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A GREAT BATTLE IS HOURLY EXPECTED

Durban Reports Fighting Already Begun.

CROSSING THE TUGELA.

Full Strength of General Buller's Forces Engaged in Flanking Operations Across the River.

London, Thursday, 4 a. m.—Military critics in affiliation with the War Office consider that the expected battle along the wide arc, south and west of Ladysmith, can hardly be delayed beyond today. From Durban it is reported that fighting has already begun. General Buller's forces, engaged in the flanking operations across the Tugela, are some 13,000 or 14,000 bayonets, 1,200 horses and 40 guns. The disposition of his other 15,000 or 20,000 men is not known, although the assumption is that the whole army will be in action when the hour for a combined movement arrives. Three weeks ago he had 30,000 men. Considerable reinforcements have since reached him, giving him probably 35,000 men and eighty guns all told. Estimates of how many guns and men the Boers have to oppose him are mere guesswork. One correspondent mentions General Buller's wheeled transport of 5,000 vehicles which connects him with the rail head about 30 miles to the rear. Among these vehicles are 30 traction engines, which draw from ten to fifteen wagons each. General Buller's warning about the misuse of the white flag by the Boers in his proclamation to the troops is considered a rather broad hint to give no quarter. His phrase "there will be no turning back" is played upon editorially by the morning papers as presaging a cheerful announcement.

The absorbing interest felt in the situation in Natal makes other points in the theatre of war seem microsopic. Reinforcements are moving toward General French at Rensburg. With these he is expected to advance. The War Office announces that next week will be embarked 72 guns, 1,710 men and 2,210 horses. This is the largest consignment of artillery ever sent abroad.

The War Officce invites 500 volunteers to form a sharpshooters' battalion of Yeomanry.

Sir William McCormack, in the Lancet, says that of the 309 wounded in the hospitals visited by him, only eight had been hit by shells.

The British losses in killed, wounded and captured, up to date, are 7,987 officers and men.

London, Thursday.—The Capetown correspondent of the Times, discussing Afrikander disloyalty, says:

"I believe the sympathy of every Dutchman in South Africa is with the two Republics and that a general rising is still quite possible. However, there is nothing to implicate the Bond party as a whole in an officially organized conspiracy against the Imperial Govenment, although the Bond leaders have winked at or pandered to sedition in order to preserve their popularity. The British failures and the appearance of the Boers in British territory have fomented rebellion, but even now, a decisive British victory would prevent its further spread."

This correspondent testifies to the value of the services rendered by Mr. Schreiner, the Cape Premier, in an embarrassing position. He speaks less highly of Mr. Hoffmeyer, the real leader of the Bond party, and severely condemns the Dutch press of the Colony, which he says, "is doing its utmost while keeping on the windy side of the law, to promote rebellion and to envenom racial antagonism."

London, Friday.—Mr. Rudyard Kipling with his family will sail for Capetown tomorrow (Saturday).

London, Thursday, 9:35 p. m.—The War Office has issued the following:

"From Buller—Spearman's Camp, January 18.—'One field artillery, Howitzer battery and Lyttleton's brigade are across the Tugela at Potgiester's Drift. The enemy's position is being bombarded by us.

"'Five miles higher up, Warren has crossed the river by a pontoon, 35 yards long. He hopes his forces will, by evening, have advanced five miles from the river to his right front. The enemy is busily entrenching.'

"From Roberts.—'Capetown, Jan. 18.—Gatacre reports that 300 men of all ranks have been moved from Bushmen's Hoeck to Hoopeberg, and the 74th fied battery and one company of mounted infantry from Sterkstrom to Bushman's Hoeck. Otherwise, there is no change in the position.'"

Sterkstroom, Thursday.—Yesterday the Boers blew up three culverts on the Dordreicht line, five miles beyond an outpost of the police camp. The commando at Dordsreicht numbers a thousand.

Mount Alice, near Potgiester's Drift, Natal, Monday.—The forward movement for the relief of Ladysmith began on Wednesday, January 10, from Frere Camp and Chieveley. Lord Dundonald's mounted brigade, with the Fifth brigade under General Hart, comprising the Dublins, the Connaughts, the Inniskillings and the Border regiment, proceeded northwesterly to Springfield. The position had previously been thoroughly reconnoitered. A few miles outside of Frere, Lord Dundonald passed targets erected by the Boers to represent a force advancing in skirmishing order. Evidently the Boers had been firing at these from the adjacent hills. Lord Dundonald pushed on and as the main column advanced, it was noticed all are confident.

Naples, Thursday.—Mr. Charles E. Macrum, former U. S. Consul at Pretoria, who left Lorenzo Marquez on December 28, bound for New York, landed here today. It is reported that he bears letters from President Kruger to President McKinley asking the latter to mediate between the Transvaal and Great Britain.

The Cape Times came across a regular "Mark Tapley" in a hospital. He was swathed in bandages up to his chest, and could hardly move. Yet he managed to edge through a hand. "War," he said, "is a glorious sporting game. The stakes are heavy—they are our lives; and we play to win or lose them, but it is a glorious game." He was as cheery as a cricket, and his one hope was that he would soon be able to "have another slap at the Boers."

A traveling newspaper office is apparently one of the many novelties for which the present war has made itself responsible. A Pretoria telegram, in a Cape paper, says: "Last night the Railway Volksstem car left the station for General Joubert's laager. It consisted of a large well-fitted up goods van, arranged as a printing office, with special arrangements for type setting and printing, as well as plenty of space for paper and a desk for the editor, fixed up with a typewriter.

