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PRETORIA

Roberts Will Soon Be Ready To Commence His Advance.

Free Staters Laying Down Arms and Coming to Bloemfontein.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

London, March 17.—(4:30 a. m.).—With the railway communication to the Cape intact, Lord Roberts will in a very few days be in a position to begin the advance to Pretoria. His deep political intuition combined with his bold strategy is having the result desired in the southern sections of the Orange Free State which are rapidly calming down. Mafeking is now the only point and as it is known a force has left Kimberley, its relief may be announced before many days pass. The efficiency of the relieving force is heightened by the fact that is partly composed of regulars. In the lobbies of Parliament last evening it was rumored that Lord Roberts is about to issue a proclamation announcing that the former system of Government in the Orange Free State is abolished and promising the Free Staters who surrender due consideratoin.

It is understod that all the continental powers, with no exception, uncompromisingly refused to intervene. The exception was Russia, whose reply was couched in less firm language, although like the others, she declined to interfere. It is said that the Pope was also appealed to, but that he declined to do anything beyond writing a letter to the Queen, appealing to her to stop the further effusion of bolodshed. Dr. Leyds' efforts with King Leopold were quite futile. The possiblity of the destruction of Johannesburg is still discussed here, but it is believed that French and German shareholders would offer a strong protest. The latest advices respecting the surrender of Bloemfontein show that the approach of the British caused a stampede. Thirteen trains, each comprising forty cars and all crammed with Boers, hurried northward just before the line was cut. Mr. Steyn would have been compelled to surrender, but he pretended that he was going to visit one of the outposts and at midnight took a carriage which was awaiting for him, outside the town, and thus escaped. The Boers got the bulk of their wagons and military stores away.

Cape Town, March, 15.—When the Britist forced the passage of the Orange River this morning they surprised the Boers. The British troops occupied a position on the north side of the river with little opposition and are now building a pontoon bridge.

London, March 17.—The Daily Mail has the following dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, dated Friday March 16: "Entrenching is proceeding in the Vaal River at Vanceyning. Late arrivals from Pretoria say that the Boer themselves now admit that their cause is hopeless. General Lucas Meyer refuses to fight again and has returned to his farm. General Schalkburger has also returned and the burghers are going home by the hundreds."

Bloemfontein, March 16.—As a result of Hunter and Weston cutting the railway line the British have secured 26 engines and the line has been cleared to the Kaffir River. Rumors are current that former President Steyn is willing to surrender. Much unrest exists among the Dutch population.

London, March 16.—It was officially announced today that the British casualties at Dreifontein, March 10, were 62 men killed, and 321 wounded, including one Canadian wounded.

General Roberts reports that he found seven British officers and 43 men wounded in the hospital at Bloemfontein, and that they had been well cared for. He adds: "I rejoiced the wounded Boers by telling them they would be allowed to proceed to their homes instead of being made prisoners, as soon as they can leave the hospital."

Bloemfontein, Tuesday, March 13.—The Free Staters south of here are reported to be rapidly returning to their farms. General Grateelaar is attempting to escape to the north. He has a large command and a big convoy of supplies. The majority of the townspeople anticipate that the Free Staters will offer no resistance.

London, March 16.—Lord Roberts' success in handling the civil problems at Bloemfontein and the manifest equanimity with which the residents of the capital of the Orange Free State accept the British occupation momentarily eclipse in interest the military situation. It is believed here that the Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in South Africa will soon push on to Pretoria, but Great Britain is quite content to listen a few days to the acclamations of the people of Bloemfontein and permit the troops to enjoy a few day's rest before expecting another success. "Through small mistakes" said Lord Roberts, "I have not been able to march into Bloemfontein at the head of the brigade, as I intended. I promise you however, that I will lead you into Pretoria."

General Gatacre is holding Bethulie and the whole line of the railroad south of Bloemfontein, is now in the hands of the British. General Brabant's column having crossed the Orange River, after a forced march, at Aliwal North on Sunday, and General Clements' column being across at Vans Vansyl, the three columns will form an army of 12,000 to 15,000 men which is expected to replace the forces of Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein, as he pushes northward. Just where the Boers will attempt to oppose that march is an important question but it cannot be easily answered until General Joubert is more definitely located. Further news has reached the outside world from Mafeking, dated Friday, March 9, showing that though the garrison was in hard straights they were buoyed up by the knowledge that their plucky fight was appreciated at home.

London, March 16.—Lord Roberts has sent the following dispatch to the War Office: "Bloemfontein, Friday, March 16.—General Clements crossed the Orange River yesterday. Repairs to the railway bridge at Norval's Pont have commenced and it will shortly be ready for traffic. General Pole-Crew telegraphs his arrival at Springfontein, so that Bloemfontein now is practically in rail communication with Cape Town. My proclamaion is already having an excellent effect. Several hundred burghers have expressed their intention to surrender their arms and return to their occupations. The resident Commissioner of Basutoland reports that 800 Boers lately arrived from Bloemfontein and that a further contingent from Aliwal North was only waiting to know the terms of my proclamation to surrender. They had refused to attend a council at Kroonstad to which President Steyn had summoned them."

