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## BULLER'S POSITION GROWING STRONGER

### The Great Arc Closing In On Ladysmith.

### READY FOR THE FRAY

General Buller Instructs His Men to Heed White Flags Only When Boers Lay Down Their Arms.

London, Jan. 20.—4:30 a. m.—Every hour that General Buller delays his comined attack makes his position stronger. The transports continue to arrive at Durban and fresh troops are being sent up the line to reinforce those already there. It appears that General Buller's troops north of the Tugela number at least 22,000 and possibly 25,000 with 50 guns. His total forces, forming a great out-curve south and west of Ladysmith, probably number 40,000. While General Buller's forward operations, which began on January 10, develop rather leisurely, the Boers appear to be fully aware that they must meet a strenuous assault. Balloon observers have estimated that 10,000 Boers are using spade and pick in strengthing their positions, which nature has rendered easy of defense.

Military critics in touch with the War Office think that news that general fighting has begun may be expected at any hour. It is not thought that one day's fighting will settle the fate of Ladysmith, but rather that there will be two or three days of continuous fighting.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 19.—Stanley Brown, the Mail correspondent, writing from Belmont, December 16, says:

"The temperature has been 96 degrees in the tents." He tells of a false alarm, when the entire force was called out, and says:

"There was not much danger of the Dutch getting the better of us at Orange River, for stationed in our camp were six guns, two fifteen-pounders, two nine-pounders and two belonging to the Cape artillery."

Toronto, Jan. 19.—The Mail has the following war special: "Ladysmith.—A solemn thanksgiving service was held here yesterday. The church was crowded, chiefly with soldiers. Archdeacon Barker preached an eloquent sermon of thanks for the victory of January 6. He told his hearers that probably they would have to fight another and more important battle, but they must place their trust in God. General White and his staff stood at the altar while the Te Deum was being sung. The impressive ceremony was concluded with the singing of "God Save the Queen," by the entire congregation.

Cape Town, Jan. 18.—A number of Canadians, including two experienced scouts, have arrived here and have offered their services for scouting purposes. They have paid their own expenses and say that there are hundreds of others anxious to follow them.

Spearman's Camp, Friday evening, Jan. 19.—Sir Charles Warren and Lord Dundonald are continuing a cautious advance, hourly expecting battle. There has been slight artillery firing here, at Ladysmith and at Chieveley.

The natives report that the kopjes are full of Boers.

Ladysmith, Tuesday, Jan. 16.—(via Spearman's Camp).—Mr. Geo. Warrington Stevens, special correspondent of the London Daily Mail, died yesterday of enteric fever and was buried at midnight.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The State Department has not been advised from any official source that Mr. Montague White, the consul of the Transvaal Republic at London, is coming to Washington as a diplomatic representative of the Transvaal Republic. In advance of his coming the officials do not care to forecast the decision of the Department as to his claim for recognition. The rule is to admit to the Secretary of State any proper person who comes on public business, but the admission does not constitute an official recognition of the visitor. When Mr. White calls at the State Department he will undoubtedly be seen by Secretary Hay, but while the secretary may talk freely with his visitor, that interview will not in itself amount to an official recognition of Mr. White as a diplomatic representative of the Transvaal. It will remain for the State Department officials later to pass upon the sufficiency of any credentials that Mr. White may bring to establish himself in that character.

London Jan. 19.—Mrs. Adair, who succeeded Lady Randolph Churchill as President of the American Hospital Ship Association, presided at a meeting of the executive committee today. Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, wife of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the Duchess of Marlborough were among those present. Plans for continuing the work and assisting both the British and Boer wounded were submitted.

London, Jan. 19.—A Durban special, dated Thursday night says: It is reported here that Lord Dundonald has smashed a Boer convoy.

General Buller is said to be within 12 miles of Ladysmith and General Warren to be about six miles to the rear.

London, Jan. 19.—A special service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral this evening at which 800 City of London volunteers, the second contingent to attend such a serivce, were present. Lord Mayor Newton and sheriffs of London, with the Duke of Connaught were also in attendance. After a service of song Dr. Mandell Creighton, Lord Bishop of London, addressed the troops and congratulated them on rising above their ordinary selves to do their duty to their country and God, with whom rested the issues of every endeavor. The volunteers then repaired to Lincoln's and Gram's Inns where they were banqueted. Tomorrow they take their departure.

London, Jan. 20.—The Times has the following dispatch, dated Thursday, from Pietermaritzburg:

"General Buller's wagon train is 19 miles in length and embraces 400 wagons and 5,000 animals. As some of the drifts are narrow and muddy only one wagon is able to cross at a time. The officers are betting two to one that Ladysmith will be relieved tomorrow (Friday).

London, Jan. 20.—Speaking yesterday at a Conservative meeting in Bradford, Mr. Williamson, a municipal councillor, said that it was within his personal knowledge that thousands of bullet proof shields, weighing seven pounds each, were being manufactured in Sheffield for the Boers.

They are designed to protect the vital parts at a range of 400 yards.