London, Thursday.—The news that General Buller had crossed the Tugela in force caused a confident opening at the Stock Exchange here today, but the failure of the public to respond to the encouraging tidings caused prices to stick after midday. The action of the Bank of England directors in reducing the minimum discount rate from five to four and one-half per cent hoisted Consols, but in some quarters that was looked upon as paving the way for a fresh Government loan.

Berlin, Thursday.—The German press adopts a more quiet tone regarding the seizures of German vessels by Great Britain's war ships, printing with satisfaction extracts of a similar tenor from London papers. Owing to the prospect of a speedy settlement satisfactory to Germany, tomorrow's interpellation is expected to be calm and non-sensational.

The Berliner Tageblatt is informed from St. Petersburg that Russian statesmen are trying to get the support of the French Cabinet for calling an international congress to revise the Maritime laws and to clarify the idea of contraband.

The owners of the Hanswagner, which was stopped in South African waters on December 19 by the British gunboat Fearless and ordered to go to Port Elizabeth to unload, were informed that the bark would be released as soon as the search of her cargo had been completed, assuming that no contraband was found.

The papers print a Lisbon dispatch announcing that many Portuguese shippers have revoked contracts by the

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IMMENSE INCREASE IN CANADIAN CLEARINGS

Last Year's Increase Amounted to 74.76 per cent.

THE DIOCESAN SYNOD.

Two Important Steps Taken at the Meeting Yesterday.—Women's Rights in the Church.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Montreal, Thursday.—At the annual meeting of the Montreal Clearing House Association, the retiring chairman, A. M. Crombie, delivered a comprehensve address in the course of which he showed there had been an increase in two years of about two hundred million in the transactions of the Association. In 1889 the clearings were $454,520,000. Last year there were $794,029,000, an increase of 74.76 per cent. Montreal's clearings last year were nearly one half of all Canada's. Mr. Crombie expressed the opinion that in view of the development of Montreal as an ocean port, local clearings would pass the one thousand million mark in four years.

Montreal, Thursday.—Two important steps were taken at the meeting of the Diocesan Synod today. Rev. Canon Davidson made a long speech in favor of the establishing of Deaconesses, and concluded with a motion expressing the hope that responsive action may be reached this year. The Synod was overwhelmingly in favor of the resolution, which was adopted.

Far more controversial was the atmosphere which hovered over the proposal to enable women to attend and vote at vestry meetings. Two motions on the subjects were submitted, one by Rev. Canon Davidson, the other by Rev. W. B. Chambers, but Chambers withdrew his proposition in favor of that of Davidson, which read as follows:

"That in the judgment of the Synod, discrimination in the Church Temporalities Act of this Province excluding women of the church from members of vestries in this diocese should be repealed, to which end the officers of the Synod are hereby instructed to take needful action before the Legislature of this Province for the earliest possible removal of the disability imposed in the existing act."

Upon the vote being taken the Synod decided in favor of the principle that women should be allowed to attend vestries and vote if they chose, the majority being 35 against 16 clergy and lay vote of 18 against 11.

"We will meet you at Quebec," exclaimed one of the opponents of the proposal, hinting that the opposition would be carried to the Legislative Assembly, when the question of the repeal of the Temporalities Act comes forward.

Toronto, Thursday.—Nominations for the Dominion by-elections were held today. The following are the reports of the nominations, Berthier, J. E. Archambalt, Liberal, by acclamation; Sherbrooke, McIntosh, Conservative, and Lebarion, Liberal; Labelle, Bourassa, Liberal, former member, re-elected by acclamation; Vercheres, V. Geoffrions, Liberal, by acclamation; West Ontario, Gould, Liberal by acclamation; Winnipeg, E. D. Martin, Independent Liberal, and A. W. Puttee, Labor candidate, were nominated for the by-election for the Dominion Parliament.

There are two candidates in Lotbiniere, Boissvert, the choice of the Government, and U. Fortier, Independent, who will fight for the seat occupied for many years by Reinfret. Goeffrion, Liberal candidate for Chambly Vercheres, in the course of an address to the electors, said:

"I approve unreservedly and with all my heart the attitude taken by Laurier on that question. We should do our share for England in return for the services we have received. One contingent has been sent, another is going, and if more are needed we will be ready to send them."

Winnipeg, Thursday.—An Order in Council was adopted by the MacDonald Government today, dispensing with the services of J. A. Macdonnell, Chief Provincial Engineer, to take effect tomorrow. Mr. MacDonnell is the Liberal member of the Dominion House for Lisgar.

Toronto, Thursday.—At the annual stock taking of the Presbyterian Churches held in most cases last night, very satisfactory reports were presented, contributions showed an increase and the church is generally prosperous. The only incident of importance was the resignation of the Rev. Dr. H. M. Parsons from the pastorate of Knox Church, which he has held for many years. Dr. Parsons is 70 years old and will receive the retiring allowance of $2 000 per year. He will retain his connection with the church.

Sudbury, Thursday.—A citizens' banquet of a non-political character, at which nearly one hundred guests were present, was last night tendered to Hon. E. J. Davis, commissioner of Crown lands, and Archibald Blue, director of mines.

Toronto, Thursday.—Premier Ross in the course of an interview, announces that the receipts for the past financial year were $3,810,000 and expenditures $3,700,000, leaving a net balance of $110,000. In the expenditures were included, towards the railways subsidy fund $126,000 and towards annuities $130,000, and drainage debentures, $6,000, making a total of $234,000. As these amounts were paid out of the ordinary receipts of the Province, and should properly be called capital expenditure, the actual surplus of revenue over ordinary expenditure was $335,000.

