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BRISK FIGHTING ABOUT COLESBURG

Boers Force British to Retire to Rensburg.

THE NEWS OF THE DAY

Move Regarded Only as a Menace, but it Creates an Unpleasant Impression Nevertheless.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

London, Feb. 14.—(4:10 a. m.)—The news of the day is the retirement of the British from the Colesberg district under heavy Boer pressure, and possibly after brisk fighting. Thus at a time when Lord Roberts is apparently about to push an army into the Free State, the Boers make a counter stroke with an unknown, but seemingly great force not far from the vital line of railway connecting De Aar and Orange River. Military observers do not regard this as more than a menace, nevertheless the news produces an unpleasant impression here. General French manoeuvred the Boers out of Rensburg in December. On January 1 it was reported that he could take Colesberg in two days with reinforcements. These were sent but the Boers also were reinforced. Since then the British lines have been extended east and west so at the opening of this week they constituted a great horseshoe 25 miles in length. The lines were not continuous, but all the strong positions were held. General French when he joined Lord Roberts presumably took most of his cavalry. General Clements was left with the infantry to hold the Boers in check but Commandant Delarey with a double turning movement has compelled the British to concentrate at Rensburg besides threatening Lord Robert's communications.

(SPECIALS TO THE MINER.)

London, Feb. 13.—The only point in the War Office plans that meets with universal approval is the announcement of the creation of forty-three batteries, which, as explained, are to consist of 15-pounders of the newest and most modern type, and the further announcement that the reserves of stock and ammunition, which Lord Lansdowne has admitted have been kept far too low, are to be rushed to the level required by modern improvements, and maintained there. The Times, which thinks the scheme not very satisfactory, says: "No amount of searching through its intricacies and conjectures can lead to the discovery of any guiding principles of a definite object. This is scarcely the way to meet a great emergency. Lack of principle and a fine display of imaginary are the leading characteristics of this disappointing scheme."

London, Feb. 13.—The War Office has posted a dispatch from Colonel Kekewich dated Sunday, Feb. 11, to the effect that Kimberley was bombarded throughout February 8, and during the morning of February 9 a small infantry engagement, lasting two hours, occurred at Alexander's Fontein. The situation otherwise is unchanged.

Rensburg, Feb. 13.—The Boers are actively pressing around Rensburg. The British force under Lieutenant-Colonel Page, consisting of a secton of artillery and 150 horse, which reached Slingersfontein, February 10, has been compelled to fall back on Rensburg, owing to its eastern flank being threatened.

London, Feb. 13.—A private telegram received here says that the force commanded by General Wood has moved up from the southward and seized Zoutspan Drift, which it now holds.

Rensburg, Feb. 13.—An Australian newspaper correspondent, Mr. Reay, paid an interesting visit to the Boer camp, Sunday to make inquiries as to the fate of his missing colleague Mr. Hales, of The London Daily News, who was captured by the Boers on February 7, at the time Mr. Lambie, of The Melbourne Age, was killed. Mr. Reay arrived at the camp blindfolded, just as church service was commencing. He sat blindfolded throughout the service. When he was taken before Commandant Delarey his eyes were unbandaged. Delarey was most courteous to the correspondent. He said he deeply regretted that a correspondent had been killed, and expressed his sympathy with Mr. Lambie's widow. Mr. Reay was then escorted to Mr. Lambie's grave, and the latter's watch and other personal effects were handed over to Mr. Reay. The escort informed Mr. Reay that the two Republics had 120,000 men fighting and were able to continue the war indefinitely.

Yesterday's retirement of the western outposts included the withdrawal from Coles Kop and all the surrounding posts. The Boers placed a 40-pounder at Baulfield's Nek commanding the surrounding country and successfully shelled the British positions. The Boers numbered some thousands, and were five to one everywhere where fighting occurred. The British are chafing under the necessity of a relief from their posts, some of which they held since the new year. The British now have no camp west of Rensberg. They safely brought off the guns from Coles Kop.

London, Feb. 13.—The war interest centres almost wholly in Field Marshall Lord Roberts, especially since General Buller's report of his withdrawal from Vaal Kranz came through Lord Roberts, showing that all the different operations over the wide field will hereafter be more completely co-ordinated. It is not known that the military attaches have gone, too, but Lord Roberts at the Modder River is another move percluding an advance.

A dispatch from the Modder River announces the arrival there of 1,400 refugees from the Barclay West district. They had been ordered away by the Boers because they refused to join the Republicans. It is learned that 2,000 Boers were killed or wounded during General MacDonald's reconnaissance. A report cames from Durban that British artillery forced the Boers to evacuate their camp on Hlagwana Hill, south of Colenzo. This is an important position.

In Rensburg district, the Boers are meeting with minor successes which are having considerable moral effect on the border colonists. The Boer invasion of Zululand is causing keen anxiety apart from the fact that it threatens General Buller's communications. It is difficult to believe the Zulus can long be kept quiet while their cattle are commandeered and their country overrun by their hereditary foes.

The friends of Mr. Cecil Rhodes are becoming alarmed at his possible fate, and have sent an emissary to see Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Boers in Europe, in regard to the probable course the Boers would pursue in the event of his capture. Dr. Leyds said the Boers did not intend to kill Mr. Rhodes, but they would certainly hold him as a hostage until indemnity for the Jameson raid should be paid. In view of the developments since the raid, the Boers have also decided to double the amount of the indemnity demanded so that Mr. Rhodes' friends would have to hand over $10,000,000 before he would be released.

A semi-official paragraph is published in The Globe this afternoon, saying that Germany does not contemplate intervention. The German Government, it is added, does not consider itself concerned in the future status or in the existence of the Boer Republics.

A revised list of the British casualties at Potgiert's Drift from February 5 to 7, shows killed 26, wounded 319, missing, nine.

