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THE ARMY'S HEADS GO TO THE FRONT

Roberts and Kitchener Have Left Cape Town.

NEWS OF GEN. BULLER

On Monday He Commenced to Engage With the Boers North of the Tugela. Activity All Along the Line.

Cape Town, Feb. 6.—Lord Roberts and General Kitchener have started for the front.

London, Feb. 7.—A dispatch from Sterkstroom, dated this morning, announces that the Boers are attacking General Gatacre from two directions and firing was proceeding between the outposts, and a detained Sterkstroom dispatch, dated Monday, February 5, announces that a body of troops left the camp February 3, and that important developments were expected. It is quite probable that this explains Lord Roberts' departure, and the Commander-in-Chief intends either to be present at or supervise the long intended movement by General Gatacre to join forces with General Kelly-Kenny, and thence strongly reinforce General French, completing the latter's work at Colesburg and furnishing, without fear of serious resistance, an advanced position for the main movement. This, of course, is greatly supposition, but it can be confidently stated that the departure of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener for the front does not indicate that the main advance has begun. The commanders will probably be back in Cape Town within a short time. It is pointed out that the term "going to the front" must not be interpreted into the idea that a great movement upon Pretoria has seriously commenced. It will be a month or perhaps much longer before this can be brought about. In the meanwhile the preliminary steps are likely to enliven the campaign with sharp fighting, and news from Sterkstroom, and Colesberg is anxiously looked for.

London, Feb. 7.—The War Office at present is only able to add: "The preparations are still in progress but we have no information regarding the results." The available maps do not show the drifts mentioned in the Boer dispatch.

London, Feb. 8.—A special dispatch from Spearman's Camp, dated Wednesday, Feb. 7 says:

Our further advance at the moment is prevented. The Boers enfilade us from their positions on Spion Kop and Doorn Kloof. Our casualties, although estimated at 350, are trifling considering the great importance of the movement just concluded."

London, Feb. 8.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson in The Morning Post today says:

"The British forces appear now to be everywhere on the move. In the absence of local knowledge, it is idle to guess the site of General Buller's attack. If, as seems likely, this is east of Potgiters Drift, the distance to Ladysmith is only 10 miles but the country is more open than any other route. In any event, General Buller's troops will have to break the enemy's resistance by hard fighting. The delay involved in crossing the river must make it difficult to gain the start needed to turn the enemy's flank. It is not known now whether Lord Roberts has moved to begin the campaign or not. It may well be that he has only moved to some point nearer the scene of operations where he can be in communication with all his Generals."

Cape Town, Feb. 7.—Fighting began this morning at Sterkstrom and is in progress. No details have been received.

London, Feb. 7.—H. F. Eilson, legal assistant of the Colonial Office, starts for Cape Town Saturday in order to assist Sir Alfred Milner, the British High Commissioner, in legal problems confronting him.

London, Feb. 8.—The Standard has the following from Spearman's Camp, dated February 7: "The force under General Buller is again advancing to the relief of Ladysmith, and after two days of severe fihting it may fairly be said to have made a good step on the road to the besieged town. The movement was begun at an early hour on Monday morning by way of Potgiesers Drift. The eleventh brigade, forming a part of the 5th division under General Warren, made a feint attack upon the kopje immediately on our front. The assault was delivered at the outset under cover of naval guns on Mount Alice and subsequently under that of a field battery.

"The infantry advanced steadily toward the Boer entrenchments at Brakfontein and kept the enemy busily employed. While this diversion was being made the remainder of the infantry told off for the attack, who had bivouacked Sunday night under Mount Alice, moved along at the foot of Swarts Kop in the direction of our right. A pontoon bridge was thrown across the Tugela by the engineers under fire of the enemy."

Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Tuesday, Feb. 6.—(11 a. m.)—Further reports of yesterday's fighting at the Upper Tugela River show that the British lost heavily at Pont Drift, but took an unimportant position on a small kopje on the Molen Drift side. Four Boers were killed. The British loss is unknown. They are still in possession of the kopje and the big guns have ceased firing.

Spearman's Camp, Wednesday, Feb. 7.—(6 p. m.)—General Buller commenced the advance for the relief of Ladysmith on Monday. The naval guns opened at 7 o'clock in the morning and an attack was made in front of our position. Three battalions advanced toward the Brakfontein with six batteries. At 11 o'clock the Boers opened with artillery fire and sent several shells among the British infantry who retired an hour later. Meanwhile a vigorous attack was made on the extreme right where the engineers expeditiously constructed a position. Several pieces of cannon, hidden among the trees on Zwarts Kop bombarded heavily. The British infantry advanced and the Boers were entirely surprised. At four o'clock a high hill, a continuation of the Brakfontein had been taken. The operations were excellently planned. The name of the hill taken is Krantz Kloof.

The bombardment of the Boer position was resumed this (yesterday) morning The Boers worked a disappearing cannon from the high Doorn Kloof range on the right of the captured hill, but the British shells exploded its magazine and the gun was put out of action until late in the day. Musketry fire