Cape Town, March 16.—There was great rejoicing throughout the colony on the receipt of the news that Bloemfontein had been occupied by the British. The first indication of the fact at Port Elizabeth was the firing of 21 guns at 11 o'clock in the evening. The inhabitants hastened to the streets and carried the mayor on their shoulders to the town hall, where a demonstration was made. Today will be observed as a general holiday. There is great rejoicing at Bloemfontein where the women and children have been shut off for months. Great complaint is made of the harsh treatment by the Boers during the occupation. Rebels are coming in daily with their arms from the south. A number of other rebel leaders have been arrested.

In an interview published in the Cape Argus, Mr. Cecil Rhodes is quoted as saying: "I feel strongly that we cannot have peace in South Africa as long as we have in the Republics a rallying ground for disloyalty and disaffection. To go further, I do not think we can safely federate till we have had some years of crown colony government. Personally I have done with the Bund."

CANADIAN SPECIALS.

Victoria, B. C. March 16.—The Colonist publishes a sensational article with official correspondence alleging to prove the Semlin Government guilty of a monstrous outrage in issuing a Crown grant to the New Vancouver Coal & Land Co., for property under the sea opposite the E. & N. townsite at Newcastle, which matter is now in dispute in the courts. The general concensus of opinion, however, is that the matter is of little importance inasmuch as the deed issued is simply supplementary to the original holdings acquired by the company from the Hudson's Bay Co.

The Times sums up the situation very fairly. It says: An examination of the document bearing on the alleged "gift," which, it is alleged the late Semlin Government bestowed on the New Vancouver Coal Co., discloses the fact that the new deed simply confirms the title, as far as it is possible for the Province to do so, to property which the company has been in possession of and has worked for many years. The property passed into the hands of the present company through the medium of the Crown, the Hudson's Bay Co., and the old Vancouver Co. No new lands are included in the deed and the claim that the output should not be exempt from royalty might just as reasonably be advanced in regard to all mines in operation previous to the passage of the present law. It is a matter for argument whether the local Government had the legal right to grant a deed, but their action in doing so will no doubt be tested in the courts. There is one thing in the proceedings which deserves condemnation and that is the failure to gazette the instrument in the usual way. It is a matter which could not be kept secret, and we fail to see any reason why an effort should have been made to suppress the facts.

Halifax, N. S. March 16.—Strathcona's Horse sails today. Troops and horses to embark are: Strathcona's Horse 25 officers, one warrant officer, 35 sergeants, 22 artificers and 454 other ranks; total 536; horses 662. Draft for second special service battalion, three officers and 100 other ranks.

Montreal, March 16.—J. A. Mara, of Kamloops, B. C., formerly M. P. for Yale, is in the city. He has just returned from a European trip in company with Mrs. Mara. He leaves in a few days for home.

ST PATRIGK

Ireland's Patron Saint Will Be Well Remembered Today.

Gallantry of Irish Troops the Excuse for a National Festival.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

New York, March 16.—The London correspondent of The Herald says: There are ample and eloquent indications that the Queen's message about soldiers wearing the shamrock has been interpreted in a way which Her Majesty can scarcely have expected, for St. Patrick's Day is going to be celebrated here as a grand national festival. Long ago it was announced that the Irish national flag would wave above the Mansion House tomorrow, but this also had, like the Queen's message, results which scarcely could have been expected for it gave the idea all over the country to sport the green flag. The result was that yesterday people were wandering about clamoring for Irish flags with which to decorate their houses and were intensely disappointed to hear that all such flags had been sold. Each train is bringing in crates of shamrock from Ireland. It is quite safe to predict that tomorrow all British subjects will wear the shamrock in honor of the gallant Irish soldiers at the front and that everywhere possible the harp on the green ground will wave alongside the Union Jack and the National Standard."

Quebec, March 16.—Mayor Parent has proclaimed a civic halt holiday for tomorrow in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

The green flag will wave over the city hall at Ottawa tomorrow.

The following letter appeared in The Rossland Miner of a recent date:

Editor Miner: At the present moment the thoughts of all civilized nations are turned towards South Africa, where the army of England has for several months past been engaged in a fierce struggle with a most determined foe.

Never for a moment did we doubt the ultimate success of our arms, yet it cannot be denied that for a period our minds were filled with grave anxiety. But as all know news of a most cheering and encouraging nature has now reached us from Lord Roberts, the tide of victory has turned in favor of old England, so that is the near future we hope to hear of the successful termination of the war.

When the story of the war comes to be written, many noble and daring deeds of valor will be recorded, but of these who will have a larger share than the brave sons of Ireland? Such names as the Inniskillings, the Dublin Fusiliers, and the Connaught Rangers, are now household words, and long will it be remembered how they fought and bled and died in their efforts to carry relief to sons and daughters of England in the beleagured city of Ladysmith.