New York, Feb. 13.—England is waiting eagerly for news from Modder River, according to the latest London advices. The fact that Lord Roberts is there is person, adds to the great interest in the events which it is believed will soon be reported from that point. A dispatch received in London late last night from Durban says that the Boers' raid into Zululand is assuming alarming proportions. Natal colonists in London declare that the natives will break away and fight the Boers on their own account, as where the Boers are is the best grazing land in South Africa and the Transvaal, and they will be able to seize vast quantities of cattle.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Major Belanger, of the First Field Battery, Quebec, takes the place of Lieutenant-Colonel Drury, in South Africa. Lieutenant-Colonel Drury will command the battery division of the second contingent.

London, Feb. 13.—(6:40 p. m.)—A dispatch to The Evening News, from Rensburg says severe fighting occurred during the British retreat, the various outposts on both sides suffering heavy losses. The dispatch adds that it is doubtful if Rensburg can be held.

BEHIND THE GUN HE STANDS SUPREME

Why the Boers Have Been Successful.

FROM JULIAN RALPH

With a Good Trench and Good Gunners, One Can Shout Defiance at Almost Any Enemy.

(SPECIALS TO THE MINER.)

London, Feb. 13.—The London Daily Mail has received a letter from Julian Ralph, who is at Modder River. He tells in clear language of the new problem in warfare, which the English are now forced to solve. He says:

"British defeats at the hands of the Boers are due to the fact that the methods of modern warfare have been brought to a pause by the demonstrated power of the weapons of today. The essential qualities of the army of twenty years ago are no longer the supreme necessities of success. The man behind the gun stands supreme, more supreme than ever. Dig a trench and line it with good shots, supported by modern artillery, and no enemy can advance in the face of this. They may be out flanked or starved, but while their ammunition holds out none can oust them. They can fill the whole plain over a radius of 4,000 yards with such a withering blast of shrapnel and rifle bullets that no troops can stand in the open before it."

Late advises from Ladysmith are that fresh meat is plentiful there, 30 oxen being slaughtered daily. It is also said that the Boers have over one hundred guns between the Tugela River and Ladysmith, the guns being in almost impossible places.

London, Feb. 13.—As the conviction grows in Great Britain that the war will be long, efforts for providing for sick and wounded and families of soldiers at the front are redoubled. There is scarcely a woman in England who in addition to making clothing for the men is not working for and contributing to some special fund. Mrs. Arthur Pagent's entertainments tonight brought in over £5,000 for the families of Household troops in which her husband is colonel of the Scots Guards. The Mansion House Fund exceeds £690,000, the Daily Telegraph Fund £199,000 and the Daily Mail, £77,000. These amounts only cover the large London funds and do not include the numerous Provincial funds of large amounts being raised to equip volunteers. The equipment for the Yeomanry hospital has just left England for the Cape. The ladies at the head of this charity have now concluded to raise funds to keep the hospital going for six months, and have issued the following appear to British residents of the United States:

"We are venturing to address an appeal to our fellow countrymen who although absent from their native land, are wrapped up heart and soul in its prosperity. At this moment when we see our volunteers from every quarter of the British Empire linked in one common bond of sympathy and shoulder to shoulder with English troops fighting for freedom of the oppressed, will Englishmen, Scotchmen and Irishmen not unite with us and identify themselves with the same noble spirit by assisting us to alleviate the suffering of those who are risking their lives in South Africa?

"America has generously given and is still maintaining a hospital ship for our wounded soldiers. This munificence is deeply appreciated in our country. It is not America that we now appeal to, it is to those who cannot for various reasons fight at their country's call. All the bravest of Great Britain's sons will shortly be at the front. We desire their absent comrades to prove by their liberality that they are mindful of the sufferings of those who fall bravely in keeping up tradition of British soldiers. (Sgd.)

BEATRICE CHESHAM.
GEORGIANA CURZON.

In speaking of the appeal to a representative of the Associated Press, Lady Curzon, who is an aunt of the Duke of Marlborough, said: "I hope it will be clearly understood that we do not ask for financial aid from Americans. We know what their warm hearted generosity has done, and

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MAJOR GENL. HUTTON AND HIS DEPARTURE

Discussed in the House at Ottawa.

BOTH SIDES ARE HEARD

The Time for the Placing of a Canadian Officer in Command of Canadian Militia.

(SPECIALS TO THE MINER.)

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—In the House today Mr. McCarthy introduced a bill to make an infringement of a copyright a criminal offense, the same as was the case with the trade mark. The bill was read the first time.

Dr. Borden rose to make a statement Speaking the other day Clarke Walker had said that a son of the Minister of Militia had some difficulty with his commanding officer and the public could look with interest to the outcome of the affair. Dr. Borden said that he received a report from his son stating that the story that he had had difficulty with his commander was without foundation. Major Williams sent to the Minister a similar denial. Dr. Borden, however, had waited until he had received the report of the district commanding officer. That was now to hand and it gave a flat contradiction. It was absolutely without foundation, no difficulty of the slightest kind having occurred. (Cheers.) Wallace accepted the statement and said he was glad to hear it.

On the order of day being called Colonel Prior called attention to the departure of General Hutton. He did not believe that the reason given was the correct one. A good many generals had left Canada under a cloud and it was said that this one was leaving the country because of friction. There was too much politics in the militia.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not think that this was the proper way to discuss the question. General Hutton was recalled by the Imperial authorities to take part in the war in South Africa. General Hutton had done good service in the militia and he hoped that he would be allowed to leave with the best wishes of the people of Canada

Lieutenant-Colonel Tisdale, however, went on to discuss the matter and said that the time had now come when a Canadian officer should be placed in command of Canadian militia.

