of the premises by taking a panel out of the back door of the workshop and removing the exact lot and communication could consequently be made with the back door without the culprits being molested. This morning at 8 o'clock when Mr. Bowness opened his premises he found that they had been broken into, and the police had been apprised. Mr. Bowness has no idea as to the hour his place was broken into, as he closes his store at 7 o'clock in the evening and reopens at 8 in the morning.

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Portage la Prairie, March 12.—G. Wood with an old resident of Portage la Prairie, a Mrs. Betty of British N. J. Wood, died last night after a very short illness.

An Army of Japs

Brought by the Steamer Glenogle --Nine Hundred Orientals From the East.

Over Half Landed at the Outer Wharf--News of the Orient.

The Oriental liner Glenogle arrived at the outer wharf, after spending the better part of two days at quarantine. She landed close on five hundred of her 1,000 Japanese at the outer wharf. The scene on the wharf was a strange one. The long shed was filled with an army, each man carrying his bundle in a Coxey's army, standing nearly the length of the shed in three deep. The customs officers were marshalling them in companies here and there. On board the ship all the twelve decks was thronged with the little Chinese clad Japs, men and women. There were about 75 Chinese in the great throng of Asiatics brought by the Glenogle. She had 3,000 tons of freight a small portion of which was landed at the outer wharf. The greater part is through freight for the Eastern States. The Glenogle left Yokohama on February 27th, and had a good passage. She left for Tacoma this morning.

Following on the news by the Empress came news of the outbreak of rebellion in Canton province. The Hongkong press says: News has reached Canton to the effect that in the district of Poising, Swatow, the people of several hundred villages have again risen in rebellion and incited them to take up arms against the government. The native authorities there are afraid to cope with these hordes of their large numbers, and have dispatched a request to the Viceroy of Canton to send troops to repress the rebellion. As General Wong-Kun-Puk is a native of Swatow, and well acquainted with all the districts and the habits and customs of the people there, H. E. the Viceroy Li Hung Chang has ordered him to take a large number of troops and proceed in the gunboat Whan To to the districts to quell the disturbance. Several civil officials will go with him to assist in the trial of offenders with full power to behold any one of them on the spot if necessary.

It is interesting to note the great sympathy of the Japanese press for the British in the South African war. The Fiji Shimpoo and the Kokum Shimpoo refer in eulogistic terms to the latest news from South Africa. The former journal is particularly pleased by the prospect of recognizing the services of French and Kotokivi. It says: "The English have shown that defeat does not daunt them but they have demonstrated that fact before and it is tolerably certain that they do not fight for the sake of reward, but for the wisdom shown by Her Majesty's government in this quick recognition of merit is most wise, and furnishes an example which might be followed by other nations with advantage."

From Manila comes news that the plague is being well handled, and cases are not increasing at a rate to cause alarm. The sanitary department is particularly active in the cleaning of the walled city. Native inspectors have unearthed a most astonishing number of layup cases, hidden away in all parts of the town.

CONCERT THIS EVENING

In Aid of Victoria West Athletic Association Building Fund.

This evening in Sempie's hall a concert will be given in aid of the building fund of the Victoria West Athletic Association. The concert of the third concert of the series in aid of the above fund, and it is expected it will prove as successful as any yet given. A list has been arranged for and building will be commenced as soon as funds are available. The concert has no cost in cash and produces about \$50, and as it will take several hundred more to complete the building and grounds, it is hoped that all who can will avail themselves of this opportunity of helping the young men of the western suburb in their efforts in this direction.

The concert this evening will be a first-class one in all respects, the programme being made up of vocal and instrumental music, readings, etc. Among those kindly assisting may be mentioned the following: Solists, Misses Croker, Hitt, McKenzie, and Messrs. J. G. Brown, H. Firth, G. F. Watson, J. Dresser; instrumental selections by Messrs. E. Dresser, Brooker, Fowler, G. G. Meredith, and readings by Messrs. H. Wilmore and G. Andrews. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Rural Dean W. H. Barber.

PATRIOTIC CONVERSATION

In the Reformed Episcopal church to-morrow evening a Red, White and Blue entertainment will be given which will be distinctly patriotic in character. Refreshments will be served during the evening by young ladies dressed in the national colors. The room also will be decorated in the same way. The programme is as follows:

Pianoforte Duet... The Misses Wilson Solo... Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue... Major R. Ross Moore

Bayonet Exercises... Messrs. Wilson and Dickinson

Reading... Dr. Wilson Vocal Duet "Little Patch of Red"

Pianoforte Solo... Miss Christie

Recitation "How Bill Adams Won the Battle of Waterloo"... Mr. Phillips

Exhibition of Sword Play... Mr. Hugh V. Sedgwick

Tableau Scene... The Camp at Belmont, with solo, "Soldiers of the Queen" Mr. T. H. Lamdy