In the latest reports from Ladysmith General Buller informs us that from February 14 to February 27, his losses were 123 killed and 573 wounded, and that no fewer than 109 of the killed, and 427 of the wounded, belonged to the above named Irish regiments. In the face of figures such as these, are we surprised that Queen Victoria should decide to pay a visit to Ireland immediately, in order to manifest her gratitude to the Irish race?

Next Saturday is St. Patrick's Day, the great national festival of the people of Ireland. A grand concert is being organized for the occasion, and it is to be hoped that the city will make it a conspicuous success, and regard it as an opportunity for doing honor to the brave sons of the Green Isle.

AN ENGLISHMAN.

CELEBRATED CASE.

Montreal, Que., March 16.—The trial of James Baxter, broker, and Ferdinand Lemieux, accountant of the late Banque Ville Marie, accused of conspiring to wreck that institution, promises to become one of the greatest legal battles in the history of Canadian jurisprudence. The trial has now been on three days and eight sittings of the Court of Queen's Bench have been held, and yet, so far, only nine jurors out of the necessary twelve have been secured. Three panels of forty each have been exhausted in the vain effort to find twelve men who are unprejudiced. Most of the jurymen summoned say they consider the prisoners guilty and so strong are they in this belief that they could not render a fair verdict. Among the jurymen called are some of the best men in the town. All kinds of excuses have been used to get exemption from serving. Forty more jurors have been summoned for tomorrow.

SAILS TODAY.

Durban, Thursday, March 16—The American ladies hospital ship Maine will leave on Saturday. She will remain in the Mediterranean for a short period for the benefit of the patients on board.

SAILED

Strathcona's Horse Leave for the Distant Field of Battle.

The First Contingent Now at Bloemfontein and All Are Well.

(SPECIALS TO THE MINER.)

Halifax, N. S., March 16.—The Monterey sailed at 5 o'clock. Everything was in first class order. There are on board 35 officers, 40 non-commissioned officers, 585 men, and 100 members of the crew. Lord Seymour, Sir Malachi Daly, and Dr. Borden attended. The troops marched down with all the bands in the city, members of both local Houses, acting mayor and all the aldermen, to the steamer which sailed from the Intercolonial wharf where she was loaded. The public was admitted and behaved themselves in an orderly manner. All the wharves were lined with people and there was tremendous enthusiasm. The steamer was beautifully decorated and looked like a yacht. All the crew were dressed in new uniforms and a specially made white silk flag floated at the mizzen, with Lord Strathcona's coat of arms, worked in the centre. The steamer dropped down to deep water and will sail to sea at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Dr. Borden received the following telegram from Lord Strathcona, which was read to the troops: "Please read to my force, the following gracious message received by me through Her Majesty's private secretary, and after reading kindly see it has proper publicity:

"'Her Majesty would be glad if before they start you would convey to them an expression of her confidence that they will prove themselves worthy comrades of her Canadian soldiers, who are now so gallantly fighting for the Empire's cause. The Queen wishes them all success and a safe return to their homes in the Dominion.' In my reply, I stated that both officers and men consider it a privilege to have the honor of showing their Sovereign and the Empire that they may be relied upon to do their duty as Canadians and as loyal British subjects and to justify the confidence in them to which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to give expression." Another cable from Lord Strathcona says: "Please express to Colonel Steele, officers and men, my great disappointment at not being able to witness their departure. I looked forward with great pleasure to the opportunity of personally wishing them God speed and a safe return. Am quite sure they will acquit themselves bravely and gallantly in any service entrusted to them and they will do credit to themselves, to the Dominion, and our beloved Sovereign."

Victoria, B. C., March 16.—Conservatives at a meeting tonight failed to arrive at a decision re party lines. After a long wrangle the meeting adjourned till Tuesday next.

Winnipeg, Man., March 16.—Glen Campbell, who was for two years a wanderer with his party in the wilds north of Peace River, was banqueted yesterday upon his return to Dauphin village. Mr. Campbell in a speech stigmatized the Edmonton trail to Yukon as "the death trail."

Rev. J. B. Silcox, of Sacramento, Cal., has accepted a call to the Central Congregational church, of this city.

Toronto, March 16.—Clarke Wallace, M. P., was injured at Bracebrige this morning, falling on an icy road and sustaining a deep cut in the head. He was attending the Orange Grand Lodge.

Toronto, Ont., March 16.—A special cable says Private R. Hayes of "E" Company, Montreal, was wounded in the engagement at Driefonten on March 10.

Woodstock, March 16.—The trial of the members of Decker gang of counterfeiters is closed. Anthony Decker, leader of the gang, was found guilty on three indictments. The other three prisoners, Paul Decker, Hans Kuntz and Robert Nurnberger pleaded guilty. Nurnburger will be let off on suspended sentence, providing he gives information of others who are evidently connected with the enterprise. The two Deckers were sentenced to five years each in Kingston Penteutiary, and Hans Kuntz to 15 months in Central Prison, Toronto.