Lieutenant-Colonel Domville referred to Colonel Prior's speech as being an apology for General Hutton. He said that Hutton ought to be allowed to slide out quietly and quickly. If he had done wrong he should have a state's trial. Prior wanted to try him after he had gone, or to whitewash him before he left. The press said that Hutton was leaving under a cloud. The Press did not say that the officers of the country regretted the departure of General Hutton. He (Domville) had received from Colonel Van Wagner a cable letter which showed that he had received worse treatment than Colonel Hughes. Some gentlemen wanted to cover up Hutton's tracks. Hutton was not only troublesome in Canada, but if anyone would look at the discussions in New South Wales they would see volumes regarding him. He went on to show that Hutton never stayed very long in a place at one time and approved of the idea of putting a Canadian officer in command of the militia.

Dr. Sproule, Sir Adolphe Caron, McCarthy and Osler all spoke briefly Mr. McCarthy taking the positioan that the question should not be discussed until the correspondence came down. Dr. Borden had said that no notice could be given the matter. About five seconds before Prior arose he sent a note across the floor to him. If Prior was acting at the instigation of any one outside he would by this time have regretted it. In regard to the departure of the general officer commanding, at this particular time, he would say that no crisis would arise. Men might come and men might go, but the militia of Canada would go on forever. The time, however, had come when, in his opinion, and he was speaking for himself only, Canada should not be confined to the one source to draw her generals.

Mr. Fielding moved the House into committee on a resolution to provide for the sending of contingents to South Africa. In doing so he merely expressed the hope that the vote would be unanimous. Sir Charles Tupper spoke at length.

Mr. Craig, Conservative, depreciated party capital being made out of the war. He was afraid some parties did make political capital out of the war.

Mr. Monet dissented from the motion. Although he had always supported the Government, he was opposed to their policy on this question. He was against any contribution to foreign wars of Great Britain. Mr. Monet made a very eloquent and argumentative speech. On what ground, he asked, do we vote this $2,000,000? Do we owe this to England by law, do we owe it by necessity, which owes no law? It had been admitted that there was no law in Canada, for it. It was not necessary, for England did not need our help. She had soldiers idle in her barracks at the time. The real reason was to establish a precedent on the sole ground of devotion and loyalty. If it was to be a precedent, let us boldly face the future

Mr. Davin moved the adjournment of debate. House adjourned at 11:30.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—There are now 13 cases of smallpox at Toronto Junction and today one developed in the west end of the city of Toronto, the victim being a cattleman who has associated with the son of the Toronto Junction victims. The medical health officer is arranging to have all the children of the public schools re-vaccinated in all cases where they do not show marks and in several large stores the employees have been already vaccinated. The situation is one of some danger because Toronto Junction people who were afflicted with the disease circulated with the general public a couple of weeks before detected.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 13.—After yesterday's eventful scenes, today was devoted by the Legislature exclusively to routine, although there was the preliminary skirmish on Martin's redistribution motion covering a vote of censure. The thorough debating of the redistribution question is set for tomorrow, together with private bills, and on Thursday Martin and Cotton will have their personal dispute to settle, while the House will forego the country's business to watch the duel. The coal miner's bill will not likely reach committee before Friday when Dunsmuir will have returned to his seat.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—A testimonial was in circulation today in the business districts, and was largely signed, expressing the deepest regret at the intelligence conveyed in the public press of General Hutton's desire to relinquish command of the Canadian militia and conveying to him a sense of appreciation of the value of his services not only to the force, but to the Dominion at large. The testimonial was sent to Ottawa last night. The feeling here is that Hutton was crowded out of the country.

Halifax, Feb. 13.—Cecil Allan, a Winnipeg trooper, was admitted to infectious hospital yesterday suffering from measles.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Mr. John F. Stairs, ex-M. P., for Halifax, and Graham Fraser, New Glasgow, N. S., are in town making arrangements for the flotation of a big steel and iron works of the same nature as the Dominion Steel Company, to be erected at North Sydney. The report is that Wm. Mackenzie, Toronto, Frank Ross, Quebec, and Dan Mann, Montreal, are interested. Senator Geo. A. Cox, Toronto, who is a director in the Whitney Syndicate is also said to be interested. He believes there is room in Canada for two big concerns. It is not yet decided whether the company will be floated here or in London, but the departure of Wm. Mackenzie for London next week is reported to be in connection with arrangements now making.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—The moulders who went on strike in Massey-Harris works about ten days ago are still out. Both sides are determined not to give in.

Toronto, Feb 13.—The Globe correspondent at Belmont, South Africa, announces the death of Private J. C. Purcell, of "B" Company, London, Ont., from locomotor attaxia at Orange River hospital.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The Countess of Minto, wife of the Governor-General of Canada, and a party from the Government House, are here stopping at the Prospect House. This morning the Countess made a trip over the ice bridge in a downpour of rain.

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SOME OPPOSITION HAS DEVELOPED

Status of Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

BRAND NEW SWINDLE

How a Portland Man Swindled the Parents of American Volunteers for Service in the Philippines.

(SPECIAL TO THE MINER.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—A quiet opposition, whose exact strength cannot at present be measured, has developed to the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty regarding the Nicaraguan canal. Two serious objections to the treaty have so far been formulated. The first is that the United States, after going to all the expense of building and maintaining the canal, can derive no advantage from it in time of war. It cannot close it to its enemies, and, in case its enemies prove stronger on the seas than itself, it is extremely probable that they might close it to the United States. Suppose, for instance, that war—which Heaven forbid—should come between the United States and Great Brit... The declaration of it would ab... all treaties between the two countries, including this very Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and it would be entirely permissible for Britain to send her navy and seize the canal which she could undoubtedly do, ... United States had not fort... The only deterrent force in ... would be the interests of the ... powers, and anyone who h... the course of these for some ... not doubt that although th... growl they would not go to w... vent such action. The second ... tion is that the treaty practica... mits Great Britain as the suze... of the United States. All that Britain claimed as suzereign in South Africa was the right to oversee the treaties between the Transvaal and foreign states. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty gives her the right to oversee treaties between the United States and two independent Central American Republics. Further, it is contended that any treaty is unecessary, as hampering the Unitde States with needless conditions. The Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which the new treaty proposes to amend, expressly provides that it may be terminated by either party at one year's notice after it has run for 15 years. The 15 years were up in 1882 and many people in this country can see no reason why the old treaty should not be ended in accordance with its own proivsions.