It should be noted that in the receipts for the year 1899 is not included the sum of $245,000 received for the timber sale held in December last, that sum having been passed over to the credit of the year 1900. The actual financial standing of the Province on January 13, 1900 was as follows:

On special deposit bearing interest $440,000; on current account $184,000; Semi-annual subsidy from the Dominion, $720,000; Receipts from Crown lands and timber sales, $355,000. Total, $1,618,000. The Province starts the year, therefore, with over a million and a half to its credit, of which about $800,000 were the accumulated savings of the last two years.

Ottawa, Thursday.—The Canadian Patriotic Fund has now reached $50,954. The Montreal City District Savings Bank gives $1,000 and Sir Charles Tupper, $100.

Ottawa, Thursday.—Con. Neville, Deputy Collector of Inland Revenue, who died here this afternoon, was a life long Liberal and prominent in Irish-Catholic Societies. Before entering the service he conducted a large grocery on Rideau Street.

Victoria, B C., Thursday.—A petition was received from Silverton asking that no amendment or change be made to the clauses of the present mineral act, commonly known as the Eight-Hour law, and that the same be retained in its entirety and duly enforced.

Hamilton, Ont., Thursday.—Percy, the four-year-old son of Matthew Carroll, while suffering from convulsions was placed in a hot bath by his father, sustaining scalds from which he died today at the hospital. An inquest has been ordered.

Belleville, Ont., Thursday.—John Pearson, railroad laborer on the Grand Trunk Railway, was struck by a train at Trenton this afternoon, dying this evening at the hospital.

Toronto, Ont., Thursday.—The effect of the Christian Science treatment for cancer will be investigated by Coroner Johnson and jury in the case of David Grant, who died early this morning. It is alleged that Grant did not receive proper medical treatment, though the gravity of the disease was known. The Crown has been requested to make further investigation.

Ottawa, Thursday.—J. R. Roy, Q. C., Montreal, has been appointed Secretary of the Public Works Department in succession to E. Roy, superannuated on account of ill health. The new secretary has been engineer in British Columbia for the Public Works department.

Quebec, Jan. 18.—The third session of the Eighth Parliament of the Province of Quebec opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon with the usual ceremony.

COTTON'S SPEECH IN PROVINCIAL HOUSE

Once Again Joe Martin is Attacked.

TROUBLE AT THE PAYNE

Superintendent C. H. Hand Has Telegraphed the Government for Adequate Police Protection.

(Special Dispatch to The Miner).

Victoria, B. C., Thursday.—Today's session was given over to the speech of Finance Minister Cotton, and his reply to Joe Martin's speech. He explained the situation fully with regard to Deadman's Island, directing attention particularly to the fact that Martin was solicitor both for Ludgate and the Government. Cotton declared that as it had been proved in the past and would be in the future, Martin was unable to work harmoniously and fairly with other men.

At this point Martin interjected to say that as soon as he found Ludgate's interests conflicting with the Provincial interests he had informed the former he could not act for him.

Cotton attacked Martin's statements regarding the Crow's Nest land grant, showing that it was the opinion of the leading lawyers approached, that the Province was in duty bound to make the grant.

Taking up Colonel Baker's reference to Joe Martin as "the fallen angel," Cotton applied to the late Attorney-General the lines of Milton:

"And my choice to reign is worth ambition, though in hell;
Better to reign in hell than serve in heaven."

Martin must reign not constitutionally but as an autocrat, as a despot, in whatever community or Government he might be. Ejected at Winnipeg, rejected at Ottawa, Martin came into this Province where he has been cast into outer darkness. Just here arose Eberts, who moved an adjournment in order to direct attention to a statement that trouble was to be feared at the Payne mine, Slocan, and that a request had been made for police protection for life and property.

He read the following telegram:

Sandon.—To F. S. Hussy, Superintendent Provincial Police.—On behalf of the Payne Consolidation Mining Co., I demand ample and complete immediate police protection for life and property. About midnight on the 14th instant a mob of about 20 men came to the Payne tramway to prevent miners who had just arrived, from going to work at the Payne mine. The Secretary of the Sandon Miners' Union, who was the chief spokesman, said threateningly among other things, "If you want dirty warfare we will give you all you want." The threatening attitude and the violence of the language used on the occasion leads me to believe that I am justified in appealing to you for protection. (Sgd.) C. H. Hand, Manager Payne mine.

The Attorney-General gave an assurance that all necessary steps had been taken, although the imminence of trouble was to be doubted.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

List of License Commissioners and Inspectors Gazetted.

Victoria, B. C., Thursday.—The Official Gazette of this week contains the list of License Commissioners newly appointed, including the following:

Richmond License district, Nicolai Christian Schou, of Vancouver, and L. Morton Drummond, of Moodyville; Chilliwack, Joseph Ogle, of Sardis, and John Denholm, of Chilliwack; Nicola, D. Green Armitage, of Coutlie, C. O., and F. P. Cook, of Granite Creek; West Yale, Wm. Teague, of Yale, and W. H. Flood, of Hope; Ashcroft, Alexander Lochore, of Fosterspar, and I. Lehman, of Ashcroft; North Yale, J. D. Lauder, of Nicola, and R. H. Lee, of Kamloops; Southeast Yale, L. W. Shatford, of Fairview, and Ainsley Megraw, of Camp McKinney; Northeast Yale, Fred Billings, of Vernon, and Isaac Heard, of Lansdowne; Boundary Creek, J. O. McNicol, of Midway, and T. W. Coleman, of Trail; Revelstoke, Thomas J. Graham and William M. Lawrence, of Revelstoke; Ainsworth, Neil F. McKay and Edmund F. Stephenson, of Kaslo; Slocan, Thomas Brown, of Sandon, and Roderick O. Matheson, of Silverton; Southeast Kootenay, Andrew B. Grace, of Fort Steele, and Robert E. Beattie, of Cranbrook; Northeast Kootenay, Charles H. Parson and Charles A. Warren, of Golden; West Lillooet, Wm. Boyd and R. T. Graham, of Clinton; Nelson, E. C. Arthur and Peter Wilson, of Nelson.