London, Jan. 20.—The Boer accounts of the passage of the Tugela River are given in the following two reports from Commandant Viljoen's camp on the Upper Tugela, via Lorenzo Marquez, Jan. 18:

"Jan. 16.—Buller's second move was a reconnaissance in force, with an armored train and a large body supported by cannon, toward Colenso last night. A heavy bombardment ensued, and thereupon the British returned, having wounded one of our men. No reply was made. This move was a feint to cover extensive movements up the river. Kaffirs on this side of the Tugela have been warned by the British to leave their kraals, as the fight will commence shortly."

The second dispatch runs thus:

"Jan. 17.—The night was unbroken save for slight rifle encounters between outposts, which led to nothing. At daybreak the enemy was located as before. He had not brought a single gun across the river. But from the ridges of Swartzkop a battery and a half of siege guns opened on our position at 5 a. m. The bombardment was probably the most frightful ever witnessed on land. Frequently five heavy naval guns fired simultaneously at one schranze (entrenchment)."

London, Jan. 20.—The Standard publishes the following, dated Thursday, from Spearman's farm:

"It is reported that the Boers opposite Colenso, on finding that General Buller had out-manoeuvered them, crossed to the south of the Tugela on Monday and set fire to all the houses in the village. As the force from Chieveley advanced the Boers retired before them to the trenches on a hill in line with Colenso. Our infantry

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## THE MOUNTED RIFLES ROYALY WELCOMED

### Greeted by Lord Minto and an Immense Concourse.

### OTTAWA ENTHUSIASTIC

Parade and Inspection on Parliament Hill. Cheered at Every Turn.—Presented With Guidons.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The North West Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles, under Colonel Herchmer, were given a royal welcome in Ottawa this afternoon by Lord Minto and not less than twenty thousand persons, when they gathered on Parliament Hill for parade and inspection. Ottawa people had heard by reputation of the splendid physique of the force, but the turnout was a perfect revelation. Without uniforms, without arms or equipment, clad for the most part in rough-and-ready garments of plain clothes, yet the corps impressed every soldier as fit and ready for the hardest work the campaign can supply. They marched rom the Union Depot to Parliament Hill shortly after noon, and were drawn up in a hollow square. It was after one o'clock before His Excellency arrived, and a formal welcome was pronounced. They were cheered at every turn and two bands in attendance made the time pass pleasantly. Her Excellency in presenting Colonel Herchmer with three guidons, expressed her pleasure in meeting some of the brave men with whom His Excellency had seen service in the rebellion in 1885. She wished all God speed and a happy return. The guidons bore the name of the regiment, "Canadian Mounted Rifles," and in the corner a familiar legend: "Wha Daur Meddle wi Me?"

His Excellency then stepped forward and said he felt sure without flattery he could say they were well suited to cope with the brave, irregular troops of their foe. He hoped as scouts they would always be well to the front. He referred to the services rendered by the irregular cavalry of Colonels French and Boulton in the Northwest rebellion. The present task was more severe but no doubt these men were equally brave and fearless. They were fortunate in having officers of experience. He wished them good bye and God speed. His Excellency shook hands with Corporal French, son of the man who had raised the well known scouting force referred to above and each soldier saluted his thanks for the honor done him.

Mayor Payment, of Ottawa, also bade a pronounced welcome and wished them good luck. The parade was dismissed with cheers for the Queen and Governor General.

The reception which was accorded the North West troops in this city today must have been most gratifying to the visitors. A more enthusiastic welcome was never extended by Ottawa citizens to any body of men. The reception did not by any means end with the parade on Parliament Hill, but was kept all the afternoon, Sparks Street being almost impassable with crowds which assembled to get a good glimpse of the mounted policemen and others who made up one of the finest battalions that could be selected in Canada. Wherever a cowboy or police man was to be seen, a crowd surrounded him and there was nothing too good for him. Some officers put up at the Rideau Club. Corporal French, of French's scouts, was introduced to Lord Minto, who also talked with all the officers and a number of the men. Laurier and Sifton also conversed with a large number of the officers and men.

The first train left about 6 o'clock for Halifax and the second followed half an hour later. There was a large crowd at the depot to bid those on board good bye. Their stay over in Ottawa must have been a very pleasant break in their journey.

There is a rumor current tonight, but it is merely a rumor, that Colonel Steele may be kept back to go in command of Strathcona's Horse. Colonel Steele will not say anything on the subject.

Captain Westherbs, chief engineer of the militia department, who is at Halifax, has been ordered to New Orleans to inspect the Milwaukee. The Milwaukee was expected to arrive there today.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 19.—The western squadron composed of North West Mounted Police arrived here about noon and were royally welcomed by their Excellencies and Mayor Payment and citizens. They left for Halifax this afternoon.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 19.—Steps have been taken to form a company of mounted rifles similar to the Australian Mounted Rifles, organized by General Hutton in that colony four years ago, as irregular cavalry, and for scouting purposes.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—The grand jury returned a true bill against Robert Kinsella for manslaugter in connection with the death of Mrs. Rodgers, who was killed in a hack driven by Kinsella by the vehicle being struck by a street car. The motorman of the car was discharged, there being no bill found against him.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 19.—The announcement as to the result of Commissioner Clute's report regarding mine owners' and miners' grievances in British Columbia will not be made until the subject comes before Council.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—It is understood that the steamer Numidian, of the Allan line, which was offered to the Dominion Government as a transport for the Strathcona Horse, is considered too small to accommodate all the troops. The department is now in correspondence with the Elder-Dempster people in regard to the Montrose, which is an excellent steamer and as large as the Milwaukee.