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Per steamer Victorian from the Sound—Wm. Angle, E. E. Andrews, G. F. Veatch, J. Forbes, A. Dale, Wm. Goff, J. Matheson, H. McGee, J. Heron, G. H. Howard, J. Struport, D. Watson, A. Buser and wife, W. G. Meeber, J. Passes, Jas. Jackson, Gas Hartnall, Jno. McIner, A. H. Maynard, Thos. Morgray, M. Moses, O. H. House, Mrs. Westwood, Mrs. Glass, H. Flecher, B. Burns, Mrs. A. Mathews, Mrs. A. Marfield, J. L. Fisher, L. Petro, S. Butler, Frank Durant and wife, G. D. Armstrong, G. W. Young, E. Grossman, Miss Thompson, F. Blason, C. P. Kimball, Harry Wilson, Miss Whitney, Louise DeVola, E. J. W. Wilson, N. Patterson, Hobe O'Farrell, Stella Garland, Geo. Bowers, F. J. Mooney, J. P. Drake, Harry Wilson, Virginia Crump, H. G. Barthrop, C. A. Butler, G. Beattie, P. Basso and wife, R. P. Clark, G. Skinner.

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SEVEN YEARS IN BED.
"Wife wonders never cease" inquire the friends of Mrs. S. Pease, of Lawrence, Kan. They knew she had been unable to leave her bed in seven years on account of kidney and liver trouble, nervous prostration and general debility; but "Three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk," she writes, "and in three months I felt like a new person." Women suffering from Headache, Backache, Nervousness, Stomachache, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizziness will find it a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction is guaranteed. Only 50c at F. W. Fawcett & Co.'s drug store.

THE STOCK MARKET.

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New York, March 13.—The following are the closing quotations on the Stock Exchange: American Sugar—94½-95-95½; American Gas, 107-107½; American Tobacco, 105½; Atchafon pd., 68½; Union Pacific pd., 74½; E. C. & I. shares, 82; B. R. T., 95½; Union Pac Nashville, 82; B. R. T., 95½; Union Pac N. com., 49½; A. S. W. com., 95½; money lending at 6 per cent.

OUR Cleveland 1900 Bicycles

HAVE JUST ARRIVED. M. W. WAITT & CO.'S

60 Government Street.

New Hair! New Hair!

I sell a preparation that has grown new hair on a number of bald heads in Victoria. Seeing it believing it. It cures all scalp diseases and prevents baldness.

H. J. WATKINS, 101 Douglas Street.

SELF-PROPELLING GUN.

A self-propelling gun is the latest invention to facilitate warfare. It is the child of the genius of Count Auguste Albin. The mishap to the artillery forces of General Buller's command at Tugela, when they were all picked off by the Boers, rendering the cannon useless, proves the need of such an invention as Count Albin's.

The count is an expert in the science of warfare. He is a vice-admiral, a senator, the director of the Armstrong gun factory, at Pozzomio, and perhaps the greatest Italian authority on gunnery. He was the first to advocate the use of breech-loading muskets, and his model was adopted in the Piedmontese and Belgian armies. He spent his youth as a member of the Italian cadets in England, and while there invented the "Albin" automatic carriage, which is still used by the British force.

The latest invention, says the New York World, is the self-propelling carriage, which dispenses altogether with the horses on the battle field. The carriage and the limber are joined and clinched together, forming one solid whole. This gives the gunners an advantage in that they are enabled to load and aim without moving the carriage at all and to cross ditches and unequal ground with comparative ease, and without any momentary derangement of the apparatus.

The need after firing is prevented by a small cylinder placed under the gun, and by the combined weight of the carriage and limber clinched together. The gun is mounted on the carriage by a central pivot, and rotates horizontally when it is to be aimed, there being thus no necessity for unlimbering. The self-propelling carriage makes it possible to fire the piece both while advancing and retreating. This is impossible when horses are used in dragging the field piece. Two artillerymen, protected by a metal shield, are sufficient to work the gun. Expert gunners are enthusiastic about the invention, and pronounce it the gun of the future. They agree that Count Albin's Buller have manoeuvred his artillery without employing horses, and with a minimum of men, he would not have lost his batteries at the moment when they might have won success for British arms.

At Woolwich Arsenal, where England herself manufactures the guns which she does not wish other nations to copy, work is being pressed on several batteries of guns which it is said will exactly duplicate the one described in the foregoing.

COMMUNICATIONS

THE HARBOR SCHEME

To the Editor: Some of the aldermen seem to be of the opinion that the harbor scheme is a starved cat to a dead fish, that, too, in spite of the large percentage of the citizens thinking it an undesirable of a moment's serious consideration. I am glad to find that a portion of our aldermen are not laboring under the same infatuation as others of their fellows. The following lines have in them unfortunately more truth than poetry:

It is but a dollar a day,
How can we live on that,
Unless we have some other lay,
To help to keep us fat?