Ottawa, March 16.—Another motion to adjourn was moved by Mr. Foster when the House met today and an hour and a half was taken up with it. The ex-Minister of Finance complained that there were a number of motions on the order paper which it was urgent for members of the Opposition to obtain, and which could not be had if the Premier insisted on rules of procedure being adhered to.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier complained that while no one could complain of the rules of the Houes being adhered to, every one having the same privileges and same rights, he had no objection to passing unopposed motions with the consent of the House, providing the privileges were not abused.

Dr. Montague resumed the debate on preferential tariff. He denied that the Liberals had carried out their pledges. He went on to say that Canada's preferential arrangement with Britain was giving away something for nothing and was the means of upsetting Mr. Jos. Chamberlain's scheme for Imperial Federation and inter-Colonial trade. He said the object of the Government in supporting Mr. Russel's motion was to obtain electioneering literature. The preferential tariff had not done anything to increase the market for Canadian products. Whatever had been done in that way was because of the policy of the late Government, carried out at the time when Liberals were calling out for a market of sixty million people at our doors. He said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier claimed to be a nation builder but in his opinion, he was not an Empire builder. It was the men who built the C.P.R. and adopted the National Policy that were the nation builders. Britain never asked for such a preference. It was given in hope of catching the loyal vote in Canada. "We have," said Mr. Montague, "as much right to ask a quid pro quo from John Bull as from any other one. Sentiment was sentiment, but in trade business was business."

Mr. McMullen of North Wellington denied that Canada was not getting something in return for the preference which it was extencing to Great Britain. Every business man knows that Canada was greatly benefited by the preference. On the other hand the passing of the National Policy was a slap in the face to England. What the people of Canada wanted was an honest Government, which they were now getting, and an honest return for the benefits of the people. He contrasted this to all the scandals which existed when the Conservatives ruled. The tariff was changed now in the right direction. The corridors of Parliament were not crowded now, as they were when the late Government was in power, by delegations seeking more protection. The debate was adjourned at a late hour.

Toronto Ont., March 16.—The Irish flag will fly side by side with the Union Jack from all the city buildings Saturday, St. Patrick's day. It was so decided by the Board of Control today as fitting recognition of the valor of Irish troops in South Africa.

In the Legislature today the Opposition sprung a surprise in moving an amendment to the motion to go into committee calling for the dismissal of Dugald Brain, sheriff of Elgin, on the ground that the judge's decision requiring the sheriff to pay part of Mr. MacDiarmid's election trial expenses incriminated him in election irregularities in West Elgin bye-election.

Ninety young men were selected for the Canadian garrison at Halifax and left for there this evening. This is not quite the full number Toronto is down for but recruits are fairly plentiful, though by no means so much so as for active service.

Windsor, Ont., March 16.—Rather than face a charge of petty theft preferred against him by Remi Vingneax and Alexander Laframbois, who recently lost some carpenters' tools, Albert Stratton, 40 years old, last night committed suicide in his boarding house.

Ottawa, Ont., March 16.—Eighty-eight men of the London detachment of the Halifax battalion arrived in the city this morning on the Toronto train and they have taken up their quarters at the Exhibition grounds where they will be equipped. Principal Grant, who is here, after speaking kindly of the Boers and especially of President Krugr, said: "The Orange Free State is composed of a population wholly different from that of the South African Republic, and will oppose no such firm set barriers to British rule. One great lesson of this conflict for the outside world is the ease with which points of natural advantage may be held by comparatively small garrisons against overwhelmning odds which would tend to show that Canada herself might be much more easily guarded against invasion than we have any idea of."

Winnipeg, March 16.—The Manitoba Legislature has been called for March 29, for the despatch of business.

Montreal, March 16.—Thos. Tait, manager of lines east of Fort William for the C. P. R., has returned from a trip to the Pacific Coast. During his absence he also traversed Kootenay, Boundary Creek, and Crow's Nest lines. He said: "My primary object was to meet Mr. Whyte and the officials of the western lines to consider a code of train rules. Our meeting was held at Calgary and lasted four days. The new code follows the best practice as recommended by the American Association." Speaking of conditions and prospects of the country he said the season had been the best ever experienced in ranching districts and all stocks look well. Notwithstanding some of the largest mines at Rossland have closed down temporarily, the people there seem to have every faith in them. No doubt if they carry their values, such values as will permit their being mined, transported and smelted at a profit, the tonnage which the company will be called upon to transport will be enormous.

Ottawa, March 16.—The following cable was received from Col. Otter, commanding the First Canadian Contingent in South Africa, dated Bloemfontein, today: "Bloemfontein today, all well."

POLITICAL

Conservative Convention Yesterday Passed Various Resolutions.

Favor Introduction of Party Politics in the Coming Elections.

A convention of the Liberal-Conservative party was held in Nelson, yesterday afternoon, at the Opera House, and was attended by delegates from Rossland, Nelson, Slocan, Ymir, Trail and the Boundary District. Many of the delegates arrived Thursday evening but most of them came in yesterday morning and were met by a reception committee of the local Conservatives. By noon they were all assembled at the Opera House and the business of the day was begun.