### WE ARE GROWING.

Next Census Will Show An Increase of 50 Per Cent.

British Columbia is growing. Professor Odlum, of Vancouver, says the population is increasing rapidly. "At the last census," said the Professor to a reporter, "British Columbia had less than 200,000 people, Indians and all, but I think the next will show that our population has increased at least 50 per cent. During the last five or six years, towns have increased from a population of a hundred away up into the thousands, while Vancouver, which had 13,000 in 1891, has increased her people from thirty to thirty-five thousand. In our city there are now under construction buildings running from smaller sums up to $100,000 each. The new Roman Catholic Cathedral will cost when completed $100,000, and the Klondike Block will, when completed reach about $80,000.

Proceeding to speak of the growing trade of Vancouver, Mr. Odlum reminded the interviewer that there are more people around the Pacific than the Atlantic ocean, and consequently a great trade will be sure to centre at Vancouver. He says that a North Pacific line of steamers between Vancouver and Hakodate and Neumuro, in northern Japan and Corea, is an enterprise that will be carried into effect in the very near future. This line will also connect with Port Arthur and Vladivostock, in Russian territory.

The northern parts of the world, the professor says, are now having their innings, and he adds that one cannot overestimate the future of Canadian trade with those populous eastern countries. He says that the Canadian Pacific's steamers run more to the south, and as they are the finest on the Pacific, they will hold their own, and deservedly so.

### OSMAN DIGNA CAPTURED.

Cairo, Jan. 19.—News was received here tonight that Osman Digna, principal general of the late Khalifa, has been captured. It has been known that he was in the neighborhood of Tobak (Tokar) six days ago, and expeditions were organized from Suakim, under Captain Burgess, with the result that Osman Digna was taken in the hills yesterday. He will arrive at Suakim tomorrow.

### ANNUAL DINNER.

New York, Jan. 19.—The annual dinner of the Holland Society of New York was held at the Waldorf Astor last night. There were present some three hundred and fifty representative citizens, including delegates from St. Georges', St. David's and other English and Scotch Societies. It was expected that reference would be made by many of the speakers to the South African war, but this question was either avoided entirely or treated in an imparital manner.

## IMPERIAL AND CIVIC AUTHORITIES AT OUTS

### Trouble at Halifax Over Admission to Dockyards.

### THE REVISED EDITION.

Anglican Synod Rejects it on the Ground That it Might Prejudice the Authencity of the Bible.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 19.—The rupture between the Imperial and civic authorities this afternoon culminated in an open fight when the Mayor and Aldermen returned to General Lord William Seymour tickets of admission to dockyards where troops are to embark. Friends of the men are debarred from seeing them off as tickets are given only to military people. There is a bitter feeling over the decision of the Imperial authorities.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—The Anglican Synod of the diocese of Montreal spent its session this morning entirely in a discussion as to whether the church should adopt the revised edition of the Scriptures in its services. Some clergymen advocated the change, as the English language had changed considerably since the time of James the First, and the revised edition more clearly expressed the original Scriptures. It was opposed on the ground that the change might prejudice the authenticity of the Bible in the eyes of members of the church. A motion to permit the clergy to use their discretion was voted down and the church will adhere to the authorized version.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—S. D. Vailleres, one of the candidates for alderman in No. 1 Ward, makes a most serious charge against his opponent, that of attempting to bribe him to retire. Under oath he has declared that Alderman Prenoveau offered him $500 to leave the field, accompanying the offer of money with the assurance that he would endeavor to have Vallieres elected two years hence for the same seat by acclamation. Two witnesses have made oath and declared they heard Alderman Prenoveau make the statements attributed to him by Vallieres.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 19.—Attorney-General Hon. A. S. White and the Premier, Hon. H. R. Emerson, have changed offices. Mr. Emerson remains Premier with the office of Attorney-General, and Mr. White takes the Commissionership of Public Works. H. A. McKeown, M. P. P. for St. John, enters the Government without office, making an additional Minister. Mr. McKeown was to have been Solicitor General, but the defeat of the Government candidate in Carleton probably warned the Government not to open another constituency.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—Lord Strathcona is not expected to reach Montreal until February 15.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 19.—Premier Macdonald has accepted the Lieutenant-Colonelency of the new Red Coat Regiment now in process of organization in this city. There are now 397 men drilled for the new regiment.

Brampton, Ont., Jan. 19.—Bert Macher, convicted on five charges of horse stealing and one of burglary, was today sentenced by Judge McGibbon to seven years in Kingston penitentiary.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The Canadian Patriotic Fund Association treasurer is advised that the Bank of Montreal and directors propose to give $10,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The Militia order issued today says: "The Imperial War Office are preparing to accept qualified shoeing smiths, saddlers and wheelers for service in South Africa at Imperial rates of pay. Any desirous of being enrolled as qualified artificers of the above trades should apply at once to the officer commanding the military district in which they reside. These men must be of good character and experienced in their trades, and must furnish references on both those points. District officers commanding will telegraph to the chief staff officer at Ottawa the numbers of each trade recommended by them for acceptance and await instructions before enrolling."