Testimony as to the loyalty of Canada to the Mother Country in the South African struggle, is borne by Americans returning from visits to the Dominion. J. W. Landrum, of New York, is the latest to speak of the subject. He says: "There is no doubt about the enthusiam and sincerity of the support which Canada is giving the Mother Country in her time of trouble. I formerly lived in Montreal and have just returned from a two week's stay there. Canadians, however, are dreadfully disappointed and humiliated. The results of this war win or lose, will be lasting in Canada. For years they have heard that England would protect her if the United States ever menaced her. Now they know that England could not send an army over here that could subdue one of the States. That hurts and will never be forgotten."

A brand new swindle is being worked from Victoria, B. C., by a man who claims to sell photographs of soldiers who have recently sailed for the Philippines. By some means he obtained the names of those who recently sailed from Portland and Seattle, together with the names of several relatives. He then addressed each a postal card from Victoria, of which the following is a copy: "Dear Madam: Your son sailed Wednesday from Portland for Manila, asked me to tell you he would write on arrival. He was very well. I took a fine photo of him in his uniform on the deck. If you would like a copy I will send it on receipt of an express money order for 50 cents. Please answer to my Portland address. I am here on business and will be back in a couple of days. Do not send stamps. E. J. Roy, Photo-

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Another large mine has closed down, that of the Dominion Copper Company, of Phoenix. It is not large yet in production, being a new Company, but it is one of the largest in the Province in capitalisation and promise, and had entered vigorously into operations. The manager assigns as a reason the Eight-Hour law. The suspension is for an indefinite period, and will prove most prejudicial to the business interests of Phoenix and of the Boundary country generally.

No doubt there are others to follow. These suspensions are much too serious to be dismissed with a mere record of their happening, and the men who are in session at the Capital to protect and promote the public welfare are expected to give them their most earnest consideration. Out of the Eight-Hour law incalculable mischief has come already, and unless some remedy be supplied soon there will be more of it. It is becoming more and more apparent that the Legislature must act. Recent experiences at Sandon almost dispel the last hope that anything in the nature of a settlement can be arrived at between the Union and the mine managers. The business men of the Slocan have proffered their services as mediators, but without success. They think the managers are willing to go as far as reason, justice, and fair play could demand, but the men hold back. The Miner is informed that a committee of the business men advised a committee of the Unions to advise the miners to accept the terms of the managers, and that they did so with the promise to report last Saturday. As far as known, no report has yet been made. It is understood the matter has been referred to the Union officials at Butte, Montana. We have come to this pass in a British Province, that in our industrial affairs we are governed by foreigners, operating from a foreign State. We are governed by a Federation of Labor whose members make a hero of a murderer who is now serving his sentence of seventeen years in State prison. Is it not high time the people at Victoria were awakening to the shame and disgrace of the situation?

The Union secretary at Sandon is in receipt of a large salary from these foreign dictators, a larger salary than he could earn as a miner. He has what in common parlance is called a soft job, and is in no hurry to throw it up. In this respect he is like other Union officials. It pays them to keep up the agitation. The mining industry may be destroyed, and the miners may loaf in idleness on their pensions; but they fare sumptuously. It is better than work. These men are directed from headquarters in Montana, by men who are aiders and abettors of riot, incendiarism, and murder. It is time all this was stopped. It can be stopped by our members at Victoria, who have only to legislate in the interest of the Province and not for the benefit of alien agitators. The great bulk of Canadian miners, if they thought themselves free to express their honest opinion, would say they are sick and tired of their wretched squabbling, and would prefer to get back to work. They are an honest body of men, who are willing to give a fair day's work for a fair day's pay. The code of labor ethics which found expression in the Coeur d'Alenes, and which designing scoundrels are seeking to introduce into British Columbia, has no attractions for them. But under a mistaken sense of honor they think they are obliged to support the Union officials, without suspecting that they are lending themselves to their selfish purposes. It only requires that these men shall be encouraged to cut themselves loose from a conspiracy that threatens to degrade them, and this encouragement the Legislature can give.

At last we have got to the bottom of that Colorado scandal. Mr. Cotton got himself into financial difficulties, and beat his creditors by skipping out. It is not very reputable, if true; but what the Legislature of British Columbia has to do with it will puzzle any one less wise than Mr. Martin to explain. Mr. Martin has two other charges against Mr. Cotton, one of breach of trust and the other of falsifying public records, both very bad if true. The breach of trust is a matter for the victim and the courts, but not for the Legislature. The third may properly be made the subject of inquiry; and should Mr. Cotton be proven guilty, the Governor would be justified in insisting that he take himself out of the Cabinet, and the House would be justified in expelling him. But it may be that the offence is not half as grievous as it is represented to be in the simple naming of it.

We have not the shadow of a doubt that the view taken of the Coal Mines Regulation Bill by Mr. Prentice is the sound one. It is a bad Bill in itself, but is is introduced with the single purpose of harassing the Dunsmuirs, which is worse. Ministers must be dull beyond reckoning if they do not understand that the legislation proposed by it would be quite as unconstitutional as the measure of last session which the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council unanimously set aside as ultra vires of the Legislature. Mr. Prentice is ostensibly a Government supporter, but his honesty and independence of character will not permit him to countenance the ignorance or vindictiveness which is responsible for this Bill. He is too good a member for the company he is in.