It's a birding, lowly go mean,
Looks fine at the things that have been?
Why growl at the things that have been?
Poor work for low pay is right.

We fritter your money away,
Not care who foots the bill;
Each day that sun at night
The morrow will find us still

All willing to listen, you bet,
To tales the seeking tell,
For we know no quoin or regret,
When other's schemes go well.

Hurrah! for the dollar a day,
Hurrah! for doleful bits,
Though little enough is our pay,
We grin to make us quits.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

To the Editor: In an editorial paragraph in your issue of Saturday evening, where you criticize Mr. Martin's policy of government ownership of railways, "I feel sorry at your admission, 'that as to the sentiment of this province you are very much in the dark.' Your case must, indeed, be a sad one, for the editor of perhaps the most popular daily in the province to plead such ignorance or rather want of knowledge of the presence of one of the most prominent features in both municipal and provincial election campaigns for the past ten years, not only in British Columbia, but in the prairie provinces and much of Eastern Canada as well."

To qualify your doubtfulness as to government ownership of railways being a paying speculation for the country, you quote the Canada Atlantic railway as an instance, but you fail to give cause why said railway did not pay, nor simply state to it as a government railway, but say "during the regime of the Conservative party deficits figured as conspicuously as did the C. P. R. dividends," while you admit that the same railway is paying now. This contradiction, however, might be sufficient for those who happen to be conversant with the circumstances. On the other hand, we may at least presume that its Conservative managers had as deep a respect for the old proverb, "that self-preservation is the first law of nature," to ever permit the interest of the country to enter their minds, or in other words, general mismanagement or disregard for the wishes of the people.

Notwithstanding the many discouraging remarks against Mr. J. Martin, (from which, by the way, I may not be entirely free myself), I must say that the police set forth in his platform as published in your issue of Saturday evening regarding the important features in the legislation of the affairs of the province, is a great change in the present state of affairs, and a better public feeling one which would not tolerate such a wholesale usurpation of the rights and opportunities of the people.

I ask any honest man if trade is stimulated by permitting a few men to hold in idleness, for speculative purposes, the lands and opportunities of the country, which would well afford a good living for thousands of families? Are the population and interests of the country advanced by encouraging immigration to this country and then denying them the opportunity of making an honest living?

In the path of human progress it is day after day that all of private or corporate ownership in land and opportunity, and every fresh application of the forces of nature to supply human wants will but help to enslave men with more hopeless longings.

In a lecture on "Government Control of Ownership of Railways," Prof. Henry C. Adams, political economist, said: "The solution of the monopoly problem must be found either in public ownership or public control." He advocated public control, and held that provincial and federal railway commissioners should have a fair trial, that their hands should be strengthened by further and adequate legislation, and ascertained the better that this would protect the interest of the public and ultimately bring about a happier and more prosperous condition.

There are but two factors in production, "land and industry," and those two factors, being, as the gift of God, to the whole people, and not to any individual or company of individuals, who may be selfish enough to take advantage of intemperate legislation to appropriate them. The Duke of Argyll, in his "Lines of Nature," says: "Man is the only discordant anomaly in the universe," and proceeds to make them more discordant still by appropriating as much of the earth's surface as they can."

The C. P. R. monopoly should be lessened to this province to make the people hesitate before committing themselves to such a crime again (for crime it is). They hold the key to shut up or open the prices of products at will; freight and passenger rates to the public are about double what they should be, and what they are on other lines; they have grabbed all the water fronts and valuable assets of the people everywhere they go, and the people have been excluded from the free and equal use of dockage and other terminal facilities common to great railroads in great harbors of export; the construction of other lines of transportation has been strenuously resisted. This is the result of monopoly; the greatest barrier to the prosperity and happiness of the people. Take monopoly in land and opportunities away by government control or ownership, as forementioned in the Premier's platform, and you will have a happy, contented and prosperous people. There will be enough for everybody and to spare.

The platform referred to is just what the masses of the people of this province have been clamoring for, and if there is a redeeming feature in its author it is his characteristic indomitable courage and ability to carry it to a successful issue. I take this opportunity of predicting his return to power with a strong and substantial majority, as every day seems to bring its reward, for in the past week not a few whom I came in contact with have expressed great sympathy with Mr. Martin and their intention to support him so far as their vote and influence went.

His platform is one entirely void of party or political taint, but purely and simply one of "the greatest good for the greatest number," and I am very much deceived if the people of British Columbia have it does not carry by a two-thirds majority. Yours, etc., SOCRATES, Victoria, 12th March, 1900.

EFFECTS OF FAMINE

Nerve-Agony Consequent on a Dearth of Rich Blood.

Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets are the Only Remedy - They Supply the Want by Ensuring Rich Blood, Thus Curing Nervous Headache.

Nervous headache is not a disease. It is a symptom, or indication of disease. It is the sign that the nerves are ill; that they are starving for food.

The food upon which the nerves subsist is pure, rich blood.

Pure, rich blood is made from wholesome food thoroughly digested.

The food is digested by the stomach, with the aid of the digestive organs.

When the stomach is out of order, weak, or overworked, it cannot do its work properly. The food is then only partially digested.

Rich, pure blood cannot be made from partially digested food. Such food makes thin, watery, weak and unhealthy blood.

On blood like this the nerves grow weak and starved. The result is Nervous Headache, Nervous Prostration, etc.

There is a cure - simple and easy and rapid, but effective, perfect and permanent. It is secured by using Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets are not a purgative medicine, although they have a gently stimulating effect on the bowels. Their action, chiefly, is on the food, and they tone, strengthen and stimulate the stomach.

Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets simply ensure a perfect digestion. In this way they provide a supply of pure, rich blood, for nerve-food. In this manner they banish Nervous Headache, and all other nerve troubles originating in digestive derangements.

Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets never fail. Their action is effective; their results positive and permanent. Try a box and try yourself of that terrible nervous headache.

Dreading an Operation. Weary of experimenting with ointments, suppositories and ointments, and dreading a surgical operation, scores and hundreds have turned to Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment, and found in it an absolute cure for piles. The first application brings relief from the terrible itching, and it is very seldom that more than one box is required to effect a permanent cure.

The work of reforesting Pennsylvania has been well begun. Thus far 90,000 acres at the headwaters of the principal rivers have been purchased by the state, and 40,000 more will soon come into its possession.

"Persuade and prosper." If you take Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets for acid stomach, salt rheum, boils, eruptions, dyspepsia, it will cure you.

MINING NEWS

Your Camp.

The new shaft on the Rainy Day is now down 15 feet, exposing two feet and a half of good clean ore on the foot-wall.

A small force of men is being kept at work on the Dundee mine, pending the restarting of operations on a large scale by the new company. During the last two or three months a good deal of surface work has been done. The corner of the vein has been surveyed and crosscut at intervals of 60 feet for a distance of 1,280 feet on the surface. The average surface width is found to be nine feet with an average value of \$8.

Some of the quickest work ever done in this camp is being accomplished by the Peterson brothers on the Good Hope. They have completed the 100-foot shaft and have drilled 128 feet in a south-easterly direction. This leaves 74 feet of work to complete the full contract of 300 feet, which is expected to be finished, about the last of this month.

At the bottom of the shaft presents 3 feet 8 inches of solid high grade ore, which is widening with depth.

The work which is being done on the Atlin claim, adjoining the Dundee mine, is opening up a promising property. A shaft has been sunk 35 feet on a ledge 15 feet wide. At the bottom a cross-cut of five feet has been run to the hanging wall, exposing four feet of good ore from which an average sample taken right across assayed \$7.50 in gold and six ounces in silver. It is proposed to sink the shaft a further 20 feet and then run a second cross-cut to the foot wall. The work is only 1,500 feet from the Dundee shaft.

Mr. Johnson, of the Black Cock mine, has returned from Northport, where he was overlooking the sampling of the early lead of ore. The ore was all taken out in the course of development, and the 25 tons assayed \$40 in gold and \$1 in silver to the ton, making a total of \$1,025 for the carload. The ore tunnel which is being run on the ledge and which is intended to tap the ore chute at a depth of 200 feet, is progressing rapidly, and is now in over 200 feet on the face of the tunnel now being in good milling ore. The milling ore vein is about five feet wide. The management expects to strike the shipping ore chute in a very short time, as specimens of galena are now found scattered in the face of the workings. A drift is being run west on the 50-foot level from the big shaft. This has been driven 70 feet, and the amount of shipping ore found in this drift increases both in width and value. The ledge is five feet in width with from 15 to 20 inches of solid clean shipping ore, the balance of the ledge being good milling ore.

Lardeau and Trout Lake. There are now some 23 men working on the Silver Cup, and they are talking out about three tons per day. The property never looked better than at present, and must still be dubbed the banner mine of the district.

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In Greece the man must have seen at least 14 summers, and the woman 12. In France the man must be 18 and the woman 16. In Belgium the same ages.

In Spain the intended husband must have passed his 14th year and the woman her 12th.

In Russia and Saxony they are a little more sensible, and a youth must refrain from entering into matrimony until he can count 18 years and the woman till she can count 16.

Plans are being made for a delicate operation against fire in the Brooklyn yard. In the past the yard has depended almost entirely on the Brooklyn fire department.

"SPIKING" A GUN.