Toronto, Jan. 19.—At the assize court today a jury awarded Robert Snell, 122 Sherbourne street, $1,200 damages. Snell worked for the Toronto Street Railway, and was on his way home on June 18 last, standing on the car steps. The car passed a wagon, which was so near the car that it knocked Snell from his foothold and he fell to the pavement, breaking his collar bone and arm. He sued the company for damages, with the above result.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 19.—Three thousand dollars damage was done to the works and building of the James Thompson liquor establishment by fire this morning. Insurance unknown.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 19.—Last year the Kingston Y. M. C. A. cleared off $11,000 on its building debt, starting the new century with only a small debt of $1,300.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—Rudolph Forget, President of the Royal Electric Co. says there is good ground for a story in financial circles here, that the Royal Electric and Montreal Street Railway will be amalgamated shortly. The deal is regarded as a most important one among financiers.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 19.—At a banquet of the Methodist Social Union last evening Mr. Chester Massey presented a resolution favoring the giving up of social engagements for a period of one month in each year, to apply to the whole Methodist Church of the Dominion. October is suggested, the whole month to be devoted to the awakening of a sound spiritual sense. Dr. Carman, general superintendent, approved of the resolution and the union passed it unanimously and recommended its endorsation by the church generally.

### SLOCAN LABOR TROUBLES.

Secretary of the Miners' Union Has Been Arrested.

Twenty-five non-union miners arrived in Sandon the other day to work at the Payne mine, and got up practically to the mine before the local union officials were aware of their presence. As soon as they heard of it, about 20 union men started off to try and persuade them not to go to work. Finding persuasion useless they resorted to threats, and their leader, a Coeur d'Alener, according to an eye witness who was in Nelson yesterday, began to abuse Mr. Hand, superintendent of the Payne, in the most violent and obscene terms. Mr. Hand kept his temper, but thought it wise to telegraph Superintendent Hussey for police protection, as stated in yesterday morning's special telegram from Victoria. Mr. S. A. Kelly, in charge of the Provincial police office here, left on Thursday for Sandon in response to telegraphic instructions.

Private dispatches from Sandon state that no new developments occurred yesterday save that Mr. Hayler, secretary of the Miners' Union, had been arrested and placed under $1,000 bonds for unlawful assembly.

### TROLLEY CAR ACCIDENT.

Conductors and Motormen Injured and Passengers Shaken Up.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 19.—Two heavy trolley cars on the Buffalo and Lockport line came together today during a heavy fog. The accident occurred just outside the city limits while the cars were moving rapidly. Motorman A. B. Connors was injured internally and will die. Motorman C. F. Hoover had both legs broken and is in a serious condition, while Conductors Fred Hoffman and H. G. Weppner were badly bruised, and the passengers were badly shaken up. Both cars were wrecked.

### SPECIAL REPORT ORDERED.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—Emperor William has ordered that a special report be prepared for him in the case of Prince Von Arenberg, recently courtmartialed in German South Africa for killing a subordinate without provocation, and sent to Berlin for sentence.

### TRANS-ATLANTIC ARRIVALS.

Havre, Jan. 19.—Arrived—La Champagne, New York.

Queenstown, Jan. 19.—Arrived—Lucania, New York.

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### THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

The petition of the Rossland mine-owners, presented to the House two or three days ago, is said to have staggered a majority of the members. It was an influential petition, signed by all the Companies of any note operating in that district, twenty-four in all, and representing many millions of capital. We do not know why it surprised the members. The facts relating to the Eight-Hour amendment were clearly but temperately put, but there was nothing that had not been said before. In the Rossland camp operations have been carried on as usual, but any one in the least acquainted with the circumstances must have known that the Companies were not satisfied with the law and would not accept it as irrevocable. Perhaps the members were under the impression they would not carry their dissatisfaction to the length of formally protesting against it, and when confronted with a petition of such influence many of them realised for the first time the exceeding gravity of the situation.

The petition is an admirable presentation of the actual position of things resulting from the legislation of last session. It was not known that any one had sought such legislation. The owners had not, nor had the miners. Why such a law should have been passed under the circumstances is incomprehensible. The conditions existing at the time were, as far as known, entirely satisfactory, and the relations between the owners and the miners were of the most pleasant character. No year in the history of the Province opened with fairer promise than did 1899, but this law spoiled everything. Bad feeling was created between employer and employed, where harmony had reigned before; mines were shut down, and capital, ever timid, took fright. There is no doubt as to the evils that have resulted from it.