The Union officials and their organ in Nelson cry out in great alarm if some raw hands are put to work in a mine. They say they are a danger to their comrades, as their inexperience is liable to result in some terrible accident. And, changing their mood, they poke fun at the managers for employing cab drivers, dock laborers and such like as miners. Yet the Unions have their pickets out to seduce these men from their engagements, and when they capture them turn them into regulation miners, in the short space of one night, by the simple process of initiating them as members of a Union. The marvel is that decent, honest miners can submit to associate themselves with such fraud and humbug.

Is it possible that out at Victoria they do not realise the scandal of legislating in the face of such a spectacle as was presented on Monday? A Ministerial member moves the adjournment of a debate, and to save the Government from defeat is obliged to vote against his own motion. These turns and tricks may serve to amuse pinhead politicians, but sober men with a respect for our Parliamentary institutions and with intelligence enough to appreciate them feel painfully humiliated. If Mr. Semlin has not the grace to step out, His Honor should apply his hands to two portions of his garments and pitch him out.

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COURTS ARE BUSY

MR. JUSTICE MARTIN IN THE ASSIZE COURT.

The Burglars Who Robbed Dr. LaBau's Residence Sentenced and Others to Be Tried.

The following cases came up in the Assize Court yesterday, Mr. Justice Martin presiding:

In the case of Lawrence and Hall against The Hall Mines, as the plaintiff did not appear the action was dismissed with costs.

Mr. W. A. Galliher appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. R. M. Macdonald for the defendant.

In the case of Alexander against the Kaslo & Slocan Railway, application was made on behalf of the plaintiff for an adjournment of trial on account of the absence of a material witness, H. B. Alexander. Evidence was called in behalf of the defence, and after argument, His Lordship allowed adjournment until Saturday. Mr. W. A. Galliher represented the plaintiff and Mr. E. P. Davis, Q. C., the defendant.

The case of Oppenheimer against Brackman & Ker was not concluded. It was a suit to recover $3,000 damages for breach of contract. For the plaintiff were Mr. F. Elliott and Mr. Wilson, Q. C., of Vancouver. For the defendant Mr. S. S. Taylor, Q. C., of Taylor & Hannington.

Joseph Sullivan and Thomas Gannon, the two men who robbed the house of Dr. LaBau were sentenced today by Judge Martin. They were each given seven years at hard labor.

James Turner, Fred Bose and J. W. Rogers who were charged with robbing the shoe store of Wm. Ebbs were arraigned today. Turner pleaded guilty and will be sentenced tomorrow. Bose and Rogers will be tried next Monday.

FUNERAL OF W. D. MURPHY.

Remains Escorted to the Grave by Members of the Miners' Union.

The funeral of the late W. D. Murphy took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his father on Stanley Street. The Rev. Mr. Akehurst of Saint Xavier's Church officiated and a number of people accompanied the family to the City cemetery, where the interment took place. The pall bearers were: Messrs. William Ernst, George S. Prosser, G. H. Mannhart, H. Macdonald, H. A. Bleivett and Charles Ford.

The Miner's Union, No. 96, W. F. M., met at Miner's Union Hall and attended the funeral in a body. After the obsequies they returned to Union Hall and passed the following resolutions which will be properly engrossed and sent to the family of the deceased:

Whereas, It has pleased a Divine Providence to remove from our midst, in the flower of his youth, our beloved brother, William D. Murphy and

Whereas, In the death of said brother this Union mourns the loss of an active brother, faithful and true at all times to the principles of our organization, therefore be it,

Resolved, That the members of this Union hereby extend their heartfelt sympathy to the grief stricken parents and family of deceased, in this their hour of bereavement and sincerely trust that these expressions of sorrow and respect will assist them in bearing up under their affliction with resignation and fortitude.

Be it further Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the parents of deceased and published in the daily press.

M. K. MOWAT, Pres.
JAMES WILKS, Sec.

BLIND PHRENOLOGIST.

Professor Vinter F. Cooper at the Opera House.

Professor Vinter F. Cooper, the blind phrenologist, gave an interesting entertainment at the Opera House last night. He was assisted by Mrs. Cooper. Professor Cooper opened the entertainment by giving some selections on a large phonograph which was on the stage. He then gave a short lecture on phrenology and used a good many arguments to prove that it was not a "Science of bumps," as so many people believe, but was based on a system of scientific measurements. According to Cooper the distance a certain part of the cranium occupies from the opening of the ear determines the development of the function located in the brain immediately beneath that part of the skull. He also stated good use of phrenology was that through a knowledge of that science it could be determined as to what talents should be developed in a child. According to this theory it would be of great use in determining the profession or business that a young man should adopt. He illustrated his remarks by showing several skulls and plaster casts of great men, Napoleon and Voltaire being among these. At the conclusion of the lecture Mrs. Cooper took up a collection among the audience, which numbered about 200.

CANADIAN PATENTEES.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—E. G. Siggers, patent lawyer, Washington, D. C., reports the following patents granted by the United States Patent Office, January 30, 1900, to inventors residing in the Dominion of Canada. He will mail a copy of specifications and drawings of any patent upon receipt of 10 cents. Postage stamps will not be accepted. G. Von Alma, Kilworthy, fruit picker; T. Crockett, Montreal, locomotive flanger; T. Doherty, Sarnia, apparatus for manufacturing iron and steel; F. Downing, Toronto, bird cage perch and attachment; F. J. Harbridge, Gravenhurst, platen-press; G. Leaks and R. G. Drinnan, Nanaimo, traction pulley; M. R. Robbins, Victoria, B. C., steam engine; G. A. Robertson, Westmount, catch basin; J. H. Stone, Toronto, lamp burner or burner attachment; F. Tonsignant and P. Larange, St. Hyacinthe, pegging machine.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Alf. Jeffs who is at the General Hospital with a broken leg still continues to improve.