New license inspectors gazetteed include T. G. Black, of New Denver, for Slocan, vice R. L. Forbes resigned; Stephen Redgrave, of Golden, for N. E. Kootenay, vice F. C. Lang, resigned; R. B. Lister, of New Westminster, for Chilliwack.

LORD ROBERTS' STAFF.

He Has Not Forgotten Tried Friends and Comrades.

No General before has ever been more faithful to old friendships and more loyal to the men who have served under him than Lord Roberts. The selection of the staff which is going with him to South Africa is a proof of this. General Nicholson, General Pretyman, Colonel Neville Chamberlain, Major Charles Gume, are all names very familiar to Anglo-Indians, and the social history of "Snowdon" and its entertainments during the years that Lord Roberts was Commander-in-Chief in India is pretty well expressed in the last three. Sir W. G. Nicholson was General Lockhart's right-hand man throughout the Airah campaign, and then became the Adjutant-General in India. He marched with Lord Roberts from Cabul to Kandahar, was from 1890 to 1893 his military secretary, so that there is a strong personal friendship between them. General Nicholson was of much assistance to Lord Roberts when the latter wrote his "Forty-one Years in India." Sir William has a habit of getting up in the very small hours of the morning, and of breaking the back of the day's work before the sun has risen.

General Pretyman, who earned the sobriquet of "Pretty Boy" by being as smart a young A. D. C., as ever clinked spurs in the field or the ballroom, followed the fortunes of his chief through the Afghan campaigns, and went with him to Madras as Military Secretary. After commanding a district in Bengal, General Pretyman has been awaiting further employment, and has now received it from his old Commander.

Colonel Chamberlain, first as a dashing young A. D. C., and then in the more important post of Persian Interpreter, was the life and soul of the staff of the Commander-in-Chief in India, whether before the enemy or at the summer capital. Of late years he has tempered the difficult task of making the Maharajahs of Cashmere take their responsibility in Imperial defence seriously, by instituting ladies' polo, writing comediettas, and giving the freest hospitality to all Englishmen passing through the country. He has been called from the command of an Indian station to join his old comrades of the staff.

Major Gume, who was believed in India to be the best Chief A. D. C. Lord Roberts ever had, discharging all the social and confidential duties of the post with unexceptionable tact, has just resigned the important post of military tutor and governor to the Crown Prince of Siam. The young Prince, who has been attached to a regiment at Aldershot, has completed his military education, resigned his appointment, and asked for milstary employment. The answer came most pleasantly and most unexpectedly, in a request to resume his former place on Lord Roberts' staff.—London Daily Telegraph.

QUEBEC LEGISLATURE OPENED.

Quebec, Thursday.—The Legislature opened today. The Speech from the Throne expressed loyalty to Great Britain, a hope of peace favoring the British Crown and a safe return for the Canadian contingents. The legislation promised, includes the consolidation of the Health and License laws, and the amendment of the Crown lands, factories and mining corporation laws. Aid is promised to open new roads in unsettled districts and a protection to the pulp industry. This latter is to be secured, it is said, by the imposition of a tax of $1.00 a cord on pulp wood cut for export, with a rebate of $1.50 a cord when the pulp produced is manufactured in the Province. The principle is the same as the Ontario saw log duty which is raising so much trouble across the border at present.

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TWO QUESTIONS OF THE DAY.

Little things serve to engage the attention of our legislators at Victoria. That, we suppose, is because little things come the more readily and easily within the scope of their comprehension. The Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne is under discussion, and until the thirty-seven members on the floor of the House are heard from the debate will not be concluded. The other day one of the Ministers, Dr. McKechnie, contributed his speech. Like all others from that side of the House, it dealt with Mr. Martin. In fact Mr. Martin is receiving more attention than the Address itself. A very considerable portion of Dr. McKechnie's speech was devoted to that gentleman, mainly in relation to a charge that he had sold himself to the Opposition. It would appear that Mr. Martin had seen Mr. Dunsmuir, and in the course of a conversation that ensued told him that if the sixteen members of the Opposition would hang together he would come to their assistance in the effort to defeat the Government. Here was a plot, a conspiracy, and, above all else, a compact, in accordance with which Mr. Martin agreed to abandon his principles and throw in his lot with the Turner party.

It is not on record that Mr. Martin made any remark as to the weather. If he had said that Victoria rain appeared to be of a trifle wetter quality than the Vancouver article, no doubt Dr. McKechnie or some other Minister would have dragged the observation into the arena and made it serve as a basis for some other charge on which members would be invited to expend their wisdom and eloquence. And it would have been quite as sensible as the other. For months past Mr. Martin has made no secret of his intention to compass the downfall of the Government, if within his power. That is his first and greatest purpose of the present. He has great faith in himself, but he knows that his single vote will not outcount nineteen; he knows that to be successful he must work with the Opposition and, between them, harry the life out of the Government. It was quite natural and proper to intimate to the Opposition his willingness to assist in the accomplishment of an object dear to both, and only a Semlin Minister or supporter could possess such distorted intelligence a to imagine that it involved a surrender of any of those principles which are supposed to be Mr. Martin's distinguishing mark. It was a silly issue to raise, yet the House took it seriously under discussion, to the great loss of time that might have been more profitably employed.