A rather frequent occurrence in war is the spiking of guns. This operation, however, does not, as is generally supposed, render the gun permanently useless. The spike can be removed. But if so disabled the gun that it cannot be used immediately, or for some little time, against its former owners.

Spiking consists in closing up the "vent," through which the cartridge is exploded, by driving in an iron spike and clinching it. In the old muzzle-loaders this vent was a hole in the metal of the breech in many of the modern breech-loaders it is a hole in the breech-block through some Austrian and Italian breech-loaders are still vented through the metal of the gun itself.

Now when the breech-block is spiked, all that is necessary to make the gun as good as ever is to supply a new block. For the enlightenment of those who do not know, it may be stated that the breech-block is a piece of metal which is taken out to enable the shell to be put in the gun, and then replaced and fixed by a curious screw arrangement.

But it is possible to remove the spike with a little labor. Sometimes it can be driven into the bore with a punch. Sometimes it has to be drilled out. And if neither of these can be done a new vent is drilled, and the gun is thus made quite as good as ever it was before the disablement occurred.

When guns have to be abandoned there is always a hope of retaking them. Consequently a spike with a spring shoulder, which can be easily removed, is often used. But when there is no chance of recovering the guns they are altogether destroyed if time permits. Many ways are known by which a gun can be destroyed. For instance, if the gun be hoisted on an average and the muzzle with shot or sand, and fired at a very high angle, it is sure to burst. Sometimes two guns are put muzzle to muzzle and fired against each other with the result of mutual destruction.

Another way to burst a shell within the gun. Or the bore may be "screwed" by forcing it with pieces of broken shell and firing with a high charge. There are also several ways besides spiking of rendering a gun temporarily useless, among the favorite methods being breaking off the "sights" and carrying away the breech-blocks.

But in the present campaign many of the old methods are no longer available. Modern inventions have in some cases a depth of 200 feet, is progressing rapidly, and is now in over 200 feet on the face of the tunnel now being in good milling ore. The milling ore vein is about five feet wide. The management expects to strike the shipping ore chute in a very short time, as specimens of galena are now found scattered in the face of the workings. A drift is being run west on the 50-foot level from the big shaft. This has been driven 70 feet, and the amount of shipping ore found in this drift increases both in width and value. The ledge is five feet in width with from 15 to 20 inches of solid clean shipping ore, the balance of the ledge being good milling ore.

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BY C. P. RAILWAY.

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Boers Forced to Retreat

Five British Regiments With Artillery Took Part in Fight at Driefontein.

Battle Lasted Through the Whole Day—Over 100 Boers Killed.

Burglers Treacherously Use the White Flag—Lord Roberts's Warning.

Driefontein, Orange Free State, March 11.—8.35 a.m.—Broadwood's cavalry brigade advancing on Bloemfontein unexpectedly found the Boers in a strong position in the Driefontein kopjes yesterday. General Kelly-Kenny's division arriving, severe fighting ensued.

The Boers resisted stubbornly, but were driven from their centre position, leaving a number of dead and forty prisoners. The British force is moving forward to-day.

During the fighting, in which five regiments took part, with artillery, the Boers, though forced from their centre position clung tenaciously to the other kopjes.

Shelling the British freely with three guns and two Vickers-Maxims.

The British cavalry began to turn the Boer position, but might fell before the movement was completed. The Boers retired during the night.

All of yesterday was occupied by fighting. The Boers maintained a stubborn rear guard action along a running front of twelve miles on very difficult ground. The British were advancing in three columns. General Tucker, to the southward, occupied Petrusburg unopposed. General Kelly-Kenny, after following the river bank, moved in the direction of Abraham's Kraal.

At Driefontein, about eight miles south of Abraham's Kraal, the Boers were found in considerable strength on the ridges connecting several kopjes where they had mounted guns.

The action began at 8 o'clock in the morning with an Artillery Duel.

General French's cavalry and General Porter's brigade supported our guns. The Boer artillery was accurately handled and the British cavalry found a task harder than they had expected.

General Broadwood moved six miles southward, trying to find a means to get round, but the Boers followed behind rising ground and even attempted to out-flank him.

Meanwhile the Sixth division of infantry, advancing on the Boers' left, slowly forced the enemy to retire. Had the infantry been able to move faster the Boers would have been enveloped.

The last shot was fired at 7.30 p.m. This morning not a Boer was seen. The prisoners belonged to President Kruger's own command.

LORD ROBERTS'S DISPATCH.

The Welsh and Essex Cavalry Boer Positions at Point of the Bayonet.

London, March 12.—A dispatch to the war office from Lord Roberts dated Driefontein, March 11, 7.15 a.m., says: "The enemy exposed us throughout yesterday's march and from their knowledge of the country gave us considerable trouble. Owing, however, to the admirable conduct of the troops, the enemy were unable to prevent us reaching our destination. The brunt of the fighting fell on General Kelly-Kenny's divisions, two battalions of which, the Welsh and Essex, turned the Boers out of two strong positions at the point of the bayonet."