Dr. Bowes, of Rossland, was elected to the chair as permanent chairman and Mr. George A. Stewart Potts, of Greenwood, was made permanent secretary. A committe on credentials was then appointed, by selecting members from the various delegations, to vouch for the delegates attending from their districts.

The delegations were as follows:

Rossland—Dr. Bowes, D. B. Bogle, John Dean, Fred Ritchie, John S. Clute, C. E. Race, Alex Dick, Hector McRae, A. S. Goodeve, and Ross Thompson.

Nelson.—W. A. Macdonald, J. Dover, J. A. Kirkpatrick, F. W. Peters, A. Ferland, J. H. Bowes, D. M. Carley, T. A. Allen, Fred Irvine, P. Lamont, R. M. Macdonald and John Elliot.

Slocan—W. H. Brandon, Chris Macdonald, William Hunter, W. R. Will.

Ymir—John F. Burne.

Trail—W. White.

Boundary District.—H. C. Shaw, H. T. Wilgress, Clive Pringle, George A. Stewart Potts, and James Kerr, all of Greenwood; W. H. Cochrane, of Phoenix; A. W. Ross, of Columbia, and W. Askew, of Grand Forks.

The convention was called to order by the chairman and immediately a committee on resolutions was appointed.

The first resolution to come before the convention was moved by D. B. Bogle and seconded by Clive Pringle, and was to the effect, "That the origin of the Liberal Conservative party may be traced to a crisis in the history of the country which necessitated a union of the best men of both parties for the unification and progress of the Dominion of Canada. A serious crisis exists in the Province of British Columbia at the present time. The principles of Liberal-Conservativism contains the only remedy for one man Government, sectionalism and the undue influence of political adventurers.

"Therefore, Be it Resolved: That in the opinion of this meeting the forthcoming Provincial elections be conducted upon party lines, the Liberal-Conservative party relying not solely upon party affiliation in Federal politics, but also upon the broad principles of Liberal-Conservatism which will remedy the violent abuses of government in this Province."

The resolution was carried unanimously. The following motion was then moved by A. S. Goodeve, and seconded by H. C. Shaw:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting there should be a redistribution of seats throughout the Province upon a fair and equitable basis, and an immediate remedy, by special legislation for the glaring anomaly in the representation of Rossland Riding of West Kootenay by giving a member to the Boundary District." The motion carried.

The following resolutions were also carried:

Moved by Dr. Bowes and seconded by Fred Irvine: "Resolved, that this convention depreciated the existing disputes between labor and capital, and suggests that it will be the function of the Government to carefully investigate the working of the laws dealing with industrial conditions, and the general relations between labor and capital in the Province, keeping in view the main object of government, the prosperity of the country and well being of its citizens."

Moved by A. Dick and seconded by W. A. Macdonald: "Resolved, that this convention approve of the establishment of Employes' Relief Funds, under proper safeguards, for the benefit of workingmen employed in mines, to be contributed to by the workmen, the employer and the Government. Such relief funds to be administered jointly by trustees appointed by the workmen, the employer and the Government, and to provide medical aid, and afford relief in cases of accident, sickness or death."

Moved by C. E. Race and seconded by Hector McRae: "That as mining is the most important industry in the Province our representatives should favor legislation fostering mining and protecting it against undue discrimination as compared with other industries and particularly in the following:

"1. That increased fees upon the recording of claims and obtaining of Crown grants should not be imposed.

"2. That taxation upon mining should be placed upon net income not

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BY PARTY, FOR THE COUNTRY.

"We don't want Martin; we don't want Conservatives; we don't want Liberals. We want good men, regardless of party." So wrote a Merchant, in a letter to a Victoria paper, and the newspapers are seizing on the sentiment and making much of it. It is very fine—as a sentiment; but it will not stand the test of experiment. It is like many other beautiful sentiments that are treasured for show but are well understood to be of no practical use. In one word, it is Utopian; and there ought to be few of us who require to be told at this late day that things Utopian very rarely stand the wear and tear of actual life. We don't want sin in the world, but we have it. If we could do away with all criminals and cranks; if there were no bad men, and the good were united; if we could drive party spirit, with its ambitions and jealousies and prejudices, into the outer darkness, and all agree on the thing that was best, we should have an ideal world, with ideal government.