Another trumpery matter that has been magnified beyond all reason was Mr. Martin's journey to the Capital on the first day of the session. The circumstances of that affair, it would seem, are also to be taken as evidence of a conspiracy between Mr. Martin and Mr. Dunsmuir. Those circumstances begin back with Mr. Wells, who says that a short time before the meeting of the Legislature Mr. Martin assured him that nothing would be done on the first day except to go through the ordinary routine. In consequence of this assurance Mr. Wells did not put in an appearance at the opening, while he discovered later on that Mr. Martin had hurried through by means of special conveyances. Plainly, according to Ministerial opinion, here was a deep laid plot to defeat the Government. Mr. Wells must be a very simple person if he did not know that Mr. Martin was not in a position to give him any sort of assurance as to the proceedings of the first day or any day. And if Mr. Martin was hurriedly summoned and reached the Capital by the only conveyances that were available, we do not see how the circumstance can afford Mr. Wells any ground of complaint. Yet this affair, too, has been advanced to the dignity of a great public question. We suppose it is to be taken as the measure of Ministerial capacity.

The Toronto Evening Telegram has been consistently idiotic in its admiration of Mr. Joseph Martin. Referring to recent events in the Victoria Legislature, it says Mr. Cotton won the first round, but he has still to earn the immortality which awaits the first man in Canadian politics to get permanently ahead of that gentleman. It is evident The Telegram has little knowledge of the inner history of Manitoba politics. Both Mr. Greenway and Mr. Sifton got ahead of him. Mr. Martin played for the Premiership there, with all the desperation of an ambitious and unscrupulous man, and was surprised beyond description to discover in the end how completely he had been foiled.

Solicitor-General Morine, of the Newfoundland Government, interviewed at Halifax recently, said the opportunity had passed to win that colony to Confederation. He added that the Colonists could not see what they had to gain by throwing in their fortunes with the Dominion. They would hardly be Newfoundlanders if they could see. But even they could be made sensible of the advantages after the event, when they saw their island in process of transformation under the influence of Canadian enterprise. Their insular prejudices would disappear in the light of the development that would follow.

The Victoria Colonist is correcting some little misstatements made by Mr. Martin. He said the other day that Mr. Semlin had represented his present constituency for thirty years without a defeat. The Colonist points out that he was defeated twice, in 1875 and again in 1879. We do not wonder at Mr. Martin's mistake when we find him astray as to his own political record. In the same speech he spoke of himself as having entered political life fifteen years ago. He entered political life, as member for Portage la Prairie in the Manitoba Legislature, in February, 1873—seventeen years ago, not fifteen.

BRYAN TURNED DOWN.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 18.—The Maryland House of Delegates, which is overwhelmingly Democratic, today refused to endorse Wiliam Jennings Bryan as "the recognized leader of Democracy in the United States," and practically killed a resolution introduced by a silver advocate to invite Mr. Bryan to address the body.

WILL BURN THE BODIES.

St. Johns, Nfld., Thursday.—The agents in New York of the German Petroleum Company, whose steamer Heligoland issupposed to be the ill-fated steamer in St. Mary's bay, have telegraphed to the German Consul here to use every endeavor to recover and bury the bodies of the wrecked sailors, and the tug Ingraham has been engaged to return to St. Mary's Bay for this purpose.

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Mr. Mansfield the Guest of Honor at a Most Enjoyable Dinner.

Mr. Ernest Mansfield left last night, via the Crow's Nest Pass line, for London and early in the evening was the guest of some of the gentleman who have had business and personal relations with him. Never before did the Hotel Hume set such an excellent dinner as that which was spread before a score of guests who occupied a long table in the spacious dining hall. At half past seven a lively march from Herr Steiner's Orchestra heralded the arrival of the guests, who took their seats at one of the best decorated tables ever spread in Nelson. Mr. G. V. Holt, President of the Nelson Board of Trade and manager of the Bank of British Columbia occupied the head of the table and to his right sat the guest of the evening, Mr Mansfield. Those at the table were D. J. Beaton, S. S. Taylor, Q. C., J. Laird, George Taylor, G. Frank Beer, S. G. Procter, George Kydd, J. Laing-Stocks, W. W. Beaton, F. J. Painton, R Robertson, H. Sims, W. E. Boie, E. G. Lee, Mr. Lambert, W. Beresford.

The chef of the Hume outdid himself in providing a repast that was fit for kings and the service was in keeping with the excellence of the products of the kitchen. Herr Steiner's Orchestra kept up a succession of lively and well rendered airs that added not a little to digestion. After full justice was done to the long procession of good things, Mr. Holt proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which, it is needless to say, was drunk with due enthusiasm.

Mr. S. S. Taylor proposed the health of the guest of the evening, Mr. Mansfield. In so doing he dwelt upon the fact that a few more gentlemen like Mr. Mansfield was all that the Kootenays required. Men, who at the same time combined the knowledge of what constituted a mine and the ability to command capital to develop the mine, were all that West Kootenay required to make it one of the greatest mineral districts on the globe. Mr. Taylor drew attention to the interesting fact that he asked those present to drink to the health of the guest of the evening in wine that was manufactured by one of the capitalists who, on Mr. Mansfield's recommendation, was investing large sums of money in West Kootenay mining properties—Mr. Charles Heidsieck, of Reims, France.

Mr. Mansfield, on rising to reply, was greeted with loud applause and an enthusiastic singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." He replied to the toast briefly, thanking those present for their hearty response to th toast, and stated that the money he had already been instrumental in bringing into the country was but a forerunner of the amount which he expected to induce to seek returns in the wealth-laden hills of West Kootenay, which he characterized as being one of the greatest mineral producing regions on the face of the globe.