"I cannot get the precise number of casualties before I march, but will communicate it as soon as possible. The Boers suffered heavily, 102 of their dead being left on the ground. We captured about twenty prisoners."

"Among the killed are Captain Eustace of the Buffs; Captain Lomax, of the Welsh regiment; and Mr. McKerrin, a retired Indian officer attached to Kitchener's force."

"Among the wounded are: Buffs—Colonel Hickson, leg, severe; Lieutenant Donald, Welsh regiment—Lieut. Torkington, Pope, Wimmerley, Essex regiment—Captain Broadwood, Field artillery—Lieut. Devenish, Medical corps—Major White, Lieut. Berne, Australian artillery—Colonel Umphrey, abdomen, dangerous."

Boer Treachery.

"The following telegram has been addressed to their honours, the state presidents of the Orange Free State and the South African Republic:

"Another instance having occurred of gross abuse of the white flag or the signal of holding up hands in token of surrender, it is my duty to inform you that, if such abuse occurs again, I shall more reluctantly be compelled to order my troops to disregard the white flag entirely. The instance occurred on a kopje east of Driefontein from yesterday afternoon and was witnessed by some of my own staff officers, as well as myself, and resulted in the wounding of several of my officers and men. A large quantity of explosive bullets of three different kinds was found in Commandant Cronje's laager and this has been the case in every engagement with your honours' troops. Such breaches of the recognized usages of war and of the Geneva convention are a disgrace to any civilized power. A copy of these telegrams has been sent to my government with the request that it will be communicated to all neutral powers."

Shot a British Officer.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Avogel Kop, dated Sunday, March 11, says:

"The white flag treachery was personally witnessed at Driefontein by Lord

Roberts, who was looking through a telescope when the Welsh were charging, and saw the Boers hold up their hands, show the flag and drop their guns. He saw an English officer advance to receive their surrender, whereupon a Boer volley was fired and the officer fell."

A large number of Australians were engaged yesterday. The First Australian Horse Brigade, with the Scots Greys, advanced within 800 yards of the Boers under heavy fire.

The New South Wales mounted infantry joined in the pursuit of the Boers northward.

Saved Their Guns.

The Morning Post correspondent at Driefontein, telegraphing Sunday, says: "The fight throughout was much involved. The enemy evacuated and re-occupied positions, subtly concealing their intentions and only withdrawing their guns a few minutes prior to their impending capture. The guns outranked ours, the naval brigade not arriving in time. Our cavalry horses were completely tired by the repeated withdrawals. The turning movement was begun too late. The enemy attempted with helicopter to lure us to occupy a kopje which they held, but, detecting the deception, we returned."

The opposition met at Driefontein was somewhat unexpected, the idea being that if there were any resistance it would be at Petrusburg. Profiting by their experience, the Boers were prepared for a British flanking movement, but by extending their position in order to avoid being outflanked they probably weakened their centre, thus making it possible for the British infantry to carry this with a bayonet charge.

Lord Roberts's Protest.

Lord Roberts's dignified protest against the abuse of the white flag is regarded as the most important fact of the situation. According to the accounts supplied by the correspondents the instance appears to have been most flagrant and there is no doubt that Lord Roberts will carry his threat into execution.

Working on a Tunnel.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Standard telegraphs: "It is reported that the Boer prisoners at Symontons were found boring a tunnel under the lines of the camp. The work has been considerable progress before discovery."

ROBBED A SAFE.

Huron, S. D., March 12.—The safe of the Bank of Hitchcock, which was destroyed by fire on Friday night, has been opened, and to the surprise of the officials but little money was found. Cashier Wilson says that about \$20,000 was in the safe when the bank closed on Friday evening, and it is now believed that the thieves, Patrick connected with the bank were in the building as late as 7.30, and the fire occurred soon after 8 o'clock. Money has been sent for and depositors will be paid in full.

PROTECTING THE CHINESE.

(Associated Press.)

Beate, Mont., March 12.—Judge Knowles of the United States court has handed down a decision in the noted Chinese case which has been pending in the court for years. He made a permanent injunction against the labor unions and labor leaders who for years had prosecuted a boycott against the Chinese and all employers of Chinese. It is understood that claims for damages will now be presented to the federal government by the Chinese minister.

MONTREAL MINING STOCKS.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, March 12.—Stock Exchange, morning, 140-157; Montreal & London, 35, 39; Republic, 103; S. W. & L., 103; S. W. & L., 1000; at 4.30, 50; at 1.30, 50; at 2.50, at 1.35; Montreal & London, 50; at 30; Republic, 2,500 at 102; 1,000 at 101.

