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RUMORS OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Come From Lorenzo Marques—It Is Also Reported the Boers Will Make a Stand at Glencoe—The Retreat From Cape Colony.

(Associated Press.) London, March 5.—The air of mystery which covers the movements of the main British army in South Africa continues, though what information leaks through indicates that the campaign is being carried on with steady progress.

The British Advance.

There are now practically three British armies in the field, one in the Free State, one in Cape Colony and one in Natal. All that is known about the first and most important is that it is in close touch with a body of Boers.

Speculation as to the direction and method of Gen. Roberts' advance into the Free State is quite worthless, so carefully are the plans concealed.

In Cape Colony Generals Brabant and Clements command the two horns of the army, while General Gatacre holds the main Boer force in check. Generals Gatacre and Clements will probably combine and advance on Bloemfontein, with Gen. Brabant guarding the right flank with the mobile columns. This movement will be subsequent to securing a line of communications along the Orange Free State railroad which, according to the latest dispatches, seems almost accomplished.

Boer's Advance.

The third army, that in Natal, is comparatively inactive, and with the exception of sorties, a serious movement can hardly be expected from it this week. When it shall be ready to advance its movements must depend on how much distance the retreating Boers put between themselves and Gen. Buller.

The Relief of Mafeking.

As an incident of the British main objective, which is at last clearly outlined as being Pretoria, the relief of Mafeking by a force from the south may be expected any day. Col. Plumer's force on the north seems incapable of accomplishing it.

Basutos May Rise.

The unexpected activity of Cape Dutch and the reported likelihood of fighting between them and the Basutos, aided by other tribes, having a grudge against the Boers, is regarded as rather ominous.

Inactivity in Natal.

The only other untoward phase of the military situation that the British critics can discern is the enforced temporary inactivity of the Natal army, an instance of which is contained in the dispatches

announcing that the flying column which attempted to intercept the Boer retreat, only succeeded in driving the enemy further north.

Gen. White's men according to the Times correspondent at Ladysmith, will require a fortnight's recuperation.

PREPARING FOR A SIEGE.

Entrenchments at Pretoria Are Being Extended—Krugger Appeals to Burgers to Stand Firm.

London, March 5.—A special to the Times from Lorenzo Marques, dated March 4th, says that persistent reports continue to prevail that the Transvaal government has opened negotiations looking to the securing of peace.

On the other hand it is asserted the Boers will make a stand at Glencoe and Laing's Nek, and that in the meantime the entrenchments at Pretoria are being extended in anticipation of a siege.

A conference between the Boer presidents, it is added, and the general commanding the Boers in Northern Natal was hurriedly arranged on the receipt of the news of Cronje's surrender. Until then the official confirmation of the surrender was withheld from the public.

Krugger sent a fervid religious appeal, with orders that it should be read by all the officers to the burghers, urging them to stand fast and strive in the name of the Lord, for unless they had faith in Him, cowardice would set in and their position would be hopeless the moment they turned their backs on the enemy. Their past victories, he declared, showed that the Lord was on their side. The president beseeched the burghers not to bring destruction on their progeny.

Continuing, the special says that a high authority in Bloemfontein declares that on the repulse of the Free State forces, the latter will retire towards the Transvaal and unite with their brethren there, maintaining the struggle to the last.

The Boer casualties at Colenso during the week ended February 25th are reported to be 31 men killed and 130 wounded.

RETREATING TO GLENGOE.

Correspondents Tell of the Arrival of Relieving Column at Ladysmith—Tribute to the Women.

Durban, March 2.—The newspaper correspondents, who have reached here from Ladysmith, say that the enthusiasm of the garrison and inhabitants of the beleaguered town was intense when the relieving column arrived. Many people left the hospital, and even the women and children went forth to greet the newcomers. It was noticeable that the latter were even more demonstrative, cheering the women and children, whom they were proud to have saved.