A few more toasts and several patriotic musical selections wound up a very pleasant evening in time for Mr. Mansfield to catch the outgoing boat.

It is only a year since Mr. Mansfield first struck West Kootenay, but in that time he has invested more money in mineral properties than most other people have done in years. In the face of almost insurmountable difficulties he commenced work on the Joker, the premier mine in Camp Mansfield Since then the capital he has induced to come into the country can be estimated only in hundreds of thousands of dollars. His cash outlay in buying and developing properties, and the expenses connected therewith, have amounted to at least half a million dollars. Mr. Mansfield hopes, and his success thus far has made his friends here believe, that the money that he has already invested is but a small part of the amount that he will ultimately command in opening West Kootenay properties.

Mr. Mansfield's personalty has been such as to make him very popular with all whom he has met during his residence in Nelson, and the hope is expressed that his trip to the money centre of the world will not only be benefical to West Kootenay, but also to himself.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. William Burns, school inspector, leaves for East Kootenay tonight.

Manager Annable has booked a specialty company for Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3.

John Hardie and Susan Waltshaw were married at the residence of William Hardy last evening, Rev. Robert Frew officiating.

The chief of police caught two "tough kids" distributing objectionable patent medicine circulars about the City yesterday It is believed they found the hand bills in an untenanted house.

Mr. J. Mallinson Williams, consulting engineer for the Whitewater and Chapleau mines, has opened an office on West Baker Street next to Proctor & Dowsing's office.

A bill of sale of a half interest in the P. & B. fraction on Tamarac Mountain near Ymir, from Mr. Fred Philbert to Mr. W. Bennett was registered yesterday. The consideration was $250.

The exterior of the London & B. C. Goldfields' company handsome new brick block has been finished, and the company's offices will be transferred there in the course of a few weeks.

Mr. James Murray general inspector of tracks on the C. P. R. was in Nelson yesterday. He attributes the recent accident near Creston to the fact that the track had been softened by the very wet weather.

Rossland followed Nelson's example last night by a smoking concert in aid of the Mansion House Fund. The Nelson concert, first and last, netted about $1,000, and the Rosslanders will do well if they beat that record.

The Nelson Company of the Rocky Mountain Rangers held their first Maxim gun drill last night, the Maxim being hauled up to the drill hall for the purpose by the men notwithstanding the quagmires on the streets.

About five miles north of Spokane yesterday a freight train charged into the east bound mainland train, smashing up the sleeper at the end of the train but fortunately hurting none though there were two persons in the sleeper at the time.

Martin O'Reilly & Co. are out today with the announcement of another big Bargain Sale. They are approaching stock-taking time, and to lessen that work will sell a lot of their goods at unheard of prices—cheaper than ever before quoted in Nelson.

Mr. R. S. Lennie, acting for the petitioner, moved yesterday morning for the settlement of the terms of the judgment in the Irvin-Morrison ballot case. Mr. W. A. Macdonald, did not appear as a search revealed the fact that the petition and other important papers had not been filed. The motion was granted.

Returning officer J. K. Strachan about 5:30 yesterday afternoon was served with a copy of Judge Forin's judgment declaring the Irving-Morrison candidature a tie and requesting him to give his casting vote. Mr. Strachan did not give his vote last night and will give due notice of his intention of doing so.

Among the many sufferers from the present soft weather is the Beatrice mine in the Lardo Country whence just now it is impossible to haul the ore owing to the state of the roads. Messrs. H. G. McCulloch and C G. Briggs, the superintendent, are now in Nelson and intend to go out to the mine as soon as a frost sets in.

Messrs. J. G. Denvar, J. H. Galbraith, O J. Handley and J. A. Dewar yesterday transferred the Good Hope, Good Hope fraction and Stanley mineral claims to Mr. G. H. Master, who in turn transferred them to the Oriel Mining Company, of Rossland. The claims are situated on Apex Mountain between Wild Horse and Clearwater Creeks

Captain W. W. West, of Pilot Bay, master of the tug Hayls, while picking up logs on Kootenay Lake at a point five miles north of Midge Creek, last week found on the beach the skeleton of a man, supposed to be one of the unfortunate passengers who perished in the wreck of the ill-fated steamer Ainsworth, last year at a point a few miles south of where the skeleton was found.

James Kelly was brought up yesterday before Judge Forin to elect as to the manner of his trail, but at the request of his counsel, Mr. W. A. Macdonald, the election was deferred. Mr. Macdonald also applied for bail offering four substantial citizens as sureties. His honor reserved the question of bail until next week that he might have leisure to go into the evidence given before the magistrate.

Owing to lack of warehouses and the lack of teams to haul it away the merchants of Greenwood are unable to take care of the freight consigned to them, with the result that 138 cars are tied up there. This is causing immense inconvenience as under present conditions the sidings can only conveniently accommodate 50 cars. Mr. F. W. Peters leaves in the morning for Greenwood to try and straighten out the tangle.

Mr. H. R. Cameron, liquidator of the defunct Nelson Sawmill Company, paid the creditors yesterday a dividend of 12 cents on the dollar, which amounted to $1658.18. The funds were principally derived from the fire insurance on the property, and from the sale of what was saved from the flames. A payment of 15 cents on the dollar was made some time back making a total payment to the creditors to date of 27 per cent. The company still owns some 2,500 acres of timber limits from which further dividends may be realised in the future.

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JURORS' ACT.