How can those evils be remedied? The petitioners ask that the law be either amended or repealed. They give a reason for some action on the part of the Legislature that no men sensible of their responsibility to the country can afford to ignore. Many of the mines of the Kootenays, say these petitioners, cannot be operated at a profit as long as this law is in force. The owners must either close down or reduce wages. They cannot very well afford to close, for that would mean the loss of much capital, and the legislation has created such a feeling of strife that the miners will not now voluntarily submit to a reduction. They have put themselves in the hands of the Union leaders and will abide the consequences. So far as the men are concerned, that would appear to be the situation. The whole matter, therefore, is thrown back on the Legislature. The members must take action; there is no escape if they are not to see the mining industry of the Province overwhelmed in disaster. The position of things is too simple to admit of misunderstanding or misconception. The industrial situation is bad now; it will be worse if nothing be done to relieve it. For the reason stated the men will not move, therefore the Legislature must. And it can do it with absolute confidence of giving satisfaction all around. Although the men are holding out, we believe it is a fact beyond dispute that four-fifths of them would gladly go back to the old conditions. They would rather work than strike, if left to themselves. They are anxious to earn the largest wages they can get, and have no objection to the ten-hour day if that should be a necessary condition in attaining what they most desire. In the face of all the circumstances the Legislature will be guilty of criminal indifference to the public good if it refuses to take such action as may be necessary to restore the harmony it so wantonly destroyed and make the mining industry of the Province once more prosperous.

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Canadians are very, very loyal. There is no gainsaying that. It does not matter whether the occasion is suitable or unsuitable, we sing, "God Save the Queen" with all the fervor of genuine loyalty. But we never get beyond the first verse of the National Anthem. It is because so few of us know that there are others? We are afraid this must be put down as the explanation. A gentleman at a banquet two nights ago suggested that, in view of the situation of things in South Africa, the second verse would be the most appropriate of all of them, and when the company stood up to give tuneful expression to their loyalty they staggered on in a brave effort to sing it; but it soon became evident they did not know the words. A Nelson assembly should not be caught that way again, and to save the trouble of much anxious hunting we give them here, in the hope they will be sung on the very next occasion:

"O Lord, our God, arise;
Scatter her enemies,
And make them fall.
Confound their politics,
Frustrate their knavish tricks,
On her our hopes we fix,
God Save the Queen."

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They are having some difficulty in the House in properly designating the Vancouver members. There are four of them, and it may be said by the way that for all the good they are there might as well be none. The rules of the House will not permit a member to refer to another by name; it must be by his constituency. A speaker was referring to Mr. Martin as the junior member for Vancouver, when Mr. Cotton corrected him by explaining that Mr. Macpherson ranked first, himself second, Mr. Martin third, and Mr. Tisdall fourth. Mr. Martin, therefore, is not junior member. But what is he? It would be inconvenient and altogether too novel to refer to him as the member of the third degree. Remembering Dr. McKechnie's poetry of a day or two before, Colonel Baker suggested "fallen angel." But in that case the difficulty would be in designating Mr. Cotton.

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In respect to Canada's participation in the Boer war there is a perceptible difference between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Tarte on the one side and the mass of Canadians on the other. It was briefly and pointedly expressed by Mr. Pope, member of Parliament for Compton, Province of Quebec, in a speech made the other day. "But the rest of us," he said, "did not have to read the law or the constitution, or anything else, before we offered to go to fight the battles of the Empire."


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### THE ONTARIO POWDER WORKS LOCATED IN NELSON.

They Have Bought Out C. G. Griffin and and Will Start Necessary Buildings at Once.

Nelson's position as the undisputed commercial and railroad centre of Southern British Columbia is now recognized not only in this Province but also in eastern Canada. In addition to her other advantages, Nelson is also becoming a manufacturing centre, though of course such industries are as yet in their infancy in this new country. The most recent move in this direction is the establishment of a large powder manufactory here. Mr. C. G. Griffin, under name of the Canada Powder Company has for some time past been manufacturing dynamite for mining and railroad purposes here at a spot opposite Five Mile Point. Though doing a good business Mr. Griffin has been operating on a comparatively small scale, and yesterday sold out his business to a more powerful concern, the Ontario Powder Works Company, of Kingston, Ont. Mr. Daniel Smith, who has had 26 years of practical experience of which 14 were with the Hamilton Powder Company, is manager of the company and his partner, Mr. C. A. Macpherson, looks after the financial end of the concern. Mr. McPherson has had 11 years experience in the powder business.

Mr. C. G. Griffin, who is a practical man in all departments of the business, will be retained in the employ of the Ontario Powder Works.

Mr. Smith was interviewed yesterday by a Miner representative as to his projects here. He said:

"Yes. We have bought out Mr. Griffin and the papers were signed this morning. We will start the erection of the necessary buildings at once on the shore of Kootenay Lake, opposite Five Mile Point, the site now occupied by the Canada Powder Company, Mr. Griffin's business. The buildings will be constructed by day labor from my own designs. They will consist, for the present of a warehouse, 24x60, a nitrating building 16x40, and an engine room of the same dimensions, magazines, etc. The pack house already there will be utilized by us, and the other buildings will be increased as the demands of the trade require. The machinery, which comes chiefly from Montreal and Kingston, has been purchased and is on the road, and we expect to be turning out powder in about two months. Our plant will have a capacity of about five tons a day, which can be readily increased to seven if needed.

"Our Kingston plant has a capacity of about five tons a day, and we have 42 men on our pay roll. A similar number will be employed here. About prices I have nothing to say, except that they will be reasonable. As to the powder, it will speak for itself when ever tested.