CHARLES COSTER DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 12.—Chas. H. Coster, a member of the firm of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., died suddenly to-day.

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Political Situation

A Delegation of Victoria Business Men Take a Hand in the Fight.

Several Extra Employees Discharged—Position Unchanged.

A number of the employees in the provincial civil service were relieved from their duties last night. The dismissals numbered three or four, and in most cases were temporary employees who had been taken on during the rush of work connected with the session. One of the ministers, in referring to the matter, stated this morning that the dismissals were from duty only because the appropriation for this purpose had been exhausted before the Martin ministry came into power.

This afternoon a deputation of business men are waiting on the Governor and urging upon him the expediency of dissolving the House and holding a general election at once. It is understood that in support of this representation they will urge that business is suffering through the present condition of affairs, and that indirectly the effect of the strained relations between capital and labor in the Kootenays and in the Boundary will be disastrous upon the wholesale dealers of the Coast cities.

Hon. Smith Curtis leaves for Rossland to-morrow to inquire into the different matters in dispute in that camp. Steps have already been taken by the new administration to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of Ald. Brydon to serve on the board of licensing commissioners. Ald. Stewart will, in addition to performing the duties of police commissioner, act as well on the licensing board.

By a letter to the Nanaimo Free Press (Halifax-Smith), M.P., combats the theory that in order to secure the support of several members of the opposition the government abandoned the Coal Mines Regulation Act and the eight-hour law. He says: "It is true that the Premier (Mr. Scudwin) informed the government of having a majority in the House, but this was made up of two of the opposition party who have been considered for some time to be the most independent members of that party, and who were willing to come over without our party sacrificing any principle at all. These members have been dissatisfied with their party's connection with Jos. Manning and were much annoyed at being repeatedly shipped into line by Messrs. Dunsmuir and Martin. The impression that concessions were made to the opposition party to bring about coalition are absolutely groundless, as such a thing as connection with the Turner-Scott-Forbes party was impossible, and any abandonment of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, or any other law, which the late government have agitated, was never considered for one minute or ever thought of by our party."

SHIPPING NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The United States authorities seem determined to stop Canadian vessels trading to Cape Nome, and Secretary of the Treasury, in reply to the telegram sent to Washington by Consul Smith at the request of the local shipowners, says, through the revival of an old shipping law, contained in a section of the act which revised the statutes of the United States, vessels other than those of the United States will not be permitted to call anywhere in the United States outside of the ports of entry, and as Cape Nome, provided the effort of the Seattle transportation companies is successful, is to be made a port of entry, this will debar the Canadian vessels from doing business there. Whether Nome is to be a port of entry or not still seems to be undecided. The first vessel to leave San Francisco for the gold fields—the brigantine, has been wired a special permission to enter from San Francisco for Cape Nome direct, providing she does not go within twenty miles of any port of call. This says a dispatch from Washington, has the effect of making Cape Nome a port of entry as far as the vessel is concerned. If this system be carried out, says the dispatch, permission to clear for Cape Nome may be granted to American vessels and not to foreign vessels. The U. S. N. Co., who are advertising the Amur for Cape Nome, are endeavoring to have that vessel placed under the American flag, so that she may enter this trade without difficulty. A bill is now pending before the United States petitioning for the granting of an American register to the ship. She will be christened the "Colonel Lewis" in honor of Col. Jas. Hamilton Lewis, former congressman from Washington. Another set to injure Canadian shipping just reported from Washington is the order from Washington to collectors of customs to collect duty on all goods arriving from Washington to British vessels, even if accompanied by export certificates. This is to further debar the Canadian vessels from carrying bonded freight from Vancouver to Cape Nome.

The Putnam Company, one of whose vessels has already carried a cargo from here is to put on a regular service between this port, the Sound and Japan. H. Yamaguchi, who came aboard on the Nanyo Maru, which was long held at quarantine owing to the death of one of her crew from plague, says the Nanyo Maru is under charter to this company, which she says has been organized in Japan for the purpose of doing business with foreign ports. In the Maru the line to be put on by the company will carry salt fish, lumber and flour. It will also carry any surplus of the larger lines. The company has purchased four large steamers and chartered others. The company, he says, has already dispatched steamers to Victoria, B.C., and Portland, where cargoes were awaiting them. The first steamer will be ready for this side after the arrival in Japan of the Nanyo Maru, which is loading flour at Seattle.

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FRENCH AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

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policy, when published, is more likely to describe the conditions under which peace can be made, than it is to formulate a basis for a settlement of the South African complications.

ATTITUDE OF FRANCE.

Paris, March 12.—A representative of the Associated Press has secured from a responsible municipality of the French government the following exposition of France's attitude in the matter of intervention in the Anglo-Transvaal war, which is said to have been solicited by Kruger. The official in question said: "We believe it is the Transvaal who sent a request to the powers for their intervention, though up to this morning Kruger's message has not reached us."