We don't want Martin. For the great majority of us that is quite true, but there are those who do want him, and the important thing at present is that we have him whether we want him or not. And why not Mr. Martin, as well as Mr. Brown or Mr. Jones or Mr. Robinson? He and his friends have precisely the same right to make a personal fight for political control in this Province as any other individual and his friends. If he can succeed he is as much entitled to enjoy his triumph as the other would be. It is all a matter of accident or finesse. Today it is Mr. Martin's turn, and if he can improve his opportunity he will deserve the success that awaits him. It is folly to quarrel with the situation, for it is of our own making. We have put the honors of Government up to the competition of political athletes, and for the moment Mr. Martin stands out as winner. Ten, fifteen, twenty years ago these athletes were men of reputation, whom it was no disgrace to follow. Down to Mr. Turner's time there was no complaint on the ground of character. But it will hardly be denied that under our system the standard of the contestants was rapidly deteriorating. After the disappearance of Mr. Turner there was a sudden drop to a very low standard. The men who composed the Semlin Administration had no idea above their own personal ambitions and desires, and so selfish were they that they had been together only a few months when they began plotting against each other. The next step was to a lower plane still, for our Government has fallen to a professional whose whole political life has been devoted to conspiracies and betrayals. Nothing else could be expected, for our system led to this. Mr. Martin is the natural product of the personal government that has been in vogue in this Province, and his success would merely serve as an encouragement to political adventurers from all over the Dominion. We convict ourselves of folly in quarrelling with the result, for it is impossible that it could be otherwise. It would be most gratifying if we could realise the ideal, but the real has an awkward habit of thrusting itself in ahead, and it will continue to do so until human nature becomes so vastly improved that we shall fail to recognise even ourselves.

The trouble has been that we have taken a superficial view of things; we have imposed upon ourselves by accepting the canting sentiment of those who preach against party. We do not want this party or that party, it is said, but honest men whose thoughts are all for the public welfare. That has been the cry, and we have been shallow enough to believe in it. We have been unable to realise that there are no such men in existence and never have been, and when the men as they are have been encouraged by our system of personal government it would be strange indeed if our politics did not get into a worse and worse plight. It will be better for us if we conclude at once that all this time we have been deceiving ourselves. Our system was bound in time to reduce us to the present extremity, and we shall be fortunate if the situation becomes no worse. It certainly will grow worse if we persist in maintaining personal government. No mere coalition of individuals can restore permanency to the political situation. There will never be even an approach to reputable, successful, stable government in British Columbia until we adopt straight party lines, and thus secure for ourselves the guarantee of party instead of individual reputation. There is another shallow cry, that there is no connection between our Provincial affairs and those of the Dominion on which Liberals and Conservatives divide. Even our fish know that much, if they know anything. It is not pretended that there is. But in all British countries there are two parties, one progressive and even radical, another more conservative. That is the line of division. They may call themselves what they please, but in matters of Government the reputation of the party is pledged to do its best, whether the field is the Empire, the Dominion, or a Province. It might be possible to make a personal combination that would patch up the frightful rents caused by the present system, but at best it could only be but temporary; there could be no assurance of stability, and it would only be a question of time when we should find ourselves again floundering in a political quagmire.

In his address to the electors of Vancouver Mr. Martin says: "As the caucus, by a very slight majority, sided with Mr. Semlin, I at once tendered my resignation and announced publicly that I must be considered an opponent of the Government." From a member of the Government to an opponent of it is a violent change, and to make it in a moment must involve a wholesale sacrifice of principle. Mr. Martin was accused of something of this kind during the recent session, but he defended himself by saying that he turned opponent because of something Mr. Cotton did long after his forced retirement from the Cabinet. If he tells the truth in his address to the Vancouver electors, as he does, he stands convicted of abandoning principles because of personal disappointment; if his explanation in the House were the correct one, he is guilty of deceit in his address. Time was when Mr. Martin was more adroit than this in pulling wool over people's eyes.

We cannot say that it was with much grace, but it was without any apparent compunctions of conscience The Vancouver World has fallen into its place as chief organ of the new Premier. It makes conspicuous display of its ability "to announce on authority." And two months ago The World would have told you that Mr. Martin was too dangerous a man to look at even through a telescope. We speak for it compassion, however, rather than contempt.

The convention held in Nelson yesterday cannot compel the adoption of its views by the people of the Province; but it will have its influence nevertheless and the knowledge that one of the parties of the important district of the Kootenays has declared against *personal government* will command attention and respect all over the Province.

This is Shamrock Day. Have you got your sprig? Wear it in memory of the brave fellows who fell over each other in storming many a kopje down in South Africa, in their enthusiasm to fight and die as became soldiers of the Queen.

The Liberal Association of Phoenix has declared for party lines. There is no need to despair of political enlightenment; the eyes of the people are being opened.

New Books.

PARSON KELLY;
By Andrew Lang

MR. JACK HAMLIN'S MEDIATION;
Bret Harte

ROXANE;
Louis Creswicke

THE BITTER VINTAGE;
K. Douglas King

AN AFRICAN TREASURE;
J. MacLaren Cobban

PROSPECTING, LOCATING AND VALUING MINES;

ENGINEERS' EXAMINATIONS;

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. R. E. Fishburn, of the Enterprise mines, is paying Nelson a visit of a few days.

Edward A. Paterson, mining engineer for the Wakefield mine, at Silverton, is at the Phair.

George McL. Brown, executive officer of the C. P. R., returned to Nelson from a trip up the lake.

Workmen were engaged yesterday in laying a new crossing at the corner of Stanley and Silica streets.