"I am going east in a day or two, and, on my return, will open an office in Nelson of which Mr. C. A. MacPherson's brother will be in charge. I shall be on the road most of the time, as I shall have the Kingston as well as the Nelson works under my care."

Mr. Smith added that since coming here he had found the powder market about twice as large as he had expected, and thought that everything showed there was a splendid opening here.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. F. J. Finucane, manager of the Bank of Montreal in Greenwood, is in the City.

D. McArthur & Co., yesterday received a carload of fancy chairs and desks from the East.

A Chinese missionary is expected in Nelson next month to take up missionary work among his countrymen here.

The chain gang was very profitably employed yesterday in clearing the accumulated mud off the Vernon Street bridge.

The air got chilly yesterday evening and an old timer predicted the immediate advent of a cold spell. It is to be hoped his prophecy will come true.

Mr. T. J. McCammon, of Des Brisay's grocery store, has been taken ill with typhoid fever, and was removed to the Kootenay Lake General Hospital yesterday.

The Greenwood Hockey Club plays the Rossland Victorias today, and the Rossland Hockey Club is scheduled also to play the Nelson Lacrosse Hockey team, but unfortunately there is no ice.

The wet and soft weather has made Latimer Street so miry, that it has become impassable for teams. Yesterday a gang of ten or fifteen men were sent up to do what was possible towards fixing it up.

Acting Gold Commissioner Goepel yesterday issued certificates of improvements for the May Flower, Lake View and Royal City mineral claims, situated at the head of Kokanee Creek. The properties belong to the Kokanee Mining Company, of Vancouver.

On Thursday evening a gentleman who had been a passenger on that afternoon's train from Northport came to The Miner office and complained that a car containing dynamite had been attached to the passenger train. He also said that the passengers had complained to the conductor about it. The story seemed improbable, but inquiry was made yesterday of the Customs authorities and it appeared that the car in question contained mixed merchandise, chiefly oranges and lemons, but no dynamite. The passengers were probably victims of a somewhat senseless practical joke.

The concert in Rossland in aid of the Mansion House Fund on Thursday night netted $890.56, nearly as much as the Nelson concert. The entertainment, which was given by local amateur talent, was repeated last night in aid of The Sisters' Hospital. The Miner was connected with the concert room by 'phone for a while, and the entertainment seemed certainly to deserve the success it attained.

Hoy Kee was a desolate looking Chinaman when he appeared at the City Hall yesterday morning to ask for a warrant for assault against a compatriot rejoicing in the name of Wong Nong. He had a badly burned head and hand and his clothes were torn, all of which damage he claimed was inflicted by the aforesaid Nong. The chief subsequently arrested Nong, who will be tried this morning. Some of the delinquent's friends afterwards tried to get him out on bail, claiming that Nong and Kee "only playee-playee, allee samee boys," but Police Magistrate Crease was obdurate.

The annual report of the societies connected with St. Paul's Presbyterian Church shows a revenue from all sources of $4,312 39. In future Mr. George Kydd will have the control of $42 each month to provide musical talent for the church services. Messrs. P. Lamont, J. Monat and W. N. Ironsides were elected on the Board of management. Mrs. Robertson reported that the Women's Missionary Society had raised $138.85, and Mrs. Miller that the Ladies' Aid had paid off the balance of $500 due on the manse lots. The school roll showed 180 scholars, and the Rev. R. Frew reported that the church membership amounted to 115.

### AT THE HOTEL HUME.

H. J. Tilly, L. Matshanton, Toronto; Arch. Cameron, Salmo; C. B. Bowman and wife, Thomas H. Burnett, Vancouver; E. J. McIntyre, Niagara; Charles C. Griffin, Ontario Powder Works.

### SCHOOL REPORT.

Inspector of Public Schools Burns Makes His Annual Report.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Public Schools of British Columbia has been issued. Of the schools in his District Inspector Burns, of Nelson, says in part: "In consequence of the establishment of additional schools in outlying districts, it will soon be impossible to visit them all annually, and I would, therefore, bring beforehand to your notice the necessity that must shortly arise either for a division of this Inspectorate, or for the appointment of an Assistant Inspector, in order that the work of supervision may be done efficiently. As a large percentage of the teachers employed are without previous experience in teaching, the ordinary duties of an Inspector in visiting schools under charge of such teachers are materially increased by the need of actual instruction and illustration in methods of teaching and conducting the school to the greatest advantage. Until all our teachers are compelled to have Normal School training, it is evidently an important part of the Inspector's duty to do this work as much as possible, but it can only be done at the expense of considerable loss of time.

"I have found, with few exceptions, the teachers striving to do their best, frequently under great disadvantages. The most prominent of these hindrances are, the constant removal of pupils from one District to another; the carelessness and indifference of parents in regard to the children's attendance, since any cause, however trivial, is considered to be sufficient reason for keeping pupils from school for days or even weeks, and the unwillingness of trustees in several assisted schools to supply the necessary school requisites and accommodations.