In the Police Court yesterday things were rather slack. One culprit was arraigned for being drunk and disorderly and was fined $5 and costs.

The Golden Sunset claim on Wild Horse Creek was transferred from William Cummings, of Rossland, to W. H. Jackson, of Rossland, for a nominal consideration.

The annual drill pay of the Nelson rifle company, amounting to $300, has been received by Lieutenant Beer, and will be expended for the benefit of the company in general.

The Fire Department was called out last night and made a quick run to Ward Street opposite the Hume Hotel, only to find the alarm had been caused by a chimney on fire.

F. W. Peters, A. G. F. A. of the C. P. R., went to Slocan City yesterday in company with W. R. McInnes, general freight agent of the road. Mr. McInnes will leave today for the east.

Those who will defend the colors of the Lacrosse-Hockey club of this city at the Rossland Bonspeil are: Nunn, goal; Archibald, point; Joe Thompson, cover; Blackwood, Perrier, Wetmore and Greenlees, forwards.

Nelson is to have another first class meat market and J. L. Porter is to be at its head. Mr. Porter has secured quarters in the Turner, Beeton building on Josephine Street and promises to be ready for business tomorrow.

Rev. C. W. Rose, pastor of the Baptist Church, has been prevailed upon to remain in Nelson another week and may appear in the pulpit of the church next Sunday, notwithstanding the fact that he preached his farewell sermon last Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Arthur entertained at a skating party at the rink yesterday afternoon and proved a most delightful hostess. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present and a most enjoyable time was spent by all. The ice was in splendid condition.

There was a small run-away on Baker Street today. The kingbolt of a sleigh broke and the horse ran, carrying the shafts with him. The sleigh was left on the pavement in front of the Bank of Halifax. The horse was caught and returned to his owner before any damage was done.

It is but a matter of a short time now before the hill division of the street railway system will be in operation. The appliances required have been completed and as soon as they are in place operation up and down the hills will commence. The cars then will be absolutely safe.

The following transfers of mineral claims were made at the recorder's office yesterday. A two-thirds interest in the claim known as Highland, situated in the southern extension of the Redland claim, between Eagle and 49 Creeks, was transferred from Augustus Zollner of Nelson, to H. S. Sinkam and Herman Weiderman, both of Nelson.

"There is just about as little cause for a smallpox scare in Nelson as there could be," said a gentleman from Spokane to a Miner man yesterday. "The disease which is so prevalant in American cities at the present time is of the mildest type, is hardly ever fatal and does not leave the mark upon one's face or elsewhere. Whatever you do don't worry about it and don't allow your friends to worry."

It has been suggested by several citizens that an effort might be made to enforce the snow by-law to the extent at least, that the main streets of the City shall be cleaned. The by-law provides that all sidewalks shall be cleaned of snow and attaches a penalty for failure to observe the law. It has never been enforced, but might be, at the present time, to very good advantage. Some of the down town streets are in very bad condition.

All players of the Nelson Hockey team are requested to attend a practice at the rink tonight. This will be the last practice before the game at Rossland, which will be played Thursday evening. As large an attendance as possible is therefor requested. The team will leave Nelson Thursday morning and will be composed of the following: S. Neelands, goal; W. Duncan, point; H. Howden, cover; T. Duncan, D. Rutherford, Cook and Pullen, forwards. Martin, spare man.

Visitors to the meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union last night enjoyed an exceptionally good program composed of speeches, recitations and vocal music. Little Miss Felicia Bart, a four-year-old, earned a large amount of applause because of the manner in which she recited. Special mention might also be made of a solo and recitation by Miss Smith and a duet by the Misses Lulu and Edna Ellis. At the close of the programme those present adjourned to the church parlors, when refreshments were served, the meeting concluding with the singing of "God Save the Queen."

AT THE HOTELS.

Hume—C. W. McAnn, Kaslo; J. T. Wilkinson, Vancouver, of the Vancouver Province; D. J. Young, Kaslo; R. W. Biggar, Harry Tipping, Hamilton; R. W. Craig, Craigtown, H. Michalson, Montreal; W. A. Blair, Vancouver; C. H. Baird, Toronto; P. J. Trnesdale, St. Paul; L. Dingman, Winnipeg; Fred T. Snyder, Chicago; S. K. Simmerman, Toronto; R. T. Lowery, New Denver Ledge; F. D. Fortier, W. J. Hogg, Rossland; F. Creen, Toronto; W. B. Croy, Hamiltoan; G. C. Roman, Omaha; James Beveridge, Vancouver.

Phair—P. J. Hickey, Sandon, B. C.; W. R. Allan, Kaslo; J. H. Gray, Kaslo; E. B. Fraser, Silverton; M. H. Cowan, Nelson; A. E. Kennedy, Toronto; E. F. Burns, Greenwood; A. McCulloch and wife, Greenwood; Jennie Peterson, Wm. B. Lemont, Wm. Patterson, R. E. Cameron, S. E. Monret, Greenwood.

Grand Central—Joseph Higgins, Silver King mine; J. Miller, A. P. Morrison, Toronto; John Eborn, Washington; John D. McLeod, Kaslo; R. Lockhart, Robson; Thos. L. Kummerly, F. W. Gray, Toronto; Frank Campbell, Silverton; E. Kilgallon, F. Parker, Fernie; M. C. McCraig, Hall, B. C.; W. T. Beadles, James Hearn, Salmo; C. O. Robson, Ymir.