Notice has been issued by J. Stuart Yates, Provincial Secretary, that the next sitting of the Assize Court in Nelson will be on May 8.

C. E. Race, formerly editor of The Miner, who is now in business in Rossland, is in Nelson as one of the Rossland delegation to the Conservative Convention.

Brakman & Ker's new warehouse on Front Street is now practically completed and only needs a few finishing touches. Painters were engaged yesterday in putting a large sign across the front of the building.

In the account in yesterday's Miner of the Craig-Robertson nuptials by a misprint Mr. Robertson was mentioned as formerly residing in Sandon. Mr. Robertson's former residence should have been referred to as London, Ont.

Magistrate E. A. Crease held a Small Debts' Court at the Court House yesterday. In the case of Costello vs. Ford, judgement was given against the defendant. In re Costello vs. Martin and Ellis, judgment was given for the plaintiff.

J. C. Drewery, of Rossland, managing director of the Canadian Gold Fields Ltd., is in Nelson accompanied by W. H. Jeffry, mining engineer for the Company. They made a side trip to Ainsworth to take a look at some mining property there.

The Nelson Minstrels will give an entertainment in the Opera House on Wednesday evening next. The plan of seats opens on Monday at the Opera House store. The programme will be an entirely new one and Geo. M. Berry will give an exhibition of fancy roller skating.

A grand ball was given by the Miner's Union at Fraternity Hall last night. Professor Steiner's Orchestra furnished music for the occasion and refreshments were served during the evening. Messrs. Wm. McKay, C. Livesly and M. R. Mowatt were the committee on arrangements and the reception committee was composed of Messrs. W. Gregg, E. Pollard and E. F. Blewett.

There will be a St. Patrick's Day concert at the Opera House tonight. An interesting programme will be given by local talent, as will be seen by reference to the advertising columns. Those having the concert in hand have spared no pains to make it first class in every particular and as the proceeds will be devoted to the building fund of the Catholic Church there should be a bumper house.

When applying for a franchise last summer the Gas Company promised to give the citizens of Nelson an opportunity of subscribing for stock in the company. They are now offering a limited number of shares for sale, particlars of which appear in the advertising columns this morning. Now that the works are in operation and nearing completion citizens can form their own opinion as to the desirability of this stock for investment purposes.

The "way of the transgressor is hard" but the way of the auctioneer is like unto the persuasive method of the "Heathen Chinee" immortalized by Artemus Ward. The sale of H. H. Bowden's effects at auction this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the corner of Baker and Ward Streets, furnishes an apt illustration of the former proverb and the "winning ways" of Auctioneer Charles Waterman, who will officiate at the sale, will demonstrate that the auctioneer hath powers to persuade beyond the ken of ordinary man. A feature of the sale will be cash payments.

Miss Mucrott, who will lecture at the Opera House Sunday evening and Monday evening, may be counted on to give an interesting entertainment. She has just come from the Coast, where she has lectured in all the principal cities; she has also drawn large audiences in Slocan points and nearby cities. The lecture Sunday evening will be given at 8:30 o'clock, so that those intending to attend may go to church first. The subject will be "The Way to the Cross." and a number of fine limelight pictures will be used to illustrate the talk. On Monday evening Miss Murcott will give a talk on Australia, for which subject she is well equipped, having been on a trip through that country only a few months ago.

The "annual miracle" of spring is beginning a little earlier this year than usual. The first martins made their appearance yesterday (16th March.) The so called robins which really are thrushes, the real heralds of spring, arrived on Tuesday the 13th March. Already the erythroniums are pushing their leaves up to the light. Last year the robins were not seen until the 26th March; the martin did not come until the 7th April. The first erythronium was in flower on the 5th April. The "Kootenay nightingale" warbled his first creak on the 2nd April and on the same day the beautiful blue bird was first seen. The old adage that one swallow does not make a summer must not be forgotten. Because we have had a few fine, warm days with the thermometer at 60 in the shade we must not unship the stove and put away our winter clothes. On the 24th of March last year there were 20 degrees of frost.

AT THE HOTELS.

Hume.—John Smith, Walla Walla, Wash.; W. N. Dorman, Vancouver; Miss Grace McMartin, Nelson; T. Peidenase, Rossland; W. N. Brandon, Silverton; D. McLeod, Nelson; J. W. Riley, Six Mile; Harry T. Tieley, Toronto; Chas. Parsons, Vancouver; Geo. R. Wood, Toronto; W. H. Millman, Toronto; N. E. Schulze, New York; S. A. Jackson, Brockville.

Phair.—H. Wilgress, Greenwood; A. E. Rowland, Toronto; Geo. McL. Brown, Vancouver; J. C. Drewery, W. H. Jeffrey, David B. Fogle, J. F. Ritchie, J. S. Clute, Alex Dick, C. E. Race, Edw. Bowes, Ross Thompson, C. E. Goodeve, John Dean, Hector McRae, Rossland; George Stewart Potts, Greenwood; Edward A. Paterson, Silverton; C. S. Rashdall, New Denver; F. Vans Agnew, Athabasca; Miss Marion Fell, Athabasca; Thomas Allen, K. Wollaston, Victoria; Campbell McArthur, Toronto; J. Macdonald, St. Johns, N. B.; C. Struthers, Montreal,

REDICULOUS STORY.