"In several schools I have found the pupils promoted according to their ability merely to read and write, and without any regard to their advancement in other subjects. Hence, when they try the High School entrance examination there is nothing possible but a lamentable failure. It would be well for teachers to bear in mind that a knowledge of every branch is requisite for a complete education. In concluding these general remarks, I would say that it has been my constant endeavor to impress on the teachers whom I have visited that their chief aim must be to give their pupils a practical education, and I have desired them to carry this thought into the teaching of every subject in the curriculum."


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# ON THE SEIZURE OF GERMAN VESSELS

## Count Von Buelow Addresses the Reichstag.

## THE LAW OF NATIONS

### Some Misunderstanding As to What Constitutes Contraband of War—The Right of Search.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—Count Von Buelow, the Germon Foreign Minister, speaking of the seizure of German steamers, said today in the Reichstag:

"In the present position of practical international law no protest can be sustained against the arrest of three German steamers, either on the high seas or at Aden, nor against the examination of their papers. On the other hand, the conveying of the Bundesrath and Herzog to Durban without adequately founded suspicion and the discharge of the cargoes of the Bundesrath and General do not appear to have been justified by international law.

"We endeavored at the beginning to induce the British Government to adopt in reference to neutral ships bound for Delagoa Bay that theory of international law which promised the greatest security for the trade of neutrals during the war. Great Britain objected to this theory, which holds that goods on neutral vessels consigned from a neutral port to a neutral port are never contraband. We left the matter open for future discussion because it was important to us to practically settle the existing points of difference and because the theory is not yet universally recognized. The standpoint which we have adopted in regard to the confiscation of our ships is based on this conception of the law, which, we assume, coincides with the general interpretation of the civilized world.

"Taking up this standpoint, we forthwith lodged a strong protest in London against the proceedings of the British naval officers. We demanded: Firstly, the immediate release of the Bundesrath, Herzog and General. The latter two were released yesterday. Secondly, compensation for the unjustified detention and losses therefrom. The duty of compensation has been admitted in principle and Great Britain has declared her readiness to give all legitimate satisfaction. Thirdly, we laid stress on the necessity of instructing the British naval officers not to molest German vessels outside of the vicinity of the seat of war, especially from Aden northwards, and Great Britain has given instructions through which the stoppage of vessels and the search of vessels will not be exercised at Aden or a similar distance from the seat of war. Fourthly, we pointed out the high desirability of not stopping German mail steamers, and Great Britain issued instructions that such vessels shall not be stopped or searched on mere suspicion. The instructions remain in force until other arrangements are reached. Fifthly, we have proposed that all contentions and questions not otherwise settled shall be submitted to an arbitration tribunal to be promptly summoned. Great Britain expressed the hope that arbitrators would not be required, but declared her willingness for arbitration in order to assess the claims for damages. Finally, the British Government has expressed its regret for the incidents which have occurred."

This last statement caused loud cheering in the House.

### GOVERNMENT UNDER FIRE.

Cotton Scored For Monopolizing Two Great Departments.

(Special Dispatch to The Miner.)

Victoria, Jan. 19.—The Government was under fire this afternoon, the orators being Pooley, late President of the Council, Eberts, late Attorney-General, and Harry Helmcken, the senior member for Victoria. The dismissal of Gosnell, late Provincial librarian, and of Dick, late Inspector of Mines at Nanaimo, was especially condemned. The successful flotation of the British Columbia loan in London, which has been one of the points upon which Cotton plumes himself, was attributed by the Opposition speakers to the machinery under way on bankers and agents which the late Turner Ministry instituted in London. Cotton also came in for attention for his monopolization of the two great departments of the Government, that of finance and public works.

During his speech, Pooley, the late President of the Council, said that in defending the obnoxious Liquor Act which was passed by the Semlin Government, one of the Government commissioners of Esquimalt district said the document was drawn up by the late Turner administration and was filed in a pigeon hole by the new Government and embodied into a statute. This created great amusement in the House.

A feature of this afternoon's session which caused great satisfaction was the refutation of a statement by ex-Speaker Higgins, who a few days ago explained his defection from the Government by saying that he found the ministry abandoning their policy and seeking a coalition with the Opposition. Everyone understood this to refer to the overtures which it is well known were made to Harry Helmcken to become Attorney-General. The Premier at this time rose and stated that in any negotiations which he had with Helmcken it was thoroughly understood that should he enter the cabinet there was to be no deviation from the known policy of the Government. He asked Helmcken to corroborate him at the time, but the latter failed to do so. Today, however, he substantiated the Premier's statement so that Higgins' alleged reasons for going to the Opposition fall to the ground.

Helmcken spoke of the Eight-Hour law, suggesting that relief measures should be introduced by the Government. He advocated placing land aside to produce revenue for educational purposes, condemned the cancellation of voters' lists at Victoria and New Westminster, and advocated the building up of the north end of Vancouver Island.

McPherson (Vancouver) followed, referring at length to the railway policy of the late Government in regard to the Columbia & Western, B. C. Southern and Crow's Nest Pass. He scored Colonel Baker for his connection with the Crow's Nest Coal Company, and the late Government for allowing the Crow's Nest Co. to obtain such valuable coal land at a nominal price, and also charged the late Government with allowing the Crow's Nest Coal Company to pay only half taxes on a valuation of $50,000, whereas they had a capital of over $3,000,000. Col. Baker explained that the company had done nothing wrong in purchasing land at $1 per acre, that being the Government price.