The Attorney-General has introduced a Bill to amend the Jurors' Act. The following clauses are of special interest to the Nelson district:

(3). The provision of the "Jurors' Act" shall, as far as applicable, apply to the territory now or hereafter included in the Nelson and Rossland Registries of the Supreme Court as if the territory of each of said Registries were a separate County, of each of which the sheriff of South Kootenay were sheriff, but nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to affect the venue for the trial of crimes committed or ordered to be tried in the County of Kootenay.

(4)—1. The selectors of jurors for the Nelson Registry shall meet and hold sittings annually at the District Registry at Nelson, commencing on the fifteenth day of December, or if that day be a holiday, on the next judicial day following, for the purpose of performing the duties required of them by the "Jurors' Act."

(6.) The number to be selected from the Jurors' Rolls for a jury list, according to the provisions of sections 20 and 21 of the "Jurors' Act," shall be as follows:

From the Rolls of Jurors of the Nelson Registry to serve as Grand Jurors, forty-eight, and to serve as Petit Jurors, one hundred and sixteen.

PHILIPPINE CABLE.

Washington, Thursday.—Repesentative Corliss, of Michigan, has introduced a bill for the construction and operation under the Government of the United States, of a cable between this country and Hawaii, Guam, the Philippine Islands and other countries. The bill is substantially the same as that of last year providing for a Government cable, except that the section creating a cable commission is eliminated and the President is empowered to determine the route, the maintenance, operation, etc., of the line being placed under the control of the Postmaster-General, the Secretary of War, and the Secretary of the Navy. The bill limits the cost of the cable to $8,000,000. Authorization is given to the President to arrange with Japan and China for cable landing points.

BALTIMORE BASEBALL.

Baltimore, Md., Thursday.—The indications that Baltimore will be dropped from the National Baseball League and given a place in the Western League, have caused patrons of the game to form a stock company with a view of placing an American Association team in this city.

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MINING NEWS.

The contractors on the Whitewater mine on Rover Creek were called into town last Saturday because negotiations for the acquiring of the Columbia, an adjoining property were not proceeding satisfactorily. The deeds for this property were, however, deposited in the bank yesterday, and Mr. J. M. Williams will put the men back to work as soon as the accounts on the work already done are settled. Both properties are crown granted. In the upper tunnel on the Whitewater the vein shows up 3½ feet wide. If the development continues to show up as well as it does at present, a mill will be erected on the property in the spring. It may be stated, to avoid a misapprehension that is prevalent, that though the Whitewater and the Chapleau are being operated by Mr. Williams, they belong to totally different companies.

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Messrs. Dickenson and Jeffreys, representing the Warner-Miller Syndicate of New York, leave this morning for the north fork of Lemon Creek where they will visit the properties they are interested in and also the Chapleau. If satisfied with the showings they will put up a stamp mill at once. Mr. Dickenson has already applied for 2,000 inches of water on the main fork of Kaslo Creek, and for 300 on the first north fork, on which creek, Mr. J. M. Williams has a similar application. The Warner-Miller Syndicate controls some 18 properties in that vicinity.

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The best bodies of ore found in the War Eagle mine are on the 750-foot level, on which drifts are being run east and west from the shaft. Stoping is being done. It is shipping grade, for a solid width of 20 feet and is better than in any of the upper levels. On the 625-foot level also, drifts are running west along the ledge from the shaft and have shown two parallel paystreaks, one on each wall. That on the foot wall is 35 feet wide, while the hanging wall streak is known to extend the full width of the drift, not having been crosscut towards the foot wall. The ore has been stoped in places on this level to a width of 30 feet. Raises are being made from the 370 to the 250-foot level, one east and one west of the shaft, the purpose being to explore new ground and open it for stoping. Both are in shipping ore. The cutting of a station at the 875-foot level is almost completed and it is the intention to resume sinking.

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Rossland, Thursday.—A second ledge has been struck in a crosscut from the south drift of the Gertrude. Ore was encountered when the crosscut, which runs west to a point 50 or 60 feet south of the shaft, had only gone two feet from the drift, and ore has continued for the two succeeding feet. This cross drift is believed by John J. Handeman, the engineer in charge, to be following the course of a ledge, which is a feeder to the one encountered in the crosscut run northwesterly from the south drift. The ore has improved until it is of shipping grade, having good gold and copper values. In the northwest crosscut the foot wall has been encountered, and a drift has been started along it in a course a little west of south The ore averages three feet wide, and is widening all the way. Two drifts are being continued, and are expected to soon connect.

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Rossland, Thursday.—The lead furnace at the Trail smelter has been put in blast and will run steadily from this time forward. It has a stock of ore sufficient to keep it in operation for two or three months, independent of any new purchases. The lead ores have been purchased from the Slocan, Slocan Lake and East Kootenay districts. The furnace is as large as any in the United States and will add between 50 to 75 to the number of men employed at the plant. The blowing in of this furnace is due largely to the removal of the duty on pig lead refined in the United States from lead bullion produced at Canadian smelters. Formerly all pig lead paid an import duty into Canada of 15 per cent which thus shut the product of Canadian mines out of the Canadian market. This system has been changed so that lead bullion produced at Canadian smelters can be refined in bond in the United States and the pig lead produced can be re-imported to Canada duty free.

The first dividend has been declared by the new management of the Centre Star Mining Company, and it is probable they will hereafter be a monthly occurence, says the Rossland Record. The rate is one per cent. on the capital stock of $3,000,000, or a total of $30,000. It is for the month of January, and is payable on February 15. The mine is shipping at the rate of 900 to 1,000 tons a week, and will probably keep up this rate indefinitely.

CAPE NOME RATES.