London, March 16.—The report published in the United States that the British warship Thetis was chasing the German steamer Kaiser off Delagoa Bay, the Kaiser having the Boer commissioners on board, was published in the Daily Mail of this city today, together with a detailed statement. The officials of the Foreign Office say the idea of the officers of a British war ship attempting to remove foreigners from a German vessel is "utterly impossible and absurd."

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To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electirc Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by Canada Book & Drug Store.

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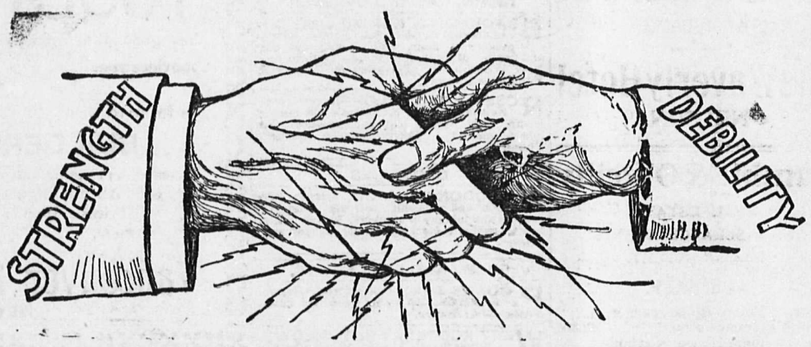

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We have decided to sell out our Dry Goods and continue exclusively in Clothing, Boots, Shoes, and Gents' Furnishings, and now offer all our Dry Goods stock at wholesale prices. This includes all our Spring Goods now in stock and in transit from the East. It is the first time in the history of Nelson that a stock of this size has been offered to the public at such a low rate, and all wanting bargains should not fail to see our prices. To the ladies of Nelson we would say that this is a good opportunity to get your Spring and Summer Dress Goods at a bargain. Here is a sample of some of our prices:

Brussels Carpet, Regular 1.25; Sale price	90c
Wool Carpet, Regular 1.00; Sale Price	70c
Wool Carpet, Regular 75c; Sale price	50c
Union Carpet, Regular 70c; Sale Price	45c
Stair Carpet at	25c
Lace Curtains, Regular 1.00; at	70c
Lace Curtains, Regular 1.50; at	1.00
Lace Curtains, Regular 2.00; at	1.35
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T. C. DUNCAN Secretary,

POLITICAL.

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as at present upon gross output and capital invested.

"3. That a proper distribution of the revenues derived from the mining districts should be made in furthering the construction of railroads, roads, trails and bridges in undeveloped mining districts.

"4. That the efficiency of the mining bureau, which has already been an effective advertisement of the Province, should be increased by the compilation and publication of monthly returns of mineral output, and by the advertisement of the Province by means of lectures, press advertising and ore exhibits under the direction of an energetic agent in London.

"5. That in these and all respects affecting the mining interests of the Province our representatives should act together for the better furthering and protection of the mining industry than heretofore."

Moved by J. S. Clute Jr., and seconded by Hector McRae: "That this convention express its confidence in Charles Wilson, Q. C., the leader of the Liberal-Conservative party in British Columbia, and pledges him its heartiest support."

The meeting closed with three cheers for the Queen and Charles Wilson. The meetings were not open to press representatives and the above resolutions were handed to The Miner by the secretary.

TO RECEIVE THE QUEEN.

Dublin, March 16.—At a meeting in the Mansion House today, the Lord Mayor presiding, a committee was appointed to fittingly receive the Queen, and £1,400 was subscribed for decorations.

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Dominion Line "Vancouver"	March 25
Beaver Line "Montrose"	March 15
Beaver Line "Lake Huron"	March 22
From St. John, N. B.	
Beaver Line "Montrose"	March 14
Beaver Line "Lake Huron"	March 21
From New York	
Cunard Line "Etruria"	March 17
Cunard Line "Campania"	March 24
White Star Line "Oceanic"	March 21
White Star Line "Teutonic"	March 28
American Line "Kensington"	March 21
Red Star Line "Westernland"	March 14
Anchor Line "Astoria"	March 24
North German Lloyd "Lahn"	March 20
Allan State Line "Sarmatian"	March 22

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4. Recitation—"The Majum".....Miss Gurd
5. Musical—Violin and Piano.....Mr. and Mrs. Archbold

SECOND PART.

6. Address.....Mr. J. W. Cusack
7. Solo—"Rory, Darling".....Miss Carey
8. Recitation—"Jim's Defence".....Mr. T. J. Scanlan
9. Song—"Asthore".....Mr. Rex Macdonald
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Two lots on Robson Street east	280 00

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