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Notice is also given that from and after the fifteenth day of February instant, no child will be allowed to attend any public or private school in the City of Nelson, unless such child shall produce to the principal or teacher of the school a certificate showing that the child has been successfully vaccinated.

A physician will be in attendance at the public schools daily from 3 o'clock p. m. until 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of vaccinating children. Every child presenting itself for vaccination should be accompanied by one of its parents.

Children whose parents are unable to pay the vaccination fee payable to the medical practitioner, will be vaccinated free of charge on aplication to the physicians attending at the public schools, or to Dr. LaBau the city medical health officer. By order

J. K. STRACHAN, Secretary.
Nelson, B. C., February 7th, 1900.

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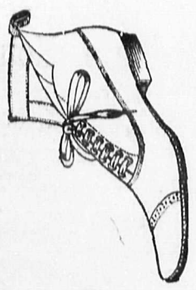

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HENRY P. WRIGHT, M. D.,
102 Elgin Street.

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Physicians and Surgeons,
Ardoch, N. D., Dec. 20th, 1897.
I can unhestitatingly recommend J. L. Armstrong's patented appliance as one that has given me perfect satisfaction in the treatment of Hernia by such means. I believe it to be as scientific as it is possible for such appliances to be made.

Patients of mine, on whom several styles of trusses have been tried and failed in their object, found when fitted with the Armstrong appliance, that they could do all kinds of work, lifting heavy loads, etc., with safety, and without experiencing any discomfort or pain. In adjustment it is simplicity in itself.

The profession would do well to investigate its merits before fitting their patients with any other.
G. M. WILLIAMSON, M. D. C. M.

December 15th, 1899.
I have much pleasure in recommending to the attention of the profession a Hernia supporter, the invention of J. L. Armstrong, of this city. After repeated trials of the instrument I am satisfied that it is the most efficient truss in the Dominion. As regards mode of application and results, it stands alone in this country, embodying the principle of fixed support, not to say pressure in the treatment of hernia, recognizing as it does that the requisite pressure is afforded by the wall of the abdomen. Yours truly, C. B. CHURCH, M. D.

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Testimonials from most respectable residents of Victoria, B. C. (which fill too much space), viz:

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H. Mansell, Merchant, Government street.

R. Homfray, Esq., C. E.

J. C. Elliott, Esq., Sec. Board of Fire Underwriters.

J. Giscombe, Miner, Fort Street.

I will be at the Hume Hotel Tuesday and Wednesday, February 20th and 21st.

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VERY MUCH IN IT

NELSON SUCCESSFUL IN ROSSLAND BONSPEIL.

Tamblyn and Rae Win in First Draw in the New York Life Grand Challenge Contest.

(SPECIAL TO THE MINER.)

Rossland, B.C., Feb. 13.—The Rossland Midwinter Carnival opened auspiciously this morning at 9 o'clock by the commencement of the curling bonspiel at the skating rink. The ice was in excellent condition and the five rinks were in full play all day. Many visitors accompanied the Sandon and Nelson teams who arrived here on Monday night and many of the incomers experienced some difficulty in securing rooms. In most of the city hotels rooms had been engaged well in advance and the rooms were all occupied last night.

The first competition started was for the New York Life Grand Challange trophy. Rinks today had played off in this competition with the following result for the first and second rounds:

New York Life Grand Challenge—

FIRST ROUND.

Nelson—D. Stanley, J. Fox, J. H. Wallace, F. A. Tamblyn, (skip), 12.
Rossland—J. K. Allison, W. T. Oliver, C. G. Ross, A. H. MacNeill (skip), 6.

Sandon—G. D. McMartin, Rev. A. M. Sanford, D. J. Robertson, M. L. Grimmett, (skip), 8.
Rossland—G. S. Whalen, J. Lawn, L. B. DeVebre, H. H. Smith, (skip) 12.

Sandon—H. H Pitts, J. Crawford, J. G Main, W. G. Wilson, (skip), 12.
Rossland—Rev. D. McG. Gandier, Dr. Campbell, P. McL. Forin, J. M. Beamish, (skip), 9.

SECOND ROUND.

Sandon—H. H. Pitts, J. Crawford, J. G. Main, W. G. Wilson, (skip), 10.
Rossland—G. S. McLean, J. Lawn, L. B. DeVebre, H. H. Smith, (skip), 6.

Rossland—D. Mechie, W. McQueen, A. B. Barker, D. B. Bogle, (skip), 14.
Sandon—N. G. Cavanagh, Col. Pierson, A. E. Hill, Alex. Crawford, (skip), 12.

Nelson.—D. Porter, T. Lillie, A. Carrie, J. Rae, (skip), 13.
Rossland—J. B. Morkill, G. C. Hodge, W. M. Wood, D. E. Kerr, (skip), 6.

MAJOR GENL. HUTTON AND HIS DEPARTURE

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This afternoon the party took a ride in a private car over the Canadian scenic line. Tomorrow the Countess will probably go to Buffalo, where she will lunch with President Carlyle of the International Traction Co.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Thousands of dollars damage was done to merchandise in cellars on some of the west end streets by the flood caused by unusually heavy fall of rain during the past 18 hours.

Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 13.—Clayton Sullivan, son of August Sullivan, of this place, was accidentally shot and killed by his uncle, George Beveridge, while out duck shooting, this morning, at the home of the latter where the victim was visiting.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—The court of review this morning, in the suit of N. & M. Connoly, Quebec, to recover money advanced the Cordage Consumers Co., to carry in the manufacture of binder twine in connection with the central prison of Toronto, confirmed the judgment of the Superior Court awarding $22,324 to the appellants.