On division which followed the address in reply to the speech it was carried by the Government, 18 to 16, Martin being absent.

Irving (Cassiar) is about to speak on the Alien Exclusion law and ask for its repeal. Brydon will also address the House on the Coal Mines Regulation Act. Seemingly there will be an all night session.

On the conclusion of Baker's reply to McPherson, the question of the presentation of the address was put and carried. Then the main question of the speech was put, read first, second and third time and carried as a whole, notwithstanding objections of the opposition, who claimed it should be put clause by clause. The Speaker decided against them and a number of members of the opposition expressed themselves vigorously, Pooley going so far as to suggest that they leave the House in a body to show their disapproval.

Adjourned at 12:45 to Monday.

## BULLER'S POSITION GROWING STRONGER

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advanced to the attack in skirmishing order, followed by supports and reserves, our cavalry scouting on the right close up to the river. The Boer forces at Colenso must have been considerably weakened by the dispatch of large reinforcements westward to meet General Buller's advance, and they now hurriedly evacuated the river trenches and the kopjes opposite the village and scattered before our shrapnel. By evening none of the enemy was left within rifle shot of Colenso. The British force then returned to Chieveley."

London, Jan. 20.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph, dated Thursday, from Spearman's camp, descrites the difficulties of the march, owing to the unwieldly baggage column, including all the tents and sheep, over bad roads in wet weather. The correspondent then goes on to say:

"Some 1,000 Boers arrived in the vicinity of Potgiester's Drift on Thursday and Friday of last week and began the erection of extensive and formidable lines of trenches for their positions, which apparently could only be turned from the west by assailing the high ridges of the Sproen kops. A balloon today reported that no guns were visible in the enemy's works, but that there was a large Boer camp in the direction of Brakfontein, a brown ridge four miles from Potgiester's Drift.

Boers arrived in large numbers today from Colenso and Ladysmith. They have certainly run branches of the railway from Modder spruit around Mount Bulwayo. Nearly all the Boers have gone to attempt to check General Warren's advance, but he made no sign today."

Lorenzo Marquez, Jan 19.—The German bark Marie from Australia with a cargo of flour for the Transvaal government has been taken as a prize by the British third class cruiser Pelorus, near the Island of Inyak, Delagoa Bay, and has been sent to Durban with a prize crew on board.

London, Jan. 19.—A Daily Telegraph dispatch from Spearman's farm or camp, as the correspondents now describe it, dealing with Lord Dundonald's movement to the west of General Warren's force, already cabled, says:

"His success gives us control of an easy entrance to Ladysmith. Our guns continue to bombard the Boer lines, the Boers replying but feebly. General Warren is advancing steadily."

London, Jan. 19.—The Daily Mail publishes the following dispatch, dated Thursday, from Spearman's camp:

"It is rumored that the Boers have evacuated Colenso, in order to reinforce their troops here. Heavy gun fire was heard from Ladysmith this morning. General Buller's order instructs the men to heed the white flags of the Boers only when they lay down their arms. It also instructs them to beware of false bugle calls."

Ladysmith, Jan. 17, via Spearman's Camp, Jan. 19.—Everything is quiet. The position is unchanged and there is very little bombardment. The welcome sound of the guns of the relief columns was heard yesterday from Colenso and Springfield. The heat is intense but there is no increase of sickness.

### OUTPUT OF THE SLOCAN MINES.

The ore shipped over the Kaslo & Slocan railway for the year 1899 was 25,700,224 pounds, which shows a decrease of 16,602,891 from that of 1898, says the Kaslo Kootenaian. This decrease can only be accounted for by the effect which the Eight-Hour law had in the closing of the mines, for the first five months the shipments were equally as good and for some months better than in 1898, but since May the output has been very small. The exports of the ore cleared at the port of Kaslo has also fallen in value to $13,274.68.

### AUSTRIAN MINISTRY RESIGNS.

Vienna, Jan. 19.—Emperor Francis Joseph today accepted the resignation of the Ministry of Dr. Von Wittek, and entrusted to Dr. Von Koerber, who was Minister of the Interior in the Clary administration, the task of forming a new Ministry.

### DICKENSON NOMINATED.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 19.—E. L. Dickenson, barrister, of Wingham, was nominated for the Commons by the Conservatives of East Huron at a convention held in Brussels today.

### JOE BERNSERN DEFEATED.

New York, Jan. 19.—At the Broadway Athletic Club tonight "Kid" Broad, of Cleveland, defeated Joe Bernstern, of this city, in what was one of the hardest 25-round goes that ever took place in the club house.

### AN HEIRESS

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 19.—Mrs. John O'Connor, of Hamilton, was bequeathed $10,000 in cash and twenty-five acres of land in Wilmington, Deleware, by Miss Julia Nelson, an aunt.

### DEATH OF A SHERIFF.

Guelph, Ont., Jan. 19.—Robert McKim, Sheriff of Wellington County, died today.

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