The correspondents believe that the garrison could have held out until April, though rations would necessarily have been reduced to a minimum. The men of the garrison will require a rest and the horses are much wasted. The correspondents pay a high tribute to the courage and heroism of the women. Never a complaint was heard from them in spite of their unexampled privations and their endurance and courage were

beyond praise. Sad sights were often witnessed when the spare rations were being drawn. Children would pathetically seek milk for their sick mothers. The women and children were estimated at 500. Though there was much sickness arising from the horse-meat diet and absence of farinaceous foods, the epidemic period was safely passed, Dr. Jamieson is suffering from typhoid fever.

Gen. Buller entered the town at noon escorted only by his staff. His brouzed appearance was very striking. He said he had not entered a bed for three weeks. The Boers exchanged shots with the relieving forces, who saw a few corpses lying around.

It is believed the Boers are retreating to Glencoe.

The correspondents eulogize Generals White and Hunter.

LEAVING CAPE COLONY.

The Enemy is Falling Back on Orange River—Clements Preparing to Enter Free State.

New York, March 5.—Specials from London to the morning papers thus summarize the South African war situation as gleaned from the correspondents at the front:

The Boers are in full retreat from Cape Colony to Orange River, General Clements has driven the rear guard of the enemy across Colesberg bridge and is preparing to invade the Free State.

The Boers are in force at Norval's Post.

General Bradmont attacked rebels in an entrenched position near Jamestown after a night march.

Stromberg is still held by a small Boer force, which is dwindling daily, and Gen. Gatacre is gradually rendering their position untenable.

British reinforcements have been received and it is probable that the entire district south of the Orange River will be cleared of the enemy and pacified in the course of a few weeks.

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MORE CANADIANS

For Africa—Will Take the Places of the Killed and Disabled.

Ottawa, March 5.—It is authoritatively stated that the government will at once arrange for drafting a hundred or hundred and twenty-five men, with three officers, to take the places of the Canadians killed or permanently disabled in South Africa. It is intended that these men shall leave with the Strathcona Horse on the Monterey on March 15th. It is understood the men will be selected from each of the provinces as in the case of the first contingent.

The Minister of Militia is engaged in arranging for the drafting of a thousand Canadians to take the place of the Leinster Regiment, now stationed at Halifax, who, when relieved, will go to South Africa. It is proposed to select the thousand men in the same manner as the first contingent was selected.

THE MAN OF BUSINESS

Officers at the Front Write of Kitchener's Tireless Energy.

New York, March 5.—Letters received from officers at Cape Town describe Gen. Roberts as the flower of cavalry, and Kitchener as a man of business.

Says the Truth's London correspondent: "A staff officer of the Engineers told Gen. Roberts that he could do certain work assigned to him in the course of a fortnight. 'I am sure,' said Gen. Roberts, 'that you will do as well as you can.' Kitchener asked the same officer how much time he would require for the job. 'A fortnight,' was the answer. Kitchener smiled grimly. 'Either you will do it in a week,' he said, 'or you will be sent home.' The work was finished in a week. It is this tireless, exacting energy of Kitchener that is putting England's work through in Africa."

There are no further details of the conference of Presidents Krugger and Steyn respecting peace negotiations. Africans in London have never ceased to regard Steyn as more directly responsible than Krugger for the outbreak of the war, and they now assert that he will be the first to suggest retirement from a hopeless conflict. Steyn, in their estimation, is an ambitious schemer without Krugger's sturdy qualities and inflexibility.

Demonstration on the Lucania.

New York, March 5.—The morning papers tell of a "war incident" in the first cabin of the steamship Lucania, which arrived in port yesterday. The Lucania took a pilot off Scotland this ship on Saturday evening. He took on board a big bundle of New York papers telling of the surrender of Cronje, relief of Ladysmith and the other victories of the British soldiers in Africa since the Lucania sailed from Liverpool. When the British passengers heard the news that was so welcome to them they

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Censor Again at Work

There is No News From the Seat of War in Africa.

Dr. Leyds Denies Report That the Siege of Mafeking Has Been Raised.

London, March 4.—Not a single line of news is added to the scanty dispatches received yesterday, and it is evident that a strict censorship is being exercised over the messages from the seat of war.

Put the Campaign Straight. The important features were the capitulation of Cronje and the defeat of Boer army.

The question now is as to the future course of events. There cannot be much doubt as to the issue.

The Times publishes the following from Paardeberg: "It will always remain a puzzle how General Cronje, although an undisputed military genius, kept control of his retreating and undisciplined hordes while the other Boer leaders were unable to bring more than half their commands from Ladysmith."

The correspondent expresses admiration for the Canadians, of whom one company is composed entirely of Frenchmen, unable to speak English.

THE EIGHTH DIVISION. The war office has issued the following list of appointments to the staff of the 8th Division.

Constipation, Headache, Biliousness, Heartburn, Indigestion, Dizziness, Hood's Pills

Alde-de-Camp, Brigade-Major, Captain C. I. Pitt-Henry, 7th Hussars.

10th Brigade. Brigade Staff, 25 officers and men, 7 horses, 11 mules.

1st Batt. West Yorkshire Regt., 1019 (93) officers and men, 142 horses, 156 mules.

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Supply Column, A. S. C., 78 officers and men, 19 horses, 132 mules.

Boer Co., No. 21 Co., R. A. M. C., 61 officers and men, 4 horses, 120 mules.

Field Hospital, No. 21 Co., R. A. M. C., 40 officers and men, 6 horses, 64 mules.

17th Brigade. Brigade Staff, 25 officers and men, 7 horses, 11 mules.

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Anglo-American Relations.

Lord Salisbury Averse to Forming Any Alliance With the United States.

London, March 3.—The great interest regarding the attitude of the American congress toward Great Britain, the possibility of its recommending intervention, voting sympathy with the Boers, refusing to ratify the Niagara treaty, and last, but not chiefly, refusing to consider the Canadian contentions in a spirit of friendship, is mainly the result of the many special cable dispatches from English correspondents stating that the administration have been severely attacked for alleged friendliness towards Great Britain and in view of the coming election.

Lord Salisbury, the Associated Press is able to say, has been taking little interest in American politics and that he is averse to any form of an Anglo-American alliance.

The colonial office busies itself with minute consideration and apparently confines its opinions and actions to meeting in behalf of Canada the political feeling in the United States as called by English correspondents.

As published here the report said, "in the event of Imperial troops being needed, and several papers intimated this to mean that the government feared European hostility."

It was originally intended that these troops should come from Canada, perhaps augmented by many Britishers from the United States, who by letters to the consuls, and with these formed a body of 5,000 rough riders for service in Africa—under Gen. Sir Frederick Carrington.

Another view which seems to be taken by the colonial office and the writers of the press in close touch with that department is that the government is not blood for the cause of Great Britain, Canada's various contentions with the United States must be considered as transcendental, in other words, to allow the war horizon in behalf of the Empire to offset the considerations which formerly influenced Lord Salisbury in dealing with Canadian-American matters.

THE HIGHLAND GILLES CORPS. The war office has issued an order for the assembly of Lord Lovat's corps of Highland Gilles, to number about 250 officers and men.

RAILWAY VOLUNTEERS. Lieut.-Col. Sir James Thompson, Engineer and Railway Volunteer Staff Corps, manager of the Canadian Railway, has received the sanction of the war office to the raising of a volunteer corps of railway servants for service in South Africa.

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Dominion Parliament

Leader of the Opposition Denounces the Administration of the Yukon.

Messrs. Sifton and Fraser Effectively Answer the Charges of Sir Charles.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Flint (Yukon) introduced a bill to amend the Canada Temperance Act, which is similar to his bill of last session, and contains provisions in regard to punishment for violation of the act, and for search warrants in cases where suspects have been before the courts for similar offences.

Government's Policy in Yukon. Sir Charles Tupper, upon the orders of the day, said that as he understood the intention of the Minister for the Interior in regard to the Yukon, he would take this opportunity of his presence in the chamber to draw attention to the important question of the government's policy in Yukon.

Mr. Sifton Replies. The Hon. Mr. Sifton, Minister of the Interior, in reply, said the practice of reading letters from gentlemen in the Yukon, who have not done as well as they expected, or from lawyers, who have not many clients as they would like to have, or have not done a good business, was not a legitimate way of bringing before the House a correct idea of the state of affairs in that country.

Mr. Fraser's Testimony. Mr. D. C. Fraser, who spent three weeks in Yukon last summer, said that during that time he had encountered only three men with grievances, and all of those were of the kind referred to by Mr. Sifton, whose parties had suffered from the time being after surreys being made on the creeks by finding that their claims had no existence. All these cases he learned afterwards were dealt with by the Minister of the Interior.

Mr. Foster. Mr. Foster followed and took the position that the British Columbia mining regulations were far superior to those in Yukon. From this he went on into a condemnation of the government's scheme for the building of the Stikine railway.

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ed out, was going to do away with a large amount of litigation which, while very desirable, was not popular with lawyers, one of whom Sir Charles Tupper's correspondent seemed to be. The law as it stood in the first place was similar to that of the Western States, to the effect that where any claim-holder had failed to fulfil the obligations imposed on him by the mining regulations, in all respects his claim could be "jumped," as it was termed, by a perfect stranger; and what was complained of by Sir Charles was this: That instead of outsiders being allowed to jump claims in this way, where the holders failed to perform their obligations, the claims reverted to the Crown and were disposed of in all cases by auction to the highest bidder. When he had gone to Manitoba first this system of claim-jumping was common and the settlers were forced as a means of justice to themselves to form a vigilance committee, who guarded against tricks of this kind.

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WALL PAPER New Spring Lines Excel any Previous Effort. NEW SHADES IN INGRAINS With Rich, Artistic Borderings. Our GENERAL STOCK OF PAPER the most complete that we have ever shown, and the prices all right.

Shadow's Own Developer As used by the strong man himself in all his classes, and endorsed by all authorities on Physical Culture. A thorough, complete and simple exercise, strong and durable. One Should be in Every Home. Come in and we will illustrate the BEST EXERCISER in the world to you. M. W. WAITT & CO.'S 69 Government Street.

NOTICE. WINGS, the late manager and owner for AH HOY, Tailor, has left his employ and formed a partnership with SUN & WINGS, Merchant Tailors, at 48 Commercial Street, cor. of Government Street. Ladies and gentlemen who wish to see Wings will find him at his new place of business. Tadies and gents' wear made to order.

NEW WELLINGTON GOAL Washed Nuts, \$4.25 Sack and Lump, \$5.50 Delivered. Also Anthracite Coal for Furnaces. KINGHAM & CO., 44 Port Street, Telephone 647.

STODDART'S JEWELRY STORE Removed to 63 Yates st. Next door to Nicholles and Renout. Everything Goes at Lowest Prices.

J. H. WARNER & CO., Plumbers Gas, Steam and Hot Water Fitters 106 YATES STREET.

ATLIN MINES. Reliable information can be had by applying to RANT & JONES, Notaries, Mining Brokers and General Agents, ATLIN, B.C.

\$40,000 To Loan on Mortgage In large and small amounts on Improved Real Estate. Swinerton & Oddy, 106 GOVERNMENT ST.

JOHN MESTON Carriage Maker, Blacksmith, Etc. BROAD ST., BETWEEN PANDORA AND JOHNSON.

TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND OTHERS. Tenders, sealed, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned will be received up to Monday, the 13th day of March, at 3 o'clock, for supplying to the Corporation of the City of Victoria a lot suitable for a site for a Fire Hall in a central location in Victoria West. Tenders to state location, price, number of lot and size of same. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Purchasing Agent for the Corporation, City Hall, Victoria, B.C., March 1st, 1900.

TENDERS. Tenders, sealed, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned will be received up to Monday, March 12th, at 3 o'clock p.m., for one or two pairs of horses of sufficient strength to draw the street sprinkler or sprinklers when and where required. The parties tendering must state their rate per hour for each pair of horses; they will be required to furnish horses, harness, and driver for each team; provide feed for horses and keep them shod. The corporation will furnish sprinklers, water and whiffletrees. The work must be done to the entire satisfaction of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria or their agent who may appoint for that purpose. The parties will be required to enter into an agreement with the Corporation and to furnish satisfactory bonds to the amount of \$500 for the due performance of the work. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Victoria, B.C., March 1st, 1900.

MARCH 1900 calendar grid with dates 1-31.

The New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Co. advertisement for steam gas and coal.

The Daily Times advertisement listing publication details and subscription rates.

Advertisement for various businesses including stationery, books, and groceries.

THE NEXT MOVE. It is extremely probable that the news of the raising of the siege of Mafeking is true, as it was related in the dispatches a week ago that disaffection had set in amongst the Boers there, and the reports of the defeat of Cronje and the relief of Ladysmith would surely convince those who were halting between two opinions that their wiser course was to return to their peaceful occupations.

It could have held the British at bay for a much longer period. Even then circumstances the deduction is drawn that the campaign in the Free State is nearly over, that after the remaining scattered burghers have been dealt with, Roberts will leave a small army of occupation to preserve order and take the field in the north with sufficient forces to bring the general campaign to an early termination.

PARTY LINES. An effort is being made by some designing politicians in the province to take advantage of the present chaotic condition of the political parties to introduce a new element into the present sufficiently complicated situation in order to secure the division of the people on party lines.

AN UNGENEROUS ATTACK. The Victoria Times, regarded till yesterday as a staunch supporter of Mr. Scullin's government, shows symptoms of performing the same nimble but ungraceful acrobatic feat—encouraged thereto, there can be little doubt, by a liberal supply of Dunsmuir "argument."

MR. MACMILLAN REPLEAS. To the Editor:—If Mr. Gregory's letter in Saturday's Times were the effort of an unscrupulous politician, it might be "amusing" as the product of a trained "big game" hunter, but it is simply deplorable.

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING? Our morning contemporary relates the following extraordinary tale: "When Lieut. Governor McInnes entered the House on Thursday the Speaker was in the chair and the mace was on the table. The members would have been absolutely within their unquestioned constitutional rights if they had remained in their seats and shouted 'Privilege' until His Honor withdrew. They missed a golden opportunity by withdrawing and leaving him in possession of a precedent we must go back to the days of Cromwell."

IT IS A MISTAKE. To suppose that the kidneys alone are responsible for all the wretched ailments, backache as well as pain under the left shoulder blade frequently comes from the liver or complications of the liver and kidneys which can only be cured by using the great digestive treatment, Dr. Cassell's Kidney Liver Pills. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c CATARRH CURE. Heals the ulcers, clears the air passages, stops droppings in the nose, restores the voice, cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. Flowery Pills. Dr. A. W. Chase, 1000 Broadway, New York.

THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT HOUSE has been demolished by the Venetians.

HOPE FOR CARIBOIE. Now that he is one of the principals in a big lawsuit, Andrew Carnegie may be saved from the disgrace of dying rich.

GOOD JUDGMENT. The members at Victoria are most reluctant to go to the country. This, together with the many political changes of the country, are evoking out of the fusion that prevails a coalition of coalitionists, as the least inconvenient method of carrying out the Queen's government.

SUCH IS SOUTH AFRICA. Vivid Picture in Miniature of the Lower Part of the Dark Continent. You land in South Africa at the foot of a mountain three thousand six hundred feet high. They call it Table Mountain, and the veil of mist that, excepting on very clear days, overhangs it, South Africans, are pleased to term the "Tablecloth."

THE END IS NOT YET. It is a fine spectacle that England presents now. One will be certain, she cannot mount any higher than she does, and the moment of her decline approaches.

A PATHETIC APPEAL. We receive many sweet words of praise for our work on this paper, and occasional letters from our readers, both in kind words and in several barrels of them stored in our memory, while in the bank we only have seven dollars. Sweet words are to the soul as the perfume of the rose is to the sense of smell.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS. Everything points to the fact that this will be the best season, both from a mining and business point of view, that the Slovan has yet experienced.

Private David St. John, of the Grenadier Guards, was killed in the battle of Belmont, but he left his mark on the enemy before he passed away, no less than eleven Boers falling as the result of his work with the bayonet. The deceased soldier was the champion heavy weight boxer of the army.

IN KRUGER'S JAILS. A Britisher, who has been twice detained in what he calls "Paul Kruger's prison-houses of detention as hotels," has told his experiences. He says the Johannesburg jail, the largest and most important in South Africa, is an enormous, solid mass of buildings of huge blocks of stone with iron roofing, which overlooks the place from Hospital Hill. He divides the inhabitants of the place into three classes—those who have been in jail, those who are now in, and those who have sold to go there, but have been fortunate enough to escape.

At the present time the British Empire has an area of 11,360,316 square miles and a population of 402,514,800, and it may, shortly be considerably augmented both in area and population.

THE NORTH CAROLINA penitentiary was self-supporting last year, and returned to the state \$50,000 borrowed during the year.

THE SLATER SHOE. "The Slater Comfort Shape." The Slater Shoe is designed in the twelve foot-fitting shape of which the "Comfort" is one of the leader. Has a wide sweeping curve on the outside, full round toe, roomy at the great toe, high instep and handsome curves.

SHIELDS FOR THE SOLDIERS. A Steel Protection From Machine Gun Fire in Modern War. There is much speculation being indulged in just at present, according to the London Morning Leader, as to the utility of steel shields for the purpose of protecting moving masses of infantry against the deadly fire of machine guns.

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Advertisement for Slater Shoes, highlighting the "Slater Comfort Shape" and listing prices.

Advertisement for Shields for the Soldiers, describing a steel protection from machine gun fire.

Advertisement for the Slater Shoe, emphasizing its comfort and quality.

Advertisement for the Slater Shoe, detailing its features and availability.

Advertisement for the Slater Shoe, promoting its durability and style.

Advertisement for the Slater Shoe, focusing on its ergonomic design.

Advertisement for the Slater Shoe, highlighting its wide availability.

Advertisement for the Slater Shoe, concluding with contact information.

WANTED—Young lady for typographical work in city; must have experience. Address B. E. Jones Office.

FOR SALE—Second hand upright 10 h. p. boiler, suitable for Klondike. Apply Thorpe & Co., Ltd., David street.

FOR SALE—On easy terms, several houses on Stanley avenue, \$2,500 to \$2,800; 8 lots on Stanley avenue, \$500 each, corner lot, \$800; cottage, James Bay, \$1,500; two cottages on Speed avenue, \$1,000 each; 2 houses, Victoria West, for \$6,000; 2 cottages on Oak Bay avenue, \$700 each; cottage and 7 lots, off Esplanade road, \$2,000; 3 lots and four houses at Esplanade, \$1,500; house and lot, Victoria Hill church, for \$300; valuable water frontage on the corner, Yates and Bruce bridge, 3.96 acres for \$8,000, or open to an offer. A. W. More & Co., 30 Government street.

TO LET—Two furnished rooms, single or en suite, 141 Port street.

WANTED—Office in the Times building, ground floor. Apply at this office.

EDUCATIONAL. SHORTLAND SCHOOL, 15 Broad street. Shortland, Typewriting, Bookkeeping taught.

MISCELLANEOUS. MADAM RAAB—Medium sittings daily, 90 Douglas street, after 6 o'clock.

SOCIETIES. VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1, meets first Thursday in every month at 7:30 p.m., Douglas street, at 7:30 p.m.

SCAVENGEES. JULIUS WEST, General Scavenger, successor to John Dougherty—Yards and cesspools cleaned, contracts made for removing earth, etc. All orders left with James Peil & Co., Port street, please; John Cochran, contractor, Yates and Bruce streets, will be promptly attended to. Telephone 136, 50 Vancouver street. Telephone 136.

VETERINARY. S. F. TOLMIE, Veterinary Surgeon—Office at Bray's Hotel, 100 Johnson street. Telephone 182; residence telephone 417.

The Victoria Lawn Tennis Club. The adjourned annual general meeting of the above club will be held at the Grand Hotel on Thursday, March 8th, at 8:30 p.m.

Notice to Tradesmen. Any debts owing to tradesmen by the Ward Room Officers, Mess of H. R. Leander are requested to send in to the Mess President before March 6th. The Ward Room Officers hereby give notice that they will not be responsible for any debts incurred in their name by anyone representing himself to be their steward.

Advertisement for The Victoria-Yukon Trading Co., Limited, listing various goods and services.

Advertisement for Cadbury's Chocolate Cremes, 1-4 LB. BOX, 10c. JAMESON 33 FORT ST. GROCER PHONE 128

Political Situation

A Wing of the Vancouver Liberals Endorse Hon. Joseph Martin.

An Emergency Convention Called by the Columbian-Current Rumors.

Only now is the magnitude of the event which marked the closing of the British Columbia legislature last week beginning to be understood, realized in its true proportions and the consequences likely to spring from the action of the House toward His Honor.

It is now denied that the action of the House was precipitated to such an extent as reported last Friday, that is that it was all out and dried the previous night. Such the Times is now informed, was not the case.

Some of the members who were questioned some time after the event as to whether they thought it was wise and dignified thing to do had their doubts about it, and very strong doubts.

The right of the members to retain their seats and enjoy "privilege" till the Governor's patience became exhausted and he had withdrawn from the hall is also unquestioned, but it was considered too laborious and too risky as the Lieutenant-Governor is a man of great determination of character, and there was no telling how long he might remain waiting for the shouts of "privilege" to cease.

Pursuit of this suggestion brings one to the conclusion that the members who were "supposed" to have agreed to support "privilege" till His Honor wearied of it and departed in disgust, how could they tell that he would not stay till midnight or next morning or twenty-four or forty-eight hours, perhaps a week?

The members could not tell that they had been in one way, and that would have been to shout "privilege" in relays, a dozen at a time, while the others rested and refreshed themselves for the next turn. Then, representatives would have been necessary for His Honor and his staff, and the extraordinary episode would have been witnessed of Her Majesty's representatives partaking of tea and sandwiches in presence of crowded galleries and a shouting House.

This is by no means a humorous tour of the fancy, when one remembers that it was in the British Columbia legislature the greatest parliamentary episode of our time, and that the members would have been in one way, and that would have been to shout "privilege" in relays, a dozen at a time, while the others rested and refreshed themselves for the next turn.

The New Westminster Columbian has issued a call for a convention to be held in the Royal City on Friday next, March 9, to consider what should be done in the present crisis, and act promptly.

Each rural municipality is asked to send six delegates or more, and Vancouver and New Westminster thirty and twenty respectively. Representatives are also invited from as many other constituencies of the province as can conveniently send them.

It is rumored that Mr. Semlin will not again contest for the representation of the West Riding of Yale. Mr. Dennis Murphy has been requested through a largely signed petition to allow his name to be put in nomination, and he announced he would comply with the requisition if Mr. Semlin decided to retire.

A meeting of Turner party leaders and such of their supporters as still remain in the city was held this morning, when the object was to discuss the situation.

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Shipping News

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GENERAL AGENT

Phenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn (Fire), Law Union and Crown Insurance Company (Fire), Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., British Empire Mutual Life Assurance Company, Birbeck Society Investment and Saving Co. of Toronto, Ont., Bullivant's Company Ltd. (Wire Ropes), Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Mackilligin's Scotch Whiskey.

BANK OF MONTREAL BUILDING, VICTORIA, B.C.

SPORTING NEWS

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