Brockville, Feb. 13.—Richardson Bedlow, 100 years of age, the oldest resident of Eastern Ontario, died last night. He came here from County Wicklow, Ireland, 60 years ago.

Dunnville, Ont., Feb. 13.—The office of the Monck Reform Press was damaged to the extent of $10,000 this morning by fire. James Morris, who owns the building, loses $700 by the fire

Ingersoll, Ont., Feb. 13.—Baby Coates was burned to death here this morning at her parents' home. She and her five-year-old sister were playing with matches and one of these caught fire, setting the childrens' clothing on fire.

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 13.—Wm. J. Hunter died this morning at Chatham hospital from injuries received last night while switching cars.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—The result of the court martial of the three Canadian volunteers of "A" and "B" companies has been received at the Department of Militia. The affair turns out to be very slight. One was admonished the other was reprimanded and the third got eight days.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 13.—C. Wentworth Sarel, editor of The Kamloops Standard and G. Sheldon Williams, its Victoria correspondent, were served to appear Friday for libel on Lieutenant-Governor McInnes. Sarel will employ no counsel and if fined will refuse to pay, preferring jail. He says having apologized, he has done all he can, and present proceedings are persecution. He claims the letter was the composition of three men in Victoria and that Williams is not responsible for the part which caused the present action.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 13.—Lieutenant-Colonel Steele, commanding Strathcona's Horse, passed through Winnipeg today, enroute to Ottawa. The colonel says he is greatly pleased with the force as organized. He says he could not answer thousands of applications received for positions with the Strathcona contingent.

BEHIND THE GUN HE STANDS SUPREME

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is doing, and all Americans living here can testify how grateful this country is to them."

London, Feb. 13.—The fact that General Buller's dispatch revising the casualties to the British troops at Potgiers' Drift is dated from Chieveley is taken in some quarters as an indication that General Buller has removed his headquarters to that place. There is nothing to indicate whether or not he left any large force at Springfield.

London, Feb. 13.—In the House of Commons today, Mr. Thomas Hedderwick, advanced Liberal, gave notice of a resolution calling attention to the fact that the Colonies are without representatives in the Imperial Parliament. The resolution was set down for a month hence, but it is not likely that time will be found for its discussion.

The Under Secretary of State for Foregn Office, Mr. Wm. St. John Broderick, was asked whether the Government had received any communication from Germany modifying the declaration made in 1895 by the then minister of foreign affairs, Baron Von Bieberstein, to the effect that Germany's only policy was the maintenance of the Transvaal as an independent state in accordance with the treaty of 1884. He replied that no communication had been received from the German Government relative to the convention of 1884 which he added, as a matter of fact, was terminated by the state of war. The Unnder Secretary of State for the War Office, Mr. George Wyndham, definistely set at rest all forces of the Government interference in the prerogative of Commander-in-Chief Field Marshall Lord Wolseley, to select the generals commanding in South Africa. Replying to a question, Mr. Wyndham said commanders in the field were selected by Lord Wolseley subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for War, and added that every supplementary list was taken up. Mr. Wyndham during the course of a speech, again intimated that an attempt would be made to democratize the army which he said he thought ought not to be closed to officers who did not enjoy an income of from £150 to £500 a year. Mr. Wyndham also said it was a scandal and a danger to the Empire that young men could not enter the cavalry unless their fathers were able to give them £500 a year. The Under Secretary further stated that it was not intended to raise volunteers in Ireland.

London, Feb. 13.—An undated dispatch from Mafeking, via Gaberones, February 9, says: Colonel Baden-Powell has received a communication from Lord Roberts, promising relief would be sent in a few weeks. The food will last. The garrison is as game as ever. The Boers have expressed their intention not to fight, but to starve us out.

Rensburg, Feb. 13.—Hobkirk's and Bastard's Nek, which the Boers took possession of Saturday, have been reoccupied by the British. The Boers were shelled.

Rensburg, Feb. 12.—(Evening.)—The Boers have again driven in the British outpost on the western flank today, all outposts at Bastard's Nek, Hobkirks, Windmill, and other points retiring to Maeder's farm. There were several casualties, but details have not yet been received.

BUY IT.

The Miner is on sale at the following news stores at five cents per copy:

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Hotel Phair News Stand	Nelson
D. Campbell	Ymir
C. F. Nelson	New Denver
J. F. Delaney	Roseberry
R. A. Bradshaw	Slocan City
Slocan News Co.	Sandon
Thomson Bros.	Vancouver
Lamont & Young	Kaslo
H. A. King & Co.	Greenwood

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SOME OPPOSITION HAS DEVELOPED

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grapher." Several complaints soon found their way to the Post Office Department concerning the photograph that never came. The investigation developed, not only that Roy had defrauded the persons who sent him money, but remained out of the Department's reach in Victoria.

Cards for the marriage of Lillian Pauncefote and Mr. Robert Bromley will be issued with in the next few days. This interesting event, as already announced, takes place Saturday, February 24, at St. John's Church, the Bishop of Washington officiating, assisted by Rev. Dr. Alexander Mackay-Smith, D. D. Lady Bromley, the mother of the groom-elect, has already arrived at the British Embassy, where she will be joined this week by her husband, Sir Henry Bromley; Mr. Bromley Wilson, and Miss Esther Bromley, who have sailed for America on the Oceanic. Lady Bromley is being entertainetd in a quiet and totally unofficial way during these early days of her visit which serves to show the genuine popularity of her future daughter-in-law, who has spent most of her life in America, and is universally beloved and esteemed. The departure of the Ambassador and family, unless again postponed by some unforseen circumstance, will take place in April, and is a subject of much regret and causes additional interest to gather about this marriage of the young daughter of the house. The Ambassador and Lady Pauncefote will give their last formal dinner party, in honor of the Secretary of State, Monday, February 12.

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