"As far as France is concerned, she certainly will not take the initiative in offering England mediation, nor will Russia, for the dual alliance is naturally working together in this question."

"We feel that in the present excited state of public feeling in England, and especially as regards ourselves, any step taken by the French government would defeat its own object, and instead of opening a way to peace, would set oil on the flames and create fresh complications. We consider that overtures for mediation can emanate from some power whose relations with England prevent such suggestion being construed as an interference. The Emperor of Germany, for instance, might take the initiative, or President McKinley, without fear of friction which stands in the way of any action on one part, and after this is done full reliance can be placed on the unequalled support of France and Russia, whose only desire is to see the end of bloodshed and are eager to lend their good offices in bringing about this end."

GERMANY AND THE APPEAL.

Berlin, March 12.—It is semi-officially announced that when the Orange Free State and the Transvaal addressed to a number of the larger and small states a request for friendly mediation, the German government expressed the wish that it would simply participate, provided the essen-

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SPORTING NEWS.

HOCKEY.

MATCH AT ROSSLAND.

A most exciting hockey match was played at the skating rink at Rossland on Friday evening between the Indes' team, the Stars and the Crosses. A large number were in attendance, and although the ice was to some degree unfavorable, to a first-class exhibition, there was some excellent play. During the first half of the match the Stars appeared to have the advantage, and by half time had secured a score. But the umpire disallowed the goal owing to the fact that it was scored by an offside play. The match was throughout of a most exciting nature, and was won by the Stars with a score of one goal to nil.

LAWN TENNIS.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club will be held in the Ordral hotel on Tuesday evening, March 20th, at 8.30 o'clock.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

MATCH AT NANAIMO.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, March 12.—The Thistles yesterday defeated a team from H. M. S. Virago, now in the harbor, by a score of 4 to 1. The Thistles failed to score in the second half, in which the Virago team scored their only goal.

GIM REALITIES OF WAR.

One of the war correspondents of the London Daily Telegraph in the course of a private letter to a friend, gives some vivid pictures of the realities of war under modern conditions.

"As regards my own feelings in a fight it is very hard to describe; I know when the thing is all over and I am all right I feel much happier. Any man who has been in a modern fight, where men are being knocked over all round, and says he likes it, is a liar. In former days it must have been different. The enemy could be seen, the smoke could be seen, and rifle had to be reloaded after every shot. At 1,000 yards you were in comparative safety. The infantry, after receiving one volley could charge, knowing that until the enemy had reloaded again each man was practically safe.

"Nowadays that is all changed. Nothing is seen, no man, no smoke. The only thing seen is the dust thrown up by the bullets, like a rain storm on the surface of a lake, the artillery throwing shells, and the shells landing. In contrast to this is the noise, which is infernal; with occasional hells it sounds as if a million kettle-drums were being played—a constant tra-ra-ra-ra, with the boom, boom of the big guns and the harsher sound of the pumping of the Maxims, Hotchkiss, Maxim Nordenfolds, and machine guns in general. The discord is appalling, as every shell going through the air hums or whistles according to its breed. After a time you can tell what is coming, or if it is one of your own, what is going to happen. The most terrible of the modern guns is a sort of Hotchkiss, which fires about five rounds a time and throws a 10 lb. shell which bursts at an object at 2,000 or 3,000. It practically means with these rifles that a bullet is never spent until it hits something and remains there. When a bullet strikes you bear nothing; it goes right through a man, and

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possibly travels on another 2,000 yards. You hear a grunt or a gurgle, and the man collapses and doubles up sometimes, if hit in the arm or leg he spins round and falls, and probably gets up again, as it is only the shock which knocks him down, and he hardly feels it. At Modder River I went down with three men of the 15th Battery to within 1,500 yards, and saw five men go over, one after the other, but only one killed.

"The worst thing is a bullet wound in the stomach below the navel, which is mortal. The pain is excruciating, and they howl like a shot horse; it sounds like a child screaming, and is horrible. But you see such a lot of beastly sights, and hear such a lot of heart-rending sounds, that you become accustomed to it and callous. I found a wounded Boer at Magdalenfontein who was shot—evidently whilst lying down—through the top of the head above the right ear; the bullet had travelled through his head and out at the back of his jaw on the left side. It had then broken his collar-bone and taken a turn, travelled round his ribs, and out at his side. He was not pretty to look at, but did not seem much the worse, and whilst I gave him water he explained to me the course of the bullet. Some of the recoveries are perfectly marvellous. I suppose after the thing is over the doctors will publish some of the extraordinary cases which have passed through their hands."

AN EDITOR FINDS A SURE CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

A. R. De Fluiter, editor of the Journal, Pointon, Ont., offered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain-Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain-Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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