Seattle, Thursday.—Representatives of northwestern railways and agents of connecting lines in the East scout the idea of there being a passenger rate war in the East over Cape Nome business for Seattle this spring. Strong reasons are given in their arguments denying these rumors.

Agents of the Transcontinental lines are authority for the statement that the present rates from St. Paul to Seattle will not be disturbed. It is pointed out that both the Great Northern and Northern Pacific have a second class or homeseekers' rate in force from St. Paul to the coast of $25 This is available on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and is considered low enough to start all intending visitors to the northern goldfields.

COREAN LOAN.

London, Thursday.—A Shanghai special says: It has been reported here that an agreement has been concluded under which Russia will lend Corea $12,000,000, of which $5,000,000 will be paid immediately, Corea having unsuccessfully applied to Japan for a loan.

METAL QUOTATIONS.

New York, Thursday.—Copper, dull; brokers' $16.50; exchange, $16.50.

Lead, steady; brokers', $4.45; exchange, $4 70 to $4.75.

Tin, firm; Straits, $27 30 to $28.

Plates, firm; Spelter, steady; domestic, $4.45 to $4 55

GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED.

Paris, Thursday.—The Chamber of Deputies today passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 329 ayes, to 74 nays, on an interpellation criticising the Government's indecision in the recent strike of miners at Eteinne.

BUBONIC PLAGUE COMING.

(Special Dispatch to the Miner).

Victoria, Thursday.—The liner Monmouthshire is passing. She signals she has the bubonic plague on board, and has also news of a wreck.

LIPTON AS A CHICAGOAN.

Chicago, Ill., Thursday.—Sir Thomas Lipton, owner of last year's American cup challenger Shamrock, has applied for membership in the Chicago Board of Trade.

A GREAT BATTLE IS HOURLY EXPECTED

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German East Africa line owing to the seizures. They point out that the effect of this is to favor the competing French line, which has not been molested.

Craddock, Cape Colony, Thursday.—On Saturday, January 13, the Boers with a commando of colonial rebels, occupied Prieka Prieska, a village on the Orange River, about 107 miles northwest of De Aar.

London, Thursday—A special dispatch from Dubran, dated Wednesday, says: Advices from Potgiester's Drift dated yesterday (Tuesday) says that Sir Charles Warren has arrived within 17 miles Ladysmith and that British wounded are arriving at Modi River field hospital by every train from the front, indicating that there has already been severe fighting. No confirmation of the dispatch has been received as yet.

London, Friday.—(12:30 a. m.)—At midnight the War Office announced that it had no further news for publication. When questioned with regard to the rumored British victory and the relief of Ladysmith, the officials replied that they had received no information to bear out either feature of the rumor, and were inclined to think that serious fighting must precede the relief of the town.

Spearman's Farm, Natal, Thursday, 8 a. m.—General Lyttleton's brigade with a Howitzer battery crossed the Tugela River at Potgiester's Drift on Tuesday, January 16. The water rose above the waists of the men. The Boers fired two shots and then recalled their forces to the trenches, the passage being uninterrupted. The British advanced in skirmishing order and the small kopjes on the summits were occupied by 6:30 p. m. During the night it rained heavily. Yesterday (Wednesday) the Boer trenches were vigorously shelled in front of Mount Alice while the British remained in possession of the kopjes and plain. Heavy mists enveloped the hills, but the naval guns and the Howitzer battery made good practice, thoroughly searching the trenches, on the Boer right, a breach in a sand-bag emplacement where it was supposed Boer guns had been placed. The cannonade was heavy and continuous and the Boers were observed leaving the trenches in small parties. The hill facing the British position was shelled next.

General Warren has forced a passage of the Tugela, seven miles to the left.

Ottawa, Thursday.—A. A. Allan, of the Allan line, had a long interview with Laurier today in regard to supplying a transport for the conveyance of Strathcona's mounted troops to Capetown. Allan offered the Numidian, which he considers is adapted in every possible way to be used as a troopship. There will be no cabins to build, all that will have to be done, will be to put stalls in for the horses. This will not take a very long time. Sir Wilfrid is now in communication with Strathcona regarding this matter which will be decided upon very soon. The chances are that the Numidian will be accepted but the Elder-Dempster people have offered the Montrose which is a larger boat than the Numidian. At any rate there is not likely to be any difficulty in getting a steamer. Either one of the boats mentioned will be large enough to convey all the troops.

The western squadrons will get a hearty welcome on their arrival here tomorrow. It is expected that the first train will be here about 8 a. m. and the other at 10 a. m. They are travelling about two hours apart. The review on Parliament Hill takes place at noon. His Excellency will attend and drive to the grounds in the same way as if he were opening Parliament.

Halifax, N. S., Thursday.—It is definitely announced that those to go on the Laurentian are "D" and "E" batteries artillery comprising 340 men and 270 horses. The complete equipment of this battery will also go on the Laurentian, so that when the Cape is reached the men can be sent at once to the front for active service. Only one of the batteries is now in the city, "D" battery. The Laurentian sails on Sunday.

Ottawa, Thursday.—Recruiting for Strathcona's Horse is to be started at once, it is not probable the machinery of the North West Mounted Police will be used in this connection.

Ottawa, Thursday.—The Militia Department started the organizing of Strathcona's Horse detachment today.

Andrew A. Allan, of the Allan line, was here today, seeing Sir Wilfrid Laurier in regard to transports.

A militia order issued today says Lieutenant-Colonel G. S. Ryerson has been permitted to resign his passage given him on the contingent transports and will go by New York to South Africa. Three chaplains will go by the third transport, the sailing date of which has not been fixed.

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