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A SPLENDID lot of Ladies' Winter Jackets at about half price.
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No. 6 at \$600

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Your coal and wood orders solicited.
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One acre, Oak Bay avenue, beautiful building site, \$1,150

Two lots on Dudley avenue, easy terms, 300

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Stanley avenue, large corner lot, Belleville street, beautiful building lot for 1,500

Two modern dwellings near centre of city, two stories each, hot and cold water, sewer connections, built in splendid repair and rented to good tenants at remunerative prices, 4,200

Seven roomed 2 story house and 7 lots, price only 3,800

Richmond avenue, 7 roomed 2 story house, hot and cold water, full sized lot, young orchard, 1,250

Fernwood road, 8 roomed house, two lots, price 1,800

(Terms, \$100 cash, balance for first two years without interest, remainder \$15 per month and 6 per cent.)

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Fernwood road, 4 roomed cottage, 800

Sanich, 9 miles from city, 20 acres cleared, and fenced, with sunny house and barn, also good well, 1,800

Cowichan, splendid chicken ranch, 25 acres good land, 10 acres cleared, all fenced, 7 roomed house, barn, stables, chicken houses, brooding pens, few fruit trees; price only 1,500

Cedar Hill road, 3 1/2 acres cleared land, all fenced, 2 roomed house, barn, stable, etc., easy terms 1,200

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It is the recognized specific for throat and lung troubles.

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Genuine Acme Skates at

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The Cathbert-Bronne Company, Limited

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NOTES FROM VANCOUVER.

More Men For Slocan—Fight on an Australian Liner—Two Sailors in the Hospital.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Jan. 29.—Two hundred and fifty men are to be sent from Vancouver and Victoria to the Slocan. Fifty men last week were met by union men and did not start work. Three dollars per day of eight hours is being offered.

The body of a man, supposed to be Drummond, a sailor, who fell off the steamer City of Seattle last October, was found floating just outside the Narrows yesterday.

The deaths took place this morning of Miss Lizzie Macleod and Capt. John Thorburn. Thorburn was an old timer. The remains of Mrs. H. K. Sharp, of Beavermouth, arrived for interment here by this afternoon's train. The three-year-old son of Proprietor Hodgson, of the Metropoli, was burned, probably fatally, on Sunday by his clothing catching fire from a spark.

A fracas took place yesterday on board the Australian steamer Mowera. The men had been paid off on Saturday, getting their month's wages, and most of them got drunk. There was one Boer sympathizer in the gang, and the other men attacked him. He was cut all over the body. He was taken to the hospital with a second, who had his leg broken in the row.

Arthur Cardinal, formerly of Ottawa, was sentenced at Toronto yesterday to 10 years in the penitentiary for an attempt to murder John Hughes, a young fellow, in the central prison.

Life Assurance Canvasser Wanted.

Plans and contracts—unequaled. Security absolute. Large profits. Up to date. London & Lancashire Life. Address—

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Stationery and Confectionery At the Bottom.

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HIGH CLASS GOODS AT A VERY MODEST PRICE.

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Can be quickly cured by taking

Pulmonic Cough Cure

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FOOTBALLS, FOOTBALLS—A large assortment at John Barnsley & Co., 115 Government street.

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of the Brand of Cigarettes that are Better Than The Best

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To make room for NEW STOCK we are selling a number of small lots of **J. W. MELLOR,** 76-78 FORT STREET



LADIES will find in our large stock the Newest Ideas in Seasonable FOOTWEAR in Boys' and Girls' School Boots we are offering some splendid values. SPECIAL—Boys' Boston Thigh Gum Soles, \$3.00 per pair. Men's Hip Gum Boots, \$4.00 up. **THE PATERSON SHOE CO., Ltd** Cor. Government and Johnson Sts.

Situation in Natal

Another Long Pause Probable Before Any Further Movements Are Made.

Experts Favor a Transfer of Operations to the Plains of Free State.

War Office Denies the Report That Ladysmith Has Surrendered.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 27.—2:47 p.m.—The usual daily attempts to minimize the seriousness of the situation in South Africa are entirely lacking this afternoon, and it is frankly acknowledged that the most serious effort of the present war has failed.

There is no sign of a wish on the part of the leaders of public opinion to disguise the ugly facts, and there is every disposition to face the full difficulties and discover the best way out. In short the policy followed everywhere is the gathering up of forces for more effective blows.

Expert Opinion.

All hopes of the speedy relief of Ladysmith have been abandoned, and the consensus of expert opinion urged the immediate shifting of the theatre of war from the rocky kopjes of Natal to the open veldt of the Free State.

One thing appears certain, another long pause is inevitable unless the Boers assume the offensive, because, even in the event of Gen. Buller further attempting to reach Ladysmith, the planning of a new move will necessarily occupy time.

Afternoon papers are drawing attention to the closeness of the parallel between the Federal attack on Gen. Lee at Fredericksburg and the operations on the Upper Tugela.

Curiously enough, there is visible, especially in military circles, an undercurrent belief at the news that the British are safely south of the Tugela, for the rumors of Saturday had conjured up visions of an immense catastrophe.

Dundonald's Force Safe.

London, Jan. 29.—Great anxiety has been removed by the announcement that Lord Dundonald's cavalry force, which it was feared had been isolated among the hills in the neighborhood of Acton Homes, are safe on the south bank of Tugela river.

Officers Killed at Spion Kop.

London, Jan. 29.—Gen. Buller wires from Spearman's Camp on January 29th that the casualties among the officers of the Fifth Division and Mounted Brigade at Spion Kop, January 24th, were: Killed 22, wounded 20, missing 6.

A Denial.

The war office denies the report that Ladysmith has surrendered and announces that a very heavy list of casualties will be issued to-night.

Discussing the Situation.

The afternoon papers are discussing whence are to come the troops for a protracted campaign. It is becoming generally recognized that some form of compulsory service is more and more imminent than previously thought of.

The St. James Gazette, however, suggests that the solution of pouring more troops into South Africa savors of the Spanish action in Cuba, and that the solution of making better use of the thousands already there has never suggested itself.

The Opening of Parliament.

The Queen's speech at the assembling of parliament to-morrow is awaited with unusual interest.

Criticizing Buller's Report.

The St. James Gazette this afternoon returns to scathing criticism of the language of Gen. Buller's report. It says: "Gen. Buller's collection of the terror he put into the few remains of things we have heard about, Chinese mandarins."

Steyn Visits Pretoria.

Pretoria, Jan. 26.—President Steyn of the Orange-Free State, and A. Fischer of the executive council of that Republic, arrived here this morning. They were met at the station by President Kruger and other officials.

The Volksstem, the official organ of the government, in welcoming the guests of the state, says: "But for the courageous attitude of the Free State the conditions of the present struggle would be changed. It would be impossible for the Boers to have taken the course followed with such success."

An Unfounded Report.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—A semi-official dispatch from Lisbon says the report that the Boers have crossed the Mozambique frontier is unfounded.

Stocks Flat.

London, Jan. 29.—There was an all-round despondency on the stock exchange to-day.

May Enlist in Victoria

This City to Be One of the Recruiting Stations for Strathcona's Horse

One Squadron or More Will Be Taken From This Province.

Scottish Societies of Illinois Offer an Entire Corps For Service.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The Minister of Militia is trying to get accommodation for the British Columbia contingent on a steamer which leaves St. John on 17th inst. with hay for South Africa.

Strathcona's horse will comprise three squadrons. There will be 25 officers, 26 non-commissioned officers and 470 men, or 231 all ranks, and 536 horses. One squadron, or as many as are required, will be recruited in British Columbia.

Recruiting for Strathcona's Horse will commence on Monday, 6th February, at the following mounted police posts in the Northwest Territories: Moosejaw, Regina, Maple Creek, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Macleod, Lethbridge, Pincher Creek, Edmonton, Prince Albert and Battleford.

In Manitoba at Portage la Prairie, Vir den, Brandon and at the barracks, Winnipeg.

In British Columbia at Golden, Revelstoke, Vernon, Kamloops, Fort Steele, Nelson, Vancouver and Victoria.

The first train is expected to leave Calgary with men and horses for Ottawa about the 10th or 12th of February. The above list of recruiting stations was prepared by Comptroller White and Col. Steele, and sanctioned by Hon. C. Sifton and the military authorities.

The militia department has no knowledge of any offer of six hundred cowboys from western states to go to South Africa. There have been offers of all kinds received by the department, but the one above referred to has not yet reached here.

About a month ago the president of the Scottish societies of Illinois offered an entire corps of Britishers to go to the Transvaal, but nothing was done in the matter. As to individual offers there have been thousands of them received at the department from the United States.

DOMINION DISPATCHES.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Jan. 29.—Parkdale Methodist Church yesterday raised \$13,800 toward the 20th Century Fund. The debt of the church amounted to over \$13,000, so that the church is now free.

Kettleby, Jan. 29.—Hon. Wm. Mackenzie, postmaster-general, speaking here on Saturday night, defended the government, declaring that all pledges in its platform had been fulfilled.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 29.—Robert Taylor, head of the firm of Robert Taylor & Co., Limited, boot and shoe manufacturer, is dead. Deceased was sixty-four years of age.

St. Johns, Que., Jan. 29.—Duncan Macdonald, one of the largest property holders, a pioneer in the pottery business, is dead, aged 85 years.

Beaufort, Ont., Jan. 29.—Thomas Corbett, who arrived here from Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday night, was stricken with symptoms of smallpox on Saturday. He has been removed to the smallpox hospital and the inhabitants of the house where Corbett resided have been quarantined.

VACANCIES IN THE SENATE.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The list of senators will likely be known in a day or so. The name of G. F. Fairford, of Brockville, mentioned for Ontario, and that of Galt, Watson and Thomas Greenway for Manitoba. Messrs. Casgrain and Sheyn will have a good chance in Quebec, and Mr. Burpee in New Brunswick. There are six vacancies.

THE MILITARY CONTINGENT.

Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon, Premier Seulin had not received from Ottawa the telegram in regard to the British Columbia contingent, which the Minister of Militia has assured him will be forwarded some time during the day.

Members of the Free State government and the applicants for a position on the force are chafing under a delay, which no one seems able to prevent, and which no one evidently could avoid.

While Mr. Deane's motion providing that all ministerial claims held by members of the contingent, which has already gone, or will go, to South Africa, be held for them in their absence, was ruled out at once, it has been decided to follow the practice established at the time of the rebellion of 1885, in regard to Dominion government lands. By this arrangement any volunteer serving in South Africa who has an entry under the Dominion Lands Act is allowed to count as residence the time he may be absent from the land on military service.

We are Prompt, We are Careful and We are Always at Our Post.

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CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS, VICTORIA, B.C.

For Pure Drugs and Chemicals.

Recrosses The Tugela

Warren's Force Is Now Concentrated South of the River.

Water Supply at Spion Kop Deficient and Boer Right To Be Strong.

Withdrawal Accomplished Without the Loss of a Man or Pound of Stores.

London, Jan. 28.—The following is the text of a dispatch from General Buller dated Spearman's Camp, Saturday, January 27th, 9:10 p.m.

On January 20th, Warren drove back the enemy and obtained possession of the southern crest of the high tableland extending from the line of Acton Homes and Hangers Point to the western Ladysmith hills. From then until January 25th he remained in close contact with his enemy.

The enemy held a strong position on a range of small kopjes stretching from northwest to southeast across the plateau from Acton Homes through Spion Kop to the left bank of the Tugela.

The actual position held was perfectly tenable, but did not lend itself to an advance as the southern slopes were so steep that Warren could not get

An effective Artillery Position and water supply was obtained with difficulty.

On January 23rd I assented to his attacking Spion Kop, a large hill, indeed a mountain, which was evidently the key of the position, but was far more accessible from the north than from the south.

On the night of January 23rd he attacked Spion Kop, but found it very difficult to hold, as its perimeter was too large, and water, which he had been led to believe existed in this extraordinary dry season, was found to be very deficient.

The crests were held all that day against severe attacks and a heavy shell fire. Our men fought with great gallantry. I would especially mention the conduct of the Second Camerons and Third King's Rifles, who supported the attack on the mountain from the steep east side and in each case

Fought Their Way to the Top, and the Second Lancashire Fusiliers and Second Middlesex, who magnificently maintained the best traditions of the British army throughout the trying day of January 24th, and Thornycroft's Mounted Infantry who fought throughout the day equally well alongside of them.

General Woodgate, who was in command at the summit, having been wounded, the officer who succeeded him decided on the night of January 24th to abandon the position and did so before dawn, January 25th.

I reached Warren's camp at 5 a.m. on January 25th and decided that a second attack upon Spion Kop was useless and that the enemy's right was too strong to allow me to force it.

Necessarily, I decided to withdraw the force to the south of the Tugela.

At 6 a.m. we commenced withdrawing the train and by 8 a.m. January 27th (Saturday) Warren's force was concentrated south of the Tugela without loss of a man or a pound of stores.

The fact that the force could withdraw from actual touch—in some cases the lines were less than a thousand yards apart—with the enemy in the morning did, in my opinion, sufficient evidence of the morale of the troops; and that we were permitted to withdraw our cumbersome ox and mule transport across the river, eighty-five yards around, with 29 foot banks, and a very swift current, unopposed, is, I think, proof that the enemy has been taught to respect our soldiers' fighting powers.

CAPTURE OF SPION KOP. When the British Reached the Summit Boers Opened Fire From Several Points.

Spearman's Camp, Friday, Jan. 28.—About 2 o'clock in the morning of January 24 (Wednesday), when heavy clouds rested upon the kopjes, the main point of the Boer position, Tabanana, was stormed by the British infantry under Gen. Woodgate.

Our force crossed a ravine and climbed the mountain side steadily, getting within thirty yards of the enemy's first line of trenches.

The Boers, who had been asleep, decamped, leaving everything behind, and the British, with ringing cheers, climbed to the summit.

It was apparent that they had been taken by surprise, and their resistance was desperate. The western crest of the hill was soon won, and the infantry crept along the top of the hill.

At daybreak, however, the Boers from

Between the lines of trenches was an open valley, which had to be rushed under a heavy fire. Under a Heavy Fire, not only from rifles, but of Lydite and shrapnel from field guns.

Three forces succeeded in their spur to the summit under cover of fire of Free State Krupp, a Creusote and a big Maxim. The English tried to rush the Boers with the bayonet, but their infantry went down before the rifle fire, as before stated.

The Boer investing party advanced step by step until 2 p.m., when a white flag was hoisted and 150 in front of the trenches surrendered, being sent as prisoners to the head laager.

The Boer advance continued on the two kopjes east of Spion Kop. Many Boers were shot, but no prisoners were taken, the gaps were filled automatically.

Toward daylight they reached the summit of the second kopje, but did not get farther. British Maxims boomed flame, but a wall of firing Maxims held the British back. Their centre under the crevice gradually

Gave Way and Broke, abandoning the position. The prisoners speak highly of the bravery of the burghers, who, despite the cover, stood against the line of the summit to shoot the Dublin Fusiliers sheltered in the trenches.

Later Details. London, Jan. 28.—A special dispatch from Spearman's Camp, dated Friday, and supplying additional details of the operations of Wednesday, says:

The British made a most successful attempt today. They deployed to Gen. Warren's right flank and reinforced the troops in possession of Tabanana. They were subjected to a heavy Boer shell fire, but stood their ground nobly.

Part of Gen. Lyttleton's brigade extended on the plain in front of Mount Allen, and within two hours scaled the heights of Spion Kop under a heavy fire. One fileman who reached the summit before his comrades proudly stood on top.

Another Account. The Daily News publishes a dispatch dated Spearman's Camp, Wednesday afternoon, but held back, presumably by the censor, until Friday, January 25, 6:40 p.m. This says:

Having gallantly taken a portion of Tabanana mountain during last night, Gen. Warren's troops are finding considerable difficulty in holding it. There has been heavy firing to-day. The Boer shells are splendidly directed, and in the face of the enemy's fire the further advance of our forces has been checked.

Again and again attempts had been made to dislodge them by the enemy, and things began to look serious. Determined as had been their attack, however, the Boers had not succeeded in dislodging them.

Meanwhile the King's Royal Rifles, approaching from the Potgieter's Drift side of the mountain range, began the ascent of Spion Kop.

The heights at the place where they arrived were precipitous, and their task was no light one. They advanced, however, and apparently at first, without knowledge of the Boers, but before reaching the top they became exposed to a flank fire from the enemy.

The last part of the hill was even more precipitous than the road along which they had come; but the brave fellows reached the top and threw themselves down upon the ground, with a cheer. It was grandly accomplished.

There is still the serious difficulty of keeping this point without artillery. The position, therefore, now is that the British hold Spion Kop at the east end of the range. They also hold the west end.

The Boers are entrenched in the intermediate part, besides holding other entrenched positions.

Boers Report Heavy British Casualties. The war office does not give any idea of the casualties in the taking and the holding of Spion Kop, but a report from the Boer headquarters near Ladysmith, via Lorenzo Marques, says that 1,500 British dead were left on the battlefield.

This number is thought to include the wounded. The report also says that General Buller has been down with fever but had recovered.

If Boer reports are to be accepted, the abandonment of Spion Kop was due to the inability of the British to resist the Boer attack, the Boers carrying the first trenches and taking 150 prisoners.

Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Jan. 26, 6 p.m.—The British dead left on the battlefield yesterday numbered 1,500.

FROM BOER HEADQUARTERS. Troops Reported to Have Hoisted White Flag and Surrendered.

Boer Headquarters, Modder Spruit, Upper Tugela, Wednesday, Jan. 24th (midnight). Via Lorenzo Marques, Thursday, Jan. 25.—Some Vryheid burghers from the outposts on the highest hills of the Spion Kop group rushed into the laager saying that the kop was lost and that the English had taken it.

Reinforcements were ordered up, but nothing could be done for some time, the hill being enveloped in thick mist.

At dawn the Heidelberg and Carolina contingents, supplemented from other commands, began the ascent of the hill. Three spears, precipitous projections, faced the Boer positions.

Up these the advance was made. The horses were left under the terrace of the rocks.

Reaching the steep rocks, the Boers found that the English had improved the opportunity and entrenched heavily.

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Hood's Pills. While they rouse the liver, restore full, regular action of the bowels, they do not grip or pain, do not irritate or inflame the intestinal organs, but have a positive tonic effect. See at all druggists or by mail of C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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Using Mauser rifles and smokeless powder, on the flats in the fifth shelter, and on adjacent hills they post men with Mergal-Heintz rifles using heavy powder.

A late dawn the artillery fire while the former shot down the infantry and cavalry at closer range.

Sir Alfred Milner has issued a proclamation to the effect that the British government will not recognize any forfeited, free, or encumbered property placed on British property by the Transvaal republic or Orange Free State subsequent to October 10, 1899.

It is reported that the Boer head laager near Ladysmith that as the result of "Long Tom" practice on Monday Dr. Jameson was wounded in the leg.

The war office on Saturday issued a list of casualties, including two killed, six severely wounded and four slightly wounded at Reusburg on January 25th, and four deaths from disease.

Spencer Wilkinson on the Situation. London, Jan. 28.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, whose articles on the war situation have attracted much attention here and abroad, wrote the following review of the situation for the Associated Press at midnight, and after the war office had given out a telegram from Lord Roberts, dated at Capetown, Saturday, saying there was no change in the situation:

The affair at Spion Kop appears very like a reverse as the decisive point of battle, according to Gen. Buller's telegram, Gen. Warren determined to take the hill because it commanded the enemy's other positions.

Having taken it Tuesday night he abandoned it Wednesday night, presumably because "he was unable to hold it."

The published words of Gen. Buller's telegram have the tone of a reverse as announced. When the military can be made good it is impossible to say.

A general attacking has, to some extent, the power of making his own decisive point. Gen. Warren may yet beat the enemy by success at some other point, or he may re-take Spion Kop and keep the battle now going on can be won.

There is no probability of Ladysmith being relieved.

Gen. Buller's army, unless successful, will be in a critical position, for its retreat would be a difficult operation. The main Boer force is as near as any point to the railway as Gen. Warren's. The main force of Buller's army, and the Boers have the advantage of speed.

For this reason, as well as because of the importance of purpose to relieve Gen. White, we may expect Gen. Buller to do his very utmost before giving up the attempt, and in this necessity lies the best hope of success.

The American civil war showed how rifle fire rendered assaults difficult, the battles lasting several days, and as since then the range and rate of fire have been greatly increased, the prolongation of battles was to be expected, but without a fuller knowledge than the telegrams as yet afford, it is not possible clearly to interpret the episode of the unfinished fight.

The report from Boer sources that Mafeking has been relieved is credible, for Col. Plummer has been persistently working in that direction, and there has been time since he was last heard of near Bechuanaland to cover the last-mentioned distance. Moreover, the Boers have wisely been concentrating their forces at more decisive points, but it requires a report.

SIX AMERICANS KILLED. El Paso, Tex., Jan. 27.—Reports from New Arizona, received today, confirm the killing of six Americans. H. J. Corbin, now here from New Mexico, says that Corbin and others in Southern Arizona and Mexico have organized and are preparing to invade Sonora and avenge the murder of the six prospectors. They will fight against the Mexican troops for the independence of the Sonora and the Yaqui nation.

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Report of U. S. Consul

Abraham E. Smith Tells of the Prospective Rush to Cape Nome.

Says Large Numbers Will Go to the Goldfields From Here.

Abraham E. Smith, United States consul here, has sent the following report to the United States Department of the Interior:

The indications are that there will be a great rush to Cape Nome next spring, something like that to the Klondike in the spring of 1898. It is evident that numbers will go there from Victoria and this province in preference to either Atlin or the Northwest Territory.

The transportation companies here and on the Sound are all actively engaged in preparing steamers for the long trip. The distance from Victoria to Cape Nome is 2,500 miles, entirely by water. But, notwithstanding that fact, the transportation companies have already booked all the passengers that can be carried on the first trip, on every vessel that can be secured. At a recent meeting of representatives of the companies it was computed that 65,000 persons desired to go to Cape Nome as soon as possible.

The reports that have been circulating last season in regard to the gold discoveries at Cape Nome were quite generally discredited here, the opinion being that the Atlin and Klondike countries were more promising and also easier of access. But the last two steamers from the North effectively dispelled all uncertainties, the passengers bringing with them indisputable evidence that all along the beach in the vicinity of Cape Nome gold in paying quantities can be had for the digging.

A number of these men have called at the consulate, exhibiting specimens of the gold, saying they dug it on the beach, near the water's edge; that men with only hand shovels and the simplest and rudest of pans cleared from \$50 to \$100 and even \$200 per day, while sometimes a clean up of from \$1,000 to \$1,500 has been reported. Nuggets worth from \$500 to \$400 were found near Anvil creek, and it is believed \$300,000 to \$400,000 were taken out of snow drift last summer; one man, it is said, took out \$100,000, while another claims still more. Every one of the men who came down expressed his desire to return in the spring, some even engaging return passage on the steamers on which they came down. According to their statements, the gold does not extend to a great depth, five or six feet being as low as any have yet found "paying dirt."

Complaint was made by some of the returning miners that claims—twenty acres each—which stretched for miles around and virtually embraced the whole shore from Cape Nome to Cape York, some forty miles distant, had been staked. This, however, has been much changed by the decision of Commissioner Hermann, which is understood to mean that no land below ordinary high tide can be disposed of to individuals or corporations, but is open to the public to operate on, that the right to dig in these lands is as free as the right to fish in the adjacent waters; and that any fish may wash gold out of the sand between high and low water, while no authority can give any person an exclusive right to so, so that the land cannot be obtained by corporations or syndicates. Some apprehension is felt that there may be a clash of interests on that point, and it is generally desired that the government establish regulations and have sufficient police to enforce them. Anxiety is expressed here regarding the establishment of a port of entry at Cape Nome. Captains all agree that there is practically no anchorage or harbor at the cape itself, but that at Port Clarence, distant only a few miles, there is a harbor, safe and commodious.

There are now between 5,000 and 6,000 people at Nome City, Anvil City, Cape York, Port Clarence and vicinity. The buildings are, of course, of the most temporary character. A large number are on the beach below high water mark, which has been found to promote health, although the extreme cold of six months of the year precludes epidemics.

After giving some market quotations, the report continues: "An ordinary, two-story dwelling of eight rooms costs frequently for \$200 a month. Freight taken from the steamers in barges costs from 35 to 40 cents per hundred; for the delivery of heavy freight by horse team and wagon, \$10 an hour is charged."

SHOT BY POLICE. Quincy, Ill., Jan. 28.—Two expert safe breakers, supposed to be from Chicago, were last night killed by police officers, and one was seriously wounded. On January 28th the safe in the Adams County building and loan office here was blown open and securities amounting to \$20,000 taken. On Saturday last three men came to Moecker's hotel, two of them registered from Kansas City. The proprietor suspected them and warned the police, and when one of the men went out he was shadowed by a detective. The officer asked the suspect to go to the station and explain himself.

The man drew a revolver and pointed it at the officer's heart, but as he did so the officer flashed his own weapon and as he fired the man fell dead.

Meanwhile officers had examined the baggage of the suspects and found it included the burglar's tools, skeleton keys, dynamite sticks and nitro-glycerine. When the other two men returned to the hotel they found it surrounded by officers. They ran into the hotel and loaded their revolvers. One man was shot through the skull in the hotel corridor. He died in a few minutes. The third man was shot on the steps by an officer and sank to the floor with a broken hip.

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VICTORIA BUILDING SOCIETY The 12th annual general meeting of the Society will be held at Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad Street, on Tuesday, January 3

Replies to Mr. Martin

Hon. Dr. McKechnie and Mr. Ralph Smith Speak at Nanaimo.

Vote of Thanks to Government and Confidence in Representatives Passed.

(Special to the Times.)
Nanaimo, Jan. 29.—The meeting held in the evening on Saturday evening at the Victoria Hotel, the only evening period being when Mr. Cross was speaking and he made the statement that at one time Mr. Smith had gone to Mr. Dunsmuir and asked that gentleman to support him for the Dominion House, Mr. Smith said that he had not done so, but that he was something of a comical figure in the house for a time, but explanations were made and the speaker proceeded with his remarks.

The attendance at the meeting was nearly 200 less than when Mr. Martin spoke a week ago, but the seats were occupied and there were a great many ladies in the gallery. The interruptions were few and all were made by one man who has distinguished himself as an interrupter of public meetings; but as the man is a little eccentric his interruptions are always good naturedly received by the audience.

W. J. McCallan presided at the meeting on Saturday evening and in introducing Hon. Dr. McKechnie, the first speaker of the evening, said that all were familiar with the circumstances under which the meeting was called to give the members from Nanaimo the opportunity to reply to Mr. Martin that they did not receive at the last meeting, although they had been invited to be present.

Dr. McKechnie prefaced his remarks by asking the audience to imagine themselves back one week at the hour of 10.30. He had read a letter in his possession, the letter from Mr. Martin asking Mr. Smith and himself to be present and speak at the meeting, but the chairman would remember that the chance whatever was given to Mr. Smith and it was the speaker's first opinion that it was not intended that they should be given a chance. It would be remembered that Mr. Martin spoke very slowly and took up considerable time in referring to matters that had no direct bearing upon the subject he was supposed to discuss. Had the members of the Wellington college would be a thing of the past, and the coal at Extension and Union was mined principally by Chinese labor. Nanaimo had to compete with this coal in the California markets, and they could not sell their coal as cheaply as the Chinese mined coal, and would be compelled to put their own in self defence. This would mean that 50 per cent of the white miners would have to go and half the stores and business places in the city would have to close. If the Dunsmuir party were returned to power, there was likely to get up a candidate against the speaker and the speaker would be able to save his deposit. The speaker did not think that any man was carrying around the vote of Nanaimo in his vest pocket.

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bers of the opposition must have satisfied themselves that he had not arrived. Then a special messenger was sent to Vancouver to bring Mr. Martin. It would not do to trust the telegraph. A messenger boy might not have been able to find him. Martin came on the boat and when the special train arrived it was met at Russell, a suburb of Victoria, by a particular factotum of Mr. Dunsmuir who had a hack with him to carry off Mr. Martin. Mr. Dunsmuir did not deny that he had placed the steamer and train at Mr. Martin's disposal free of charge. In the face of the agreement of Mr. Martin with Mr. Wells, could any man say that the late attorney-general had acted justly? Martin said that Dunsmuir had not communicated with him: If such were the case, would Dunsmuir have disarranged the running plans of the boat and delayed Her Majesty's mails, not knowing whether Mr. Martin would accept transportation on the steamer or not? It did not look reasonable.

AVoice—Martin told you what he was going to do six months ago.

The speaker said that Mr. Martin had said so in his Labor Day speech, and he had been applauded. But preceding that time Mr. Martin had worked the audience up to a high pitch of excitement by a clever speech that was responsible for the applause. Before the people had left the hall many of them were talking about the speech and saying that he had made a statement that they could not get through him in a better government. The speaker in the House to rouse the people into general hostility against Martin. Martin was elected in Vancouver to support the government, and he should not allow himself to be carried away by personal spite and seek to defeat the party he was elected to support. The speaker then read extracts from Mr. Martin's Labor Day speech wherein he condemned representatives who would go back on their pledges, and said that Martin was condemned by his own words. The speaker then asked the different members to resign and run against him (Martin) as a bombastic, and read an extract from the Times referring to a meeting of Martin's constituents held in Vancouver at which disapprobation of his conduct was expressed.

The speaker said that Martin had spent three hours with him one Sunday afternoon trying to get him to desert the government, and threatened that if he refused to do so that when another election was held he (Martin) would put up a candidate against the speaker and the speaker would be able to save his deposit. The speaker did not think that any man was carrying around the vote of Nanaimo in his vest pocket.

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terprise at the time and had a family to support and did not dare to sign it. The speaker said that Martin had a right to sign on a special boat, as had the arbitrators when they went to Union, and he was interrupted by someone asking him if he had not thrown cold water on the arbitration proceedings and ridiculed them.

Ralph Smith then took the floor and roundly scolded the previous speaker for the many misstatements he said Cross was in the habit of making. He explained the special trip of the arbitrators to Union, which was only a matter of convenience to the government and no parallel whatever for the Martin case. Referring to the hand grant to the C. & N.V., the speaker said that the grant was given by the Turner government, and as we were an honorable people we would not repudiate contracts made by that government, although it was a bad thing for the country.

The speaker took up the question of redistribution and asked the speaker if he would tell us what was right in the matter. He was not there to make known the secret plans of the government, but he would say that there was legislation contemplated that would be satisfactory to the supporters of the government on the distribution of the land. Mr. Martin was not justified in making the statement that there would be no redistribution because it was not foreshadowed in the speech from the throne. Mr. Smith roundly scolded Mr. Martin for the unprincipled way in which he described the government to gratify his personal spite.

Mr. Smith said that he was standing by the present government because in contradiction to Turmerism it was the best government the country ever had. It was not perfect, he knew, but if Mr. Martin or any other person could clearly point out to him a better government, Mr. Smith concluded by saying that until Mr. Martin recognized the fact that other people could think as well as he, that other people were entitled to opinions, and his spite changed to charity, he could not be a statesman. If Martin had broad lines in proportion to his ability, he knew of no better man to do the business of the country.

As it was he was a dangerous man, and but for these traits he might be prime minister of the Dominion. But because of these traits he would never reach a higher place than he now held in this province.

A vote of thanks to the present government and confidence in the representatives was then passed unanimously.

Hon. F. Carter Cotton was present and called upon to speak. As the hour was late he only made a few general remarks, expressing gratification at the hearty way in which the vote of thanks was carried.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman and cheers for the members the meeting adjourned with the singing of the National Anthem.

AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

The Nell Company To-night—Mme. Novara's Visit.

"A Bachelor's Romance," which the famous Nell company will present in this city this evening, is an original play in four acts by Miss Martha Morton. The part of David Holmes, the "heroic" critic in the Review in this famous success, was originally played by Sol Smith Russell and was regarded as the best play in which that favorite actor ever appeared. Mr. James Nell, one of the luminous and most capable leading men in America, will be seen in this character in this city. The Nell company has the exclusive right for the presentation of "A Bachelor's Romance." Other characters in the comedy are: (Mrs. Holmes, a pleasure loving man of the world; Martin Beza, David's secretary and confidential man; Harold



Mr. James Nell.

Reynolds, a reporter on the staff of the Review; Mr. Mulberry, an antique literary man, with a classical education; Archibald Letton Savage, a modern literary man; Miss Clementina, a maiden lady with a sharp tongue; Helen Le Grande, David's sister; a widow of the world; Harriet Leicester, a society girl; Sylvia, David's sister; and James, a servant. The first scene is laid in David's study in Washington Square, in New York City. The second act is at Helen's fashionable home, Murray Hill, New York; the third act, David's study, and act fourth, Miss Clementina's home in the country.

Mrs. Emma Nevada, the great American prima donna, who has just returned this season to her native land, and who, if her relations are successful, will be heard in this city, is a singer who has been much written about, though she has never courted notoriety. She does not wear diamonds, break contracts, nor get divorced, but has always been a well behaved girl, and, when she used to be her father's chum in Nevada mountains after her mother's death. In these halcyon days, music bubbled out of her baby lips. At the tender age of three, wrapped in an American flag, she sang "The Star Spangled Banner" to the miners. In after years, as her voice grew, Mrs. John W. MacKay, and other Nevada people, proud of her, sent her abroad to study in London. In 1888, her triumph came at Her Majesty's theatre with Mapleson, as "Amina" in "La Sonnambula." Arrived in his Memoirs, published not long ago, "It is pleasurable to record the debut under my baton of Mrs. Nevada, who in 'La Sonnambula' in later years rose to the ranks of our very first-class prima donnas." The then new Auditor's voice was a light soprano, and seemed like a thread of promise in its sweetness. Her delicate delivery was the chief attraction of her voice in those days, but, alas! then she has become too great and recognized a favorite all the world over to need further commendation from me. Nevada is now on a transcontinental tour under the direction of Charles L. Young.

A bounteous banquet of vaudeville will be served the numerous patrons of the Savoy theatre this week by those able comedians of amusement, Messrs. Jackson & McDonell. Among the eminent performers who will appear will be Dave Marion, known in theatrical circles as the "man who has made the world laugh." A very clever comedy team, Maian and Howard, will make their initial bow to a Savoy audience. They are direct from Eastern successes. Ethel Lynwood, aptly named the "Human Knot," has been retained for their entertainment, and to say that they are worth double the price of admission. This will be the closing week of Smith and Ellis. Their long engagement at the Savoy circuit speaks volumes for their versatility, and to say that they have remained as popular as the day they arrived, proves their efforts to please have been appreciated. Those who remain for another week are Joe Bright, J. Stevens Waterman, Kate Lockwell, Lottie Mather and Candetta and Halsey.

On the Eve of Colenso

How the British Force Moved From Frere to the Front.

Every Soldier Has Confidence in Gen. Buller—All Ready for Battle.

Chieveley Camp, Dec. 14.—After a tedious delay of a fortnight at Frere our troops advanced this morning.

The reveille sounded at 5 o'clock, and shortly afterwards the various camps were left of industry, tents being struck and kits packed, the scene being illuminated by camp fires. As daylight dawned most of the men were ready for the advance and itching to get away, eyes and fighting and to be in the van when the Ladysmith garrison are relieved from the siege they have so pluckily withstood.

At half-past four several regiments of infantry "fell in" and gradually ascended the gentle slope of the hill beyond the camp to the hills beyond. Their departure left room for others, and in less than an hour all descriptions of forces and conveyances were blithely journeying onward.

The morning was exceptionally clear and fine, and the spirits of all were at the highest pitch.

The wagons and carts attached to each regiment carried a small distinctive flag, which was the only means of recognition accorded the wagons as the cavalry swept past. It must have measured at least eight miles long, in many cases teams running side by side, and was composed of:

All Conceivable Modes of Transport.

The ambulance wagons of one regiment were sandwiched between two spurs of sixteen oxen each, while mule wagons, and carts drawn by donkeys, cavalry men and small bunches of infantry varied the procession and made it most interesting. The teams and guns of six field batteries were a substantial addition, and the Jack jacks were in evidence with their death-dealing pieces, while occasionally "savages" corresponded to the turn-out swept past at a look.

To those who are familiar with the manoeuvres of the troops in England the march was not as instructive as it was to Colonial volunteers and eager sightseers of this colony. What surprised these latter was the entire absence of anything bordering on confusion, everything proceeding as if it were a daily task.

The journey measured about ten miles, and was completed before the heat of the day came upon us. Teams were quickly pitched, and by noon a casual observer would never dream that the grassy slopes then occupied by 15,000 men had that morning been the unoccupied domain of straggling cattle which had escaped from the hands of the "boers." Did not trouble himself with these reflections, but set to work with a sharpened appetite on the food provided, respecting which a word of praise is due to those who supervise the commissariat, as they are performing their work promptly and with good results.

The mere camp consumed 50,000 lbs. of fresh meat, about 40,000 lbs. of bread daily, to say nothing of the other rations, and everything served out has been of the best quality.

The field post offices have also been most appreciated by the officers and men alike, and the patience of the attendants is taxed by the continual query, "When will we get letters from home?" or "Is this letter in time?" though Mr. Atkins cannot quite understand why he should wish to stop the letters while members of irregular corps, who

Are Much Better Paid

than he should have their letters carried throughout the South Africa free of charge. By this reference it must not be inferred that the regulars have not a warm respect for the pluck and usefulness of the men who have recently joined the confidence every one feels in that strong man's ability to sweep the enemy before him, and the moral effect of his presence at an engagement would be tremendous. The incident has not previously appeared in print, but I know for a fact that last week the staff officers were startled by the safety of their esteemed leader. It came about in this way.

A small party, consisting of General Buller, his staff, and a few advisers well acquainted with the country, rode out to inspect a certain quarter where Boers were not expected to be encountered. However, while some distance from camp, a scout rode up breathless to report that a force of 3,000 Boers occupied a neighboring kopje, the information being verified by a certain quarter where Boers were not expected to be encountered. However, while some distance from camp, a scout rode up breathless to report that a force of 3,000 Boers occupied a neighboring kopje, the information being verified by a certain quarter where Boers were not expected to be encountered. However, while some distance from camp, a scout rode up breathless to report that a force of 3,000 Boers occupied a neighboring kopje, the information being verified by a certain quarter where Boers were not expected to be encountered.



the bill and reconnoitre was gratefully accepted. By the aid of his field-glasses he was able to discern that the "concealment" consisted of a mob of horses peacefully grazing, and thus

The Situation Was Saved!

When telegraphic connection was re-established between Mool River and Estcourt the work of supplying the garrison was regarded as a very risky one, but was cheerfully undertaken by half a dozen civilians with a military escort of six men. General Buller, who was in command of the troops at Mool River, has forwarded the names of all the men to their superior officers, with a recommendation for consideration and promotion. The soldiers were from the Royal Fusiliers, and comprised Sergeant King and Privates Cooper, Clark, Mann, Short, Hawtack and Laver. Their relatives will be pleased to hear of their anticipated good fortune. The march upon Chieveley has been good practice for all concerned; it has not taken ten days. The following description was given me by a member of the South African Light Horse, and it may serve, with slight variation, for a narrative of the experience of thousands of others.

For the last five or six days we have been on the march from Mool River, our stopping-places being as follows: Hilton road to Bagowana, twenty-five miles; to Northham road, ten; to Mool River, twelve; to Estcourt, twenty-four; to Frere Camp, fifteen miles. The country in parts was very beautiful, the grass long and green, and affording a fine view of the mountains.

Good Pasturage for Horses.

We have been well worked since we left Hilton road.

Up at half-past three in the morning, strike tents, and wagons, water and feed horses, busy cup at coffee with head biscuits, all quipped hurriedly down; saddle up and march. Last night perhaps, but often more, on the march, arrive at destination; off saddle; water and feed horses, pitch tents and other baggage work. At last, at about 6 o'clock, a chance to get some food. Rations, bread or biscuits, tea or coffee, sometimes meat and potatoes. Meat cooked, turn it into a stew, sixteen in a tent, all clothes on, boots, spurs, bandoliers, etc., ready to turn out at a moment's notice.

Water rather scarce; have not had a wash for what seems untold ages. My face ready for the part of Orpheus without any making up, hands consider- ably chapped about, grimy as a sweep's shirt, and with a gun weighing ten pounds.

We have to carry a pretty good weight. Haversack filled contains food, horse brush, and curry comb, towel, etc. Water bottle full, if you can get anything to fill it with, bandolier with fifty cartridges, waist belt, a gun weighing ten pounds.

At first I got pretty tired, my shoulders ached like fun, but am fairly used to it now. On five nights I sleep out, and on the other five I sleep in a tent, without a blanket, and take my meals for a pillow. So far, however, we have had rather wet weather; we alternately get wetted by the rain and dried by the sun.

Have one of the best horses in the squadron; its paces are good and it is strong; not a flashy-looking animal by any means, but quiet and steady going; a light grey gelding. At our squadron have crews of course, we fitter ourselves as a sort of miniature edition of dear old Scots Gipsies.

On yesterday's march our troops did the scouting. We had to cross across very rough country; ordered to let nothing stop us, so we clung on, through bushes, jammed stumps, etc., cutting all the wires which barred the way.

We are to do the scouting work for the command, so, all being well, we shall be in at the relief of Ladysmith. All our men are very keen to get at the

Boers, but I am afraid we are not trained enough yet to do anything extra brilliant. Alas, we all must do our level best. So far we have had very little shooting practice, but luckily most of us have had previous shooting experience.

The health of the troops continues excellent, for though we have some very weary days, the higher level, the more rest, and up to the present, the facilities for bathing have greatly minimized the discomforts of the scorching sun.—London Daily Mail.

"GRASP ALL AND LOSE ALL."

Many people are so latent on "grasping all" that they lose strength of nerves, and their health is ruined. Fortunately, however, these may be restored by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has put many a business man on the road to success by giving him good digestion, strong nerves and a clear brain. It does the same thing for weak and tired women.

HOOD'S PILLS cure sick headache, indigestion.

"MRS. BOER" AT HOME

What is Taking Place On the Farm While the Husband is at the Front.

Boer wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters, whose male relatives are fighting now, are passing through an unnecessarily anxious time. The war authorities at Pretoria apparently hold strictly secret files upon the subject of country wives, deeming it impossible to let those who are bereaved know that their men folk are dead. Owing to the influence the knowledge and loss of a husband has on the mind, the Boer wife who is left behind is not allowed to know the truth, and does not issue news of losses on the field.

By This Reference

The elder generation of Boer women will probably be bearing the brunt of the fighting. Ladies alone, but the girls who have received the benefits of education will understand how vital their position is, and try to improve their position by the instruction which they receive.

What kind of lives are these women leading now? In all likelihood pretty much what they led in ordinary times. They have their own little houses or three roomed buildings, clumped down on the veldt far away from neighbors, in the centre of the acreage of land farmed by the proprietor. They are wretchedly uncomfortable in their homes, for Boer women are not house-proud. They see no necessity for keeping their dwellings clean, and do not even make the beds regularly. The consequences are naturally disastrous. The Boer women are naturally a desirable piece of goods for any one accustomed to better things.

It is hardly perhaps entirely the fault of the Boer women that she is so apathetic and lazy. Her country is a land of hereditary sloth and indolence. From her earliest years a Boer girl, who is often quite a pretty lass, begins to attain an enormous obesity, by doing so she is

Sure to Win Favor

in the eyes of the other sex. If she should weigh fourteen stone she is a favorite. "In-de vroom," which, being interpreted, means a handsome woman.

It is to be hoped that the tastes of the Boer wife differ completely from that of the Boer woman. The Boer wife is not a bad-looking fellow as rice-well knit, nicely set up, and of many appearance. The Boer wife, like the Boer, has an ignorant individual for the most part; but there are exceptions. Formerly no Boer woman received more than a smattering of an education, and a very lame one at that. Now, however, some of the youngsters are sent to the convent schools, and are modelled into very much improved editions of the original Boers.

Something of the gentle dignity of the Boer becomes effaced in the rough nature of their pupils, who benefit so immensely by their convent life that

They Return Home

quite-civilized young ladies instead of the badly-mannered girls they were when they went to school. But the Boer woman is mentally a "short-sighted creature," other-wise she would understand how it is that her sex dies so much sooner than the opposite sex. Her immense weight and her lethargy conspire to curtail the span of her life.

The Boer youth works extremely young. His education is over and he is considered a man of business when he is sixteen. His bride, which come to him penniless, but usually with a dowry consisting of cows, goats and sheep, a span of oxen, and a quiet riding horse. To each child that is born a well-to-do Boer likes to assign a certain farm stock as a "nest egg" for a future dowry or a cart in life.

The women and the boys who have a tendency to fight will now be tending the farms, drinking coffee incessantly, and perhaps spending vagrant upon the losses of the campaign. They are sanguine as to the result of the conflict, even to the re-novation of England itself.—London Daily Mail.

WEAK, FAINT FEELINGS.

Serious Conditions That Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills Can Readily Cure.

One of the indications of serious heart trouble is the sensation of weakness or faintness that comes on at times. Sometimes it is simply a dizzy feeling that passes off, or it may be a state of unconsciousness, with hands and feet cold and countenance pale and waxy.

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"I suffered very much from an impoverished condition of the blood, coupled with extreme nervousness. A dizzy sensation on arising quickly or coming down stairs, often troubled me, and my breath was so short that I could not walk up stairs. My least exertion caused my heart to flutter and palpitate violently, and I sometimes felt a smothering sensation on going to sleep.

"I doctored back and forth for my weakness, but I got no relief from any medicine until I tried Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and I can say that they helped me wonderfully. Sometimes my face and arms would swell and puff, but all these troubles speedily yielded to the restoring influence of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and I am now strong and well. I did not see them long until I regained the blessing of healthful, refreshing sleep, and it will always be a pleasure to me to recommend them to others."

Leisure is gone—gone where the spinning wheels are gone, and the pack horses, and the slow wagons, and the peddlers who brought bargains to the door on sunny afternoons.—George Elliot.

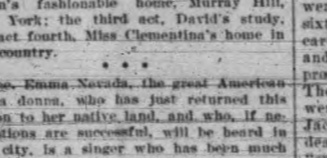
Loss of life on the great lakes during the last season has been about 100. Fifty-six persons were lost by the foundering of ships and 32 were lost overboard. No passengers were lost on any of the regular lines.

The London correspondent of the New York Tribune, writing regarding the prospective building of the Nicaragua canal by the United States government and the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer convention, names Canada for having blocked an agreement, and says that the Dominion still stands in the way of a suitable arrangement.

The gondoliers have unearthed a Carliat arsenal in a house in Palermo, capital of the province of that name, and seized 10,000 cartridges and a large quantity of gun. Six Carliats, who are implicated, died across the frontier.

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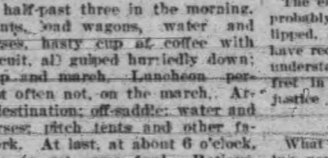
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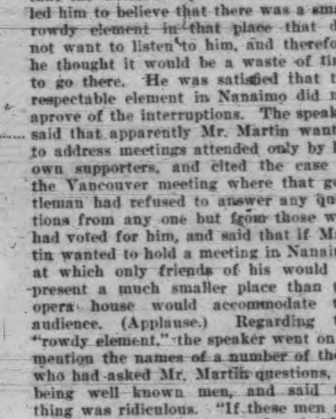
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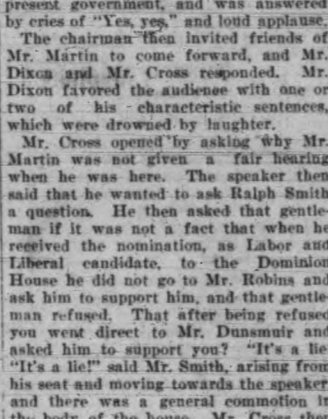
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The Daily Times. Published every day (except Sunday) by the Times Printing & Publishing Co. W. TEMPLEMAN, Manager. Offices: 20 Broad Street. Telephone No. 45. RAILWAY CHARTERS.

The question of the proper policy to pursue in respect to railway charters is raised afresh by the opposition of the White Pass Railway Co. to several franchises being sought in the northern part of the province. The principle of granting a railway charter cannot very well be condemned when not accompanied by a demand for a subsidy or exclusive rights. Indeed it is the opinion of many people that any man who asks for the right to build a railway should be granted permission just as freely as he would be if he intended to build and operate a steamboat. On the American side of the line this course has been adopted with manifest advantage to the whole community. Such a thing as barrier in railway charters becomes impossible for the very good reason that any one can get a railway charter who wants it. Something in the nature of a general railway act which will permit railway companies to build and continue operations as easily as tramway companies and waterworks companies do now, is a matter our legislature must provide for in the near future. The whole tendency of our system, it is feared, is to encourage monopoly or rather to encourage the owners of public franchises to use their influence with the legislature to preserve and protect them in their monopoly. This in turn brings about the modern and highly developed science called lobbying. It is said that no less than three applications for the right to build railways and tramways in the North are being opposed by the White Pass railway, principally on the ground that they may affect the price of the latter's bonds in London.

We do not know how susceptible the average member of the legislature is to the influence of a rigorously conducted lobby, but we are inclined to think that the reasons for refusing railway charters, which convey no exclusive right or concession, must be strong enough to convince the public that they are good and sufficient. Provided that the public interest is protected, that the public treasury or public domain is untouched, and that the transportation charges are controlled by government, on what ground should the legislature refuse permission to build a railway?

There is some danger that the Dominion government would withhold its approval of any or all acts granting railway charters from Lynn Canal to the Yukon river. At last session of the Dominion parliament a large number of charters were refused on the ground that until the boundary question was settled it was against the policy of the government to encourage railway building to Lynn Canal. The members of the legislature are not in a position, however, to anticipate the course which the Dominion government may follow this year, and must deal with these charters on the broad ground of the requirements of the country as they understand them.

MODIFY THE PHYSICAL TEST.

In selecting the men who are to compose the contingent which will be sent from here in all probability in the near future, the recruiting officers would do well to avoid pushing the physical test to the limit employed in the selection of the first detachment. Every one interested in that body is anxious to see the members of it of the highest physical types of British Columbia manhood, and to insure this it is important that the medical test should be an exacting one. But there are other matters, which are of almost equal importance, and these should not be entirely forgotten or overlooked in considering the applications which will come before the recruiting officers.

For instance, the last detachment which went from here was composed of men who were subjected to perhaps the most severe test which volunteers in any part of Canada were required to undergo, because in addition to passing the regimental surgeon they had also to run the gauntlet of examination by the Imperial medical officer from Work Point. So severe was the inspection that out of the long list of applicants

Col. Peters found that at the close of the inspection he was still lacking one or two of the required number. Fortunately the officers filled out the list from the best of the remainder, and thus avoided the injustice which would have resulted had the Victoria detachment been required to be completed at some Eastern point where the substitutes of the Victoria files would probably have been the inferior in a physical way of those rejected here.

Among those left at home were some excellent shots, men of the very type which is required to-day in the Transvaal, and men who in point of powers of endurance and other requisites of the model soldier could not be surpassed. Surely finished marksmanship is one of the most desirable qualities of the men who just at the present are pitted against some of the finest shots in the world, and it is reducing the regulation to an absurdity to reject a crack shot simply because he lacks the eighth of an inch of the regulation chest measurement.

This indiscriminate enforcement of the letter of the law is by no means new even in Canada. It occurred before, notably upon the occasion of the first Red River rebellion and afterwards when the volunteers were being selected in the Ottawa valley to pilot the British troops up the Nile on Wolsley's Sudan campaign. Stout woodsmen, who were peculiarly adapted from their habits and manner of life to compose these two bodies, were compelled to remain at home because of a scar on a foot or some other trifling injury. Some of these men walked eighty and a hundred miles to their homes from the recruiting stations after being rejected to demonstrate that such trivial injuries by no means affected their ability to undertake the longest or most wearisome marches.

It can scarcely have been the intention of the department that physical fitness only should be taken into consideration and the exercise of a little more discrimination in selecting the next contingent would, we are sure, result in a more effective body of men being chosen to represent this province and uphold its honor on the field of battle.

FREE SPEECH.

Our morning neighbor in a vigorous though somewhat hysterical manner replies to our question as to when it became enshrined in the fanciful thing called free speech. We are not disputing the statement made by the Colonist in illustration of what it is pleased to call its defence of the principle of free speech; what we charged the Colonist with was a narrow conception of the thing; it wants free speech to be all on one side—its side. When the other side begins to speak freely our contemporary has always held up its hands in horror and expended a good many severe adjectives.

Nonsense, for instance, the Colonist calls our protest and the protest of the News-Advertiser against its dangerous talk to the members of the opposition to "take the law into their own hands" and "disgrace our legislature by scenes of violence." One attempt, fortunately a father might one, has already been made by one member of the opposition to put into practice the revolutionary sentiments of the Colonist, but we were exceedingly gratified to note that there was sufficient sound common sense amongst the other members of the opposition to laugh down that attempt, which ignorantly failed. Our confidence in the good sense of the opposition the Colonist cannot shake. Those gentlemen will laugh down its attempts to rouse them to unparliamentary methods and unconstitutional practices, just as they quietly laughed away the tune and fury of the scolar member for Esquimaux when he made himself slightly ridiculous the other day. The Colonist, we sadly fear, is making itself slightly ridiculous, too, in its attempt to pose as the one and only champion of free speech in British Columbia. This the Colonist will itself realize shortly; mock heroes always end that way.

But let us for a moment look at the question of free speech per se, in an academic way. We are respected neighbors assume the position that there is such a thing as absolute free speech anywhere except in the company of intoxicated men or the mentally unbalanced? We contend that there is no such thing as absolute freedom of speech except when there is absolute unconsciousness or responsibility; every man in possession of his faculties, when uttering opinions, always makes some reservation. The thought that is in him he does not speak wholly and frankly because of a thousand adverse considerations which restrain him. In the cruder forms of human society this restraint is less strong, and mainly imposed by fear of physical violence. The restraint becomes nearly its highest point in the great councils of nations, but is there imposed, not by fear, but by long usage and precedent; parliamentary language must be used in accordance with parliamentary customs which are employed to redress grievances. We have said "nearly its highest point," because there is a still higher point than the parliamentary restraint, that is the purely voluntary restraint imposed upon themselves by persons of high culture. This is beneficent, the humane or philosophical restraint, arising entirely from the desire to spare the feelings of others—by word or deed to give offence to no man.

Probably the freest speech that public men dare use, is to be heard from the

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Irish benches in the British House of Commons. Things are there said almost every day of every session that no other legislative assembly in the world would tolerate for a moment—and it is British glory that those things can be said with impunity, proving the truth of the saying that under the British flag only is there any approach to absolute freedom of speech and action.

These things right themselves; the boorish wit and coarse criticisms of Apollonius no less than the polished tongue and subtle dialectic stabs of the modern cynic tear some of their own poison in the hand that deals them forth; the blatant treason and violence of the Irish members assuredly injure those men by lowering them generally in the esteem of the other members, the public and even of their better-educated constituents.

The advice of the Colonist, if taken by our local opposition, would have a similar effect. But our local opposition know too well what the case is not as stated by the Colonist, and they are not to be led astray by its ill-considered incitements to employ unparliamentary methods where there is no reason for adopting such an extreme course.

Among those whose services have been accepted by the war office for South Africa is Dr. Conap Doyle, author of "Sherlock Holmes," but also of other novels which appeal to those in the profession of arms, such as "Rodney Stone" and "Brigadier Gerard." Dr. Doyle practised for some time at Southsea before becoming a novelist, and although a skilful practitioner, suffered from the scant income characteristic of the young doctor. While practising impoverished him letters have brought him a substantial fortune.

SMALLPOX IN THE STATES.

Postal Officials Instructed to Furnish Mails for Points in British Columbia.

Ever since last Monday the mail from Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho for British Columbia points has been piling up at Northport, the Canadian officials refusing to receive it until it is fumigated, and the post office officials on the American side declining to take that responsibility. Notice was served last Tuesday by the provincial health authorities on the Northwest postal division embodying their decision, and the postal people at once communicated with Washington. It was represented to the capital that the Washington state authorities did not consider the epidemic of chicken pox, but a mild form of chicken pox. They were notified, nevertheless, from the post office department to proceed with the fumigation of the mails.

In the meantime the people of Spokane are insisting on all the facts being published, alleging that the widest publicity to the case discovered is the best way of stamping out the contagion. In opposition to the claim made that the disease is chicken pox, Dr. Watkins, city and county health officer at Moscow, Idaho, says: "The disease is unquestionably simon-pure smallpox. There is no question about it. The greatest proof of this is its prompt response to vaccination. It is very mild. Out of 30 cases I have had only three severe confluent cases, and no deaths. There are only two ways in the world to fight smallpox, by vaccination and quarantine, with the hearty co-operation of the authorities with the health officer." The authority under which Mayor Hayward will issue his proclamation, as forehanded in the Times on Saturday, is as follows:

"In every health district where smallpox exists, or in which in the opinion of the provincial board of health or the medical health officer there is danger of its breaking out owing to the facility of communication with infected localities, the medical health officer shall require the vaccination or revaccination of all persons resident within his jurisdiction who have not been vaccinated within seven years, and that such vaccination or revaccination shall be carried out in so far as the same may be applicable in the same manner as for the vaccination of children." "The trustees of any school or high school may provide that no child shall be permitted to attend school without producing a certificate of successful vaccination, or that the child is insusceptible to vaccination."

PALE, WEAK GIRLS.

Many a pale, weak school girl, suffering the evil effects of an exhausted nervous system, and thin, watery blood, has been fully restored to the vigor and buoyancy of robust health, by using Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food. The healthful glow on the cheek and the brightness in the eye tell of the building up process which is taking place in the body.

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

Victoria, Jan. 25, 5 a.m.—The barometer remains abnormally high over the mountains from Ontario to the Pacific, and in the Territories, while off the coast the barometer is comparatively low. The weather remains fair and frosty over the North Pacific Coast. In California rain has fallen. Zero temperature recorded in the mountains, accompanied by high winds. The weather is beginning to look threatening off the Washington coast.

Forecast.
For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday, Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh N. and N. E. winds, partly cloudy, not much change in temperature.
Lower Mainland, N., and N. E. winds, partly cloudy and cool.

Report.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 35; minimum, 31; wind, S.W.; weather, clear.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 28; minimum, 25; wind, calm; weather, fair.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 18; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, clear.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 18; minimum, 4; wind, calm; weather, clear.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, .18; weather, cloudy.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Give your friends Blue Ribbon Tea.
—You will find it in the B. C. Guide; 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.

—Superfluous hair and all facial blemishes removed by electrolysis. Electric Hair, 114 1/2 Yates street.

—Sir William Wallace hall is to be the scene of a dance on Thursday evening of this week, to be held under the auspices of the Companions of the Forest.

—Arrangements are being made for a ball in connection with companies 5 and 6 of the 51th Regiment, which will be held shortly. Members may obtain invitations by applying at the drill hall, or to No. 19, City street.

—To-morrow evening there will be a full rehearsal of the Philharmonic Society at Waitt's hall at 8 o'clock for the orchestra, and 9 o'clock sharp for the chorus. All members are requested to attend as a concert is to be put on by the society in the near future.

—Rev. W. Leslie Gray officiated at the funeral services of the late Wm. G. Fraser on Saturday afternoon last, both at the house at 66 Second street and at the church. The pall-bearers were: R. B. McKicking, A. B. Fraser, P. J. Riddle, D. McLean, J. Madigan and A. Brydon.

—Mr. Frank Leroy is the fortunate possessor of a splendid barred Plymouth Rock yearling cock, which he received on Saturday from M. S. Gardner, of the Spring Brook Farm, Philadelphia. The bird is in splendid condition despite the fact that it has been eight days on the road, and is the object of many admiring comments.

—Mrs. A. W. Jones, 72 Cook street, the honorary secretary of the Soldiers' Wives' League, will be glad to receive donations of socks, handkerchiefs, jerseys, etc., for the soldiers now on service in South Africa. Money to be devoted to the purchase of these necessities will also be gratefully received by the honorary secretary.

—Hebrews in connection with the Messiah are proceeding very satisfactorily. There will be a practice for the orchestra on Wednesday next, and for the chorus on Thursday evening, both taking place at the city hall at 8 o'clock. All of those who have signified their intention of taking part are requested to attend these practices as the oratorio will be put on at an early date.

—See the comedy-drama, "Enchanted," at the Savoy Theatre to-night.

—The committee which had in charge the recent benefit concert of the Zion Club, expect that when all the tickets have been gathered it will be found that over \$400 will be on hand for the purpose for which the concert was held. The committee extend their thanks both to those who patronized the performance and also to those who so kindly assisted in making the affair a success.

—A meeting of the council of the British Columbia Board of Trade will be held at the Board of Trade rooms at 8.15 p.m. sharp Tuesday evening, Jan. 23rd. The business before the council will be to receive a delegation from the Mainland in reference to the Hope-Princeton wagon road, to receive a report on harbor improvement, and a report on Canadian telegraph and affairs of the board generally.

—At the College of Music, Pandora avenue, on Friday, an examination was held in music with the Victoria College of Music, London, England, at which Miss Alice Barker, in the primary grade, and Miss Brooks, in the senior grade, obtained above the requisite number of marks for a pass certificate in piano-forte playing. Mr. G. T. Burnett, F. V. C. M., was the visiting examiner, in addition to the local secretary, M. A. Longfield. Candidates desirous of entering for the subsequent examination can obtain forms of entry and full particulars from Mr. Longfield.

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

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—The inquest to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Richard Wilson, who was killed on the E. & N. railway on Friday, was held Saturday afternoon. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

—Messrs. O'Brien & Pilling have opened a branch establishment of General Hardware and Cooking utensils next door to their Bicycle store on Broad street, and are selling at the lowest cash prices. Give us a trial.

—Clean, cold cash—a discount of 20 per cent. on all cash sales of over one dollar until January 31st in all lines of clothing, men's furnishings, hats, etc., at Reid's winter clearance sale, 122 Government street.

—"All our fine teas require 3 minutes to infuse" was formerly the paragon of good teas. The Times, tea and coffee have changed and it is wonderful how easily and quickly a delicious cup of "HONDI" can be made. See directions on the packets.

—The pupils of the Astoria Conservatory of Music will hold their second monthly matinee recital in Waitt's hall on Wednesday afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. The programme consists of compositions by Mendelssohn, Kirchner, Hinder, Matthei, John, Raff, Grieg, Peters and A. Machin; violin selections by Master Sheperd, George Dart, Geo. Langman, and Misses Alice Porter, Jessie McKilligan and Louisa Lagrin. The latter will also give a soprano solo.

—The funeral of the late Richard Wilson, who was the victim of the fatal accident on the E. & N. on Friday, took place yesterday from 129 Oswego street, at 11 o'clock officiating. There was a very large attendance of friends, and the services, owing to the sad circumstances attending the death of Mr. Wilson, were peculiarly impressive. The following acted as pall-bearers: P. McKilling, W. Hendry, W. G. Fraser, W. Dempster, W. Jeffrey and J. Fairhall.

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AGENTS.
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—In the police court this morning Moe Wilson was charged at the instance of Chief Deary of the fire department with an infraction of the fire prevention by-law. He was fined \$10. Another Chinaman was charged with stealing a plank from Sayward's mill. He was convicted and sentenced to ten days' imprisonment with hard labor.

—"Last Week of Lynwood, the Human Knot," at Savoy Theatre, to-night.

—William Frost, who has been for many years a resident of this city, was found dead on Saturday in his cabin, in the vicinity of the Jewish cemetery. Frost was last seen by neighbors over a week before his body was found. The police were immediately notified, and the body was removed to the morgue. Deceased was an elderly man and a painter by trade. An inquest was held in the city hall this afternoon, and a verdict of death from natural causes returned.

—A case examination is being instituted by Sanitary Officer Wilson into the premises in the Chinese quarter and elsewhere, with the result that the denizens are displaying unworldly energy in their efforts to observe the minutest detail the laws of health and cleanliness. The residents in some of the cabins on Store street have also been ordered to improve their sanitation, and consequently the good work is progressing favorably. The authorities are determined that those places which once would have made inviting domiciles for disease will be made to present an impenetrable front to the dreaded germ.

—Princeton, in the Similkameen district, is to have a newspaper in the course of two or three weeks. The organizers of the enterprise are Messrs. R. E. Gosnell, late provincial librarian, and Mr. James Anderson, who is at present in the city with a delegation which is asking for the construction of a wagon road from Princeton to Hope. The publication will be known as the Similkameen Star, and will be an advocate of the needs of Princeton and the center of the district of which it is the center. At present the nearest newspaper service the district receives is over one hundred miles distant, at Kamloops and Midway.

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Personal.

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—H. M. Richardson, of Sarina, Ont., is at the Dominion.

—B. Walsh, of Vancouver, is a guest at the New England.

—N. P. Turner, of Vancouver, is registered at the Driad.

—Samuel M. Robbins, of Nanaimo, is a guest at the Driad.

—Charles Munro, M.P.P., and family are at the Dominion.

—R. S. Henderson, of Duncan, is registered at the Dominion.

—A. Howe and J. Calder, of Chemainus, are at the Dominion.

—James Armstrong, of Chilliwack, is a guest at the Dominion.

—T. W. Patterson returned on Saturday night from the Mainland.

—C. Marker, of Calgary, Alberta, is registered at the Victoria.

—Frank Phillips, of Windsor, Ont., is at the Dominion.

—James Neill, leading man of the Neill Company, is at the Driad.

—C. B. Macneil and Geo. McE. Brown, of Vancouver, are at the Driad.

—Mr. Justice Drake and Mr. Justice Martin returned on Saturday night from Vancouver.

—J. F. Trowbridge, G. H. Piles and A. H. Kress, of Seattle, are registered at the Driad.

—W. E. Green, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, Nanaimo, and his wife, are at the Victoria.

—A. E. McNaughton and wife, of Vancouver, returned last evening from a trip to San Francisco.

—E. N. Smith, of Kaslo, is registered at the Dominion. Mr. Smith was timekeeper on the construction work of the Kaslo & Slocan railway.

—J. H. Smith, the day clerk of the Driad Hotel, returned on Saturday from a five weeks' vacation at Toledo, Ohio, where he has been visiting his relatives and friends.

—Capt. Gaudin, J. C. McClure, E. A. Morris, J. E. Church, L. J. Boscowitz, T. Hooper, W. H. Ellis and C. Wilson were among the Victorians who returned from the Mainland last evening.

—M. Hirschbaum, of San Francisco; H. Martin, of Hamilton; H. W. Gourlie and Stewart Huntington, of Toronto; F. V. Wornall, Detroit, and M. Rolston, of Vancouver, are commercial men at the Victoria.

—C. E. Fisdale, M.P.P., Speaker Foster, B. Macpherson, M.P.P., H. Helgeson, M.P.P., R. McBride, M.P.P., J. C. Kinchard, M.P.P., and J. Martin, M.P.P., were passengers from Vancouver yesterday by the Charming.

Drowned on West Coast

Capt. Hansen, the "Flying Dutchman," and James Moir Lost Off Krynokot.

Hansen's Chequered Career as a Sealer Since Coming Here.

A special dispatch to the Times from Alberta gives news that the steamer Queen City has arrived there, and reports the death of Capt. Hansen, the "Flying Dutchman," of sealing fame, and Jas. Moir, by drowning. They were drowned by the strapping of their boat off Krynokot on January 7th. The bodies were not recovered.

The drowning of Hansen rings down the curtain on a more chequered career than that which falls to the lot of most men. The adventures of the little Greenland sealer have given the newspapers columns after columns, and still there remains much that is unwritten. He first became known to Victorians, and for that matter to the people of this coast, in 1880, when the schooner Adele arrived here with the German flag at her peak and 1,041 sealings in her hold. She had sailed from Yokohama early in the year, but for reasons, chief among which was the fact that the Russian government had a seal awaiting him at Saghalien because of his raids on the Copper Islands, Capt. Hansen did not go back to the Japan coast. The Russians were exasperated at the number of raids he had made, and the many seals he had taken from their rookeries, and were determined to effect his capture, therefore the Adele chose this side of the Pacific.

Two years before his arrival here he had guided the Pribyloff in the Adele, but these the good fortune that had followed for in his Russian raid had not been with him, for he was captured in the act, the Adele was seized and taken to San Francisco, and he and his crew were imprisoned at Sitka. Whether for fear of complications with Germany or other causes, the schooner and the adventurous sealers were released, and went back to Yokohama, where they sailed early in 1886, made another raid on the Copper Island rookeries, and then forsaking Russian waters made this their home port.

To show how daring were his raids, take for instance his raid of the Pribyloffs in 1894, when he was captured by officers of the U. S. S. Corwin. Lieut. Leutz and two seamen of the Corwin were landed on St. Paul Islands to "take the sealers," the Adele came in all unconscious of their presence and Capt. Hansen sent out his boats, the United States men remained hidden until the boats were filled with skins and then attempted to arrest the raiders. They were overpowered and taken to the schooner with the skins. By a strange coincidence the Corwin happened to appear before the schooner had weighed her anchor. When the cutter was seen she got under way and dived into the fog, thinking to escape. In the order to heavy to was disregarded and three or four men were killed on either side before she was overhauled and captured. Capt. Hansen declined, when requested, to take the schooner to San Francisco with a prize crew on board, and his officers and three whites also refused. They, together with eighteen Japanese of the crew who refused duty, were imprisoned at Sitka. As above stated they were ultimately released, and Captain Hansen again secured his vessel.

After the capture here from Yokohama she made a number of cruises to the Behring sea, and was said to have made several raids. The schooner was wrecked in 1891 on Queen Charlotte Island, Hansen and his crew made the shore in safety and afterwards reached Victoria. A run of hard luck then seemed to follow the Flying Dutchman, culminating in the loss of the schooner Laura, to which he had been appointed in January, 1892, off Nootka Sound, where she had gone to pick up her Indian crew. He was afterwards master of the s-booners Winnifred and Borealis.

The nickname "Flying Dutchman" was given to Capt. Hansen because of his habit of bobbing up with his vessel in the most unexpected places. He would be long on his way for long periods and then would bob up to the surprise of men in a quarter in which he was

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Beautiful Haviland China in dinner sets, tea and coffee sets, plates, and a few novelties at Weller Bros.

The death occurred on Sunday at the residence of Mr. Neil Cunningham, Victoria West, of Essie Partridge, in her 25th year. Deceased was a native of Westminster, England. The funeral takes place from Mr. Cunningham's residence, 9 Robert street, Victoria West, to-morrow at 9:15 and at 10 from St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral.

News has been received that Mr. F. K. Vigor, formerly of this city and a member of the Fifth Regiment, C.A., has joined the Honorable Artillery Company in London, with which his cousin, A. Vigor, is also connected. They are leaving for the front on Saturday next. Mr. Vigor is the second son of Mrs. Vigor, and resided here until a year ago, when he left to accept a position in London.

The Chinese residents of the city are busy making preparations for their New Year, which commences at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, and virtually continues four or five days. The report current on Saturday of the death of the emperor caused considerable commotion in the Chinese quarter, and a dispatch asking for information was sent to the ambassador at Washington. That of Ben replied that notification of the emperor's death had been received at the legation. The obvious consequence of a confirmation of the report would be the termination of all preparations for the festivities.

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Practical Patriotism

Citizen's Committee Offers to Equip Fifty Men For Service. Other Municipalities to Be Asked to Co-operate With Victoria.

Loyal Victoria, which has already given twenty-five of her sons to fight the Empire's battles, which has sent hundreds of battalions to equip the Mission House fund, and which feels aggrieved because it has not been allowed to give more of her sons for service, has once more set an example to the province and proved worthy of the queenly name she bears, by offering to raise and equip fifty mounted men for the front at her own expense.

This decision was reached this morning at a meeting of the committee appointed by the mayor after the great public meeting, a few weeks ago, to take in hand all matters connected with the representation of this city in contingents which might be raised in the province, as well as to look after the comfort of those and of the gallant boys who are already in the Transvaal.

The feeling of the committee and the reasons which actuated it in making this splendid offer, were fully explained in the resolution in which the offer was embodied, and which is given below. It is as follows:

Resolved, that this committee believe it to be the duty of the people of British Columbia to aid by contributions of men and money in strengthening our arms in South Africa.

Resolved, that in view of the probability of the acceptance of the offer of the British Columbia legislature of one hundred mounted men being further postponed because the number is too small to load a special transport, this committee proposes that the number be increased by at least two hundred and fifty men by private effort, to supplement the provincial offer and ensure its immediate acceptance, and that Victoria shall undertake to raise and equip fifty mounted men.

Resolved, that these resolutions be communicated to the provincial government with the request that they be transmitted by telegraph to the Dominion government forthwith, and also to the cities and municipalities throughout the province with a request for their cooperation.

Other matters were taken up at the meeting, such as the endorsement of the communication of the Governor, suggesting the opening of lists, and it was decided to place these in the hands and other prominent places.

The members of the committee were practically unanimous in their desire that British Columbia's capital should be well represented, and it is not anticipated that the least difficulty will be experienced in raising either the number of men required or the funds which to properly equip them.

Later in the day His Worship the Mayor, H. D. Helmcken, M.P.P., and C. H. Lugin waited on Premier Seaman and laid before him the offer of the city. From him they received the assurance that everything in the government's power would be done to insure the acceptance of this generous offer.

It is probable that reference will be made to Victoria's offer in the House this afternoon, and it is expected that the proposal will be taken up enthusiastically by other municipalities in the province.

LEGISLATURE TO-DAY.

Victoria, Jan. 29, 1900. The Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p.m. Prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Wilson.

Mr. J. M. Martin presented a petition from household companies asking for the repeal of the eight-hour law.

Mr. Dentice presented petitions from the British Columbia Electric Railway and others regarding the Vancouver Incorporation Act.

Mr. R. F. Green presented the following resolutions: That the names of the numerous mineral properties situated on Ten Mile creek and the country lying adjacent to its headquarters have been sufficiently developed to prove their value as producers of mineral wealth.

A large amount of capital is at present engaged in opening up these prospects and it is believed that the expenditure of public money in conducting more extensive geological surveys in this district will result in large public benefits and increased revenue to the government.

Mr. Green presented the fifth report of the private bills committee, recommending that the time for the reception of resolutions be extended until February 9th. The standing orders were suspended to allow of this being done.

The second reading of Hon. Dr. McKeen's amendment to the "Scott-Kellogg" Bill will not be moved this afternoon.

WHEN BUY.

WHEN HIGH SELL. WHEN LOW BUY TO SELL.

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EXPLOSION ON A GUNBOAT.

Kills Two Men and Seriously Injures Several Others.

New York, Jan. 29.—The Herald special from Hongkong says that Gunners Nelson and Campbell were killed, and Lieut. Boaty and Gunners Conroy and Bate seriously wounded by the bursting of a gun on the gunboat Wheeling on Saturday.

THE PROFESSION OF A SPY.

Although Rather Hazardous, It is Extremely Lucrative.

The word "spy" has an ugly sound owing to its many unpleasant associations, yet in war-time spies afford an army aid which is as valuable as it is highly remunerated.

One of the mainstays for commanding officers in a book for the guidance of a successful spy must be noted and made much of.

The management of spies is very difficult. Out of every ten employed by the officer commanding a war-district, says the London Daily Mail, he is fortunate if one gives him truthful information. It is a most important thing that spies should not be known to each other.

Great care is generally taken by officers that each spy should imagine that he is the only one who is employed. It is very necessary that all bona fide spies should have about their persons some means of proving themselves really to be what they represent themselves.

For this purpose a coin of a certain date, a Bible of a certain edition, a Testament with the seventh or fifteenth leaf torn out, are generally employed.

By their means a spy who was employed by an officer in a neutral state, making his way to the headquarters of the army in the field, could thus in one moment make himself known to the intelligence department there.

In some instances it is considered that a pass word or sign should be employed, as it is less compromising. The putting up of the right hand to the ear and then to the left ear, or some such gesture, is generally employed.

The more extensive the ramifications of the system, the better are the chances of escaping detection. It is very necessary that officers of the intelligence department should be provided with specially prepared papers, upon which letters can be written in ink that does not become visible until it has been subjected to some chemical process.

It is also necessary that a letter in ordinary ink should invariably be written on the same paper containing the information that it is required to keep secret.

Although a spy runs the great risk of immediate death if he is detected, yet the service is not without glory at times, and it is certainly extremely lucrative.

BROWN'S GONE EAST.

Smith had so much to tell Brown about his trip between St. Paul and Chicago over the Wisconsin Central Railway, that Brown decided not to wait until spring to return East, but left on first train. Brown will write Smith all about his trip.

Carpets taken up, beaten and read on short notice. Look out for our ads. about February 1st. Weiler Bros.

In Bavaria each family on Easter Sunday brings to the church wardens a wax nut branch, which after being partially burned, is carried home to be held on the hearth during tempests as a protection against lightning.

Thousands of persons in Germany live literally "on straw," making it up into blankets, pillows, boxes, knickknacks, baskets, etc. Professional schools have been founded where the trade is taught in all its varieties.

A remarkable flower has been discovered on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. The tree which bears it changes its appearance three times daily, for in the morning the blossoms are white, at noon they are red and at night blue.

On the day of the resurrection those who have indulged in ridicule will be called to the door of Paradise, and have it shut in their faces when they reach it.—Mahomet.

Ayer's Pills

Sick headache. Food doesn't digest well, appetite poor, bowels constipated, tongue coated. It's your liver! Ayer's Pills are liver pills, easy on the stomach. They cure dyspepsia, biliousness, 25c. All Druggists.

Want your mustache or beard a beautiful brown or black? Then use BUCKINGHAM'S DYE FOR THE BEARD. It is the best.

SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

Steamer City of Peking on her arrival at San Francisco two days ago reported that on January 13th when about 1,200 miles east of Nagasaki, in latitude 33.43 N., longitude 153.48 west, she sighted a spar floating in the ocean that looked like the mainmast of a fore-and-aft schooner, recently wrecked from its lashings. Captain Ward ran near enough to the bit of wreckage to make out plainly what it was, but did not stop to examine it. It is feared that the mast is out of one of the Japanese wharves which sailed from the Japanese ports for coast ports some time ago. On January 22nd, when about thirty miles south-west of the Parallels, the British ship, Steamer, passed about 100 miles off the deckhead of a lumber vessel, and a considerable quantity of wreckage. Several of the lumber fleet are making long trips from the Sound, and it may be one of them that was met with a mishap.

Some weeks ago shipping papers chronicled the fact that the New Zealand brigantine Ethel was posted as missing. She sailed from Broome, Western Australia, with lumber for Straits Settlements on the 15th of September, and never reached her destination. The vessel's whereabouts were unknown until a letter from the Straits Settlements by the Dutch authorities and by him were sent to Perth, Western Australia, for trial.

J. J. Alexander, first officer, and eight of the crew of the wrecked brigantine, have arrived here. The first officer says the passage between White rock and Danger reef is not shown correctly on the chart, and that the pilot was not to blame for the disaster to the vessel. The vessel struck at 7:10 a.m., and soon afterwards Alexander and three men left one of the boats and rowed nine miles back to Oyster Bay to notify the steamer's owners. The remainder of the crew remained by the vessel until it broke in two at 11 p.m., when they were taken off by Capt. Gibson, who arrived by the Lorne from Chemalinas. He did all he could to make the shipwrecked men comfortable.

Sealing schooner Aurora has been purchased by Mr. A. J. Bechtel, who will add her to his sealing fleet now on the Coast. Mr. Bechtel's fleet consists of the schooners Diana and Mary Taylor, and the Ocean Rover is under charter to him. The latter vessel was formerly owned by the Harrold brothers, has been tied up since she returned from her memorable trip to Coos Bay and the Hackett expedition. She will be fitted out at once for a sealing cruise and will leave shortly for the Californian coast with a full complement of white-hunters.

Steamer Wilpas arrived on Saturday evening from Naas, Skidgate and other northern British Columbia ports. She had an uneventful trip, and had few passengers and small cargo. The ship was darkened here; W. Murray, manager of the Hudson Bay Co.'s store at Port Simpson; J. Hensworth, traveler for Western Bros., who made the round trip; F. Henry, manager of the Standard Cannery, and T. Gaudin, a rancher on an accident to Mr. Hugh Britt, of Lovelock. A tin of benzine exploded and was badly burned about the hands, face and body. He was taken to Juanan for treatment on the Rosalia.

It is reported that the old sidewheel steamer Olympian is to run to Cape Nome, making her first trip in May. The Olympian is well known to Victorians, she having been on the Victoria-Puget Sound route from 1884 to 1890, with the exception of a short period in 1887, when she ran to Alaska. She has been laid up since 1890, when her boiler was laid in bad order, she was taken off the Victoria run and went around the world, where she has since been hauling before being fit for the Cape Nome trade.

Steamer Unatilla, which arrived last night after a fast trip to San Francisco, had 123 passengers, 20 for Victoria, 87 for Seattle, 3 for Port Townsend, 5 for Alaska and 3 for Tacoma, and other Sound points. She landed 50 tons of cargo for Victoria merchants. Among the passengers for here were R. Lettice and wife, A. E. McNaughton and wife and S. T. Davidson.

Steamer Walls Walla will sail this evening for San Francisco. First Officer Alexander will take passage on the steamer of the Miami will take passage on the local office are C. W. Dean and wife, Miss T. Stanley, Miss Walker, F. P. Joseph, C. A. Hall and T. Wise.

From Windsor, N.S., comes news of the marriage of Mr. Arthur Wellesley Davidson, of the R.N.R., 2nd officer of the Royal Mail S.S. Empress of India, and Miss Eva Van Aalen, only daughter of Dr. C. I. Margeson, Mr. Davidson and his bride will reside in Vancouver.

Mr. T. Conway, customs officer at Chemalinas, arrived last night and reports that the Miami will probably be abandoned by her owners. What gear can be saved will be taken to Chemalinas, and owners will be given the privilege of exporting it out of the country.

Steamer Queen City was at Alberni this morning. She will arrive from Cape Scott and way ports tonight.

The name of the lost collier Miami is taken from the Ohio river of that name and the Indian tribe thereabouts.

Sporting News.

RUGBY FOOTBALL. VICTORIA DEFEATS VANCOUVER.

Ample has the Victoria team demonstrated its indubitable claim to the championship of the province, as well as the handsome trophy presented by the president of the B. C. Rugby Union, Dr. McKeen.

The game was played on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., commencing with the train. The Vancouver will tow the bark Onaway to Oyster harbor to-night.

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DEED. PARTNERSHIP in this city, on the 29th inst., made by a native of County Westmeath, Ireland, aged 25 years.

The funeral will take place to-morrow (TUESDAY) morning at 9:15 o'clock, from the residence of Mr. Neill Cunningham, 9 Roberts street, Victoria West, and at 10 o'clock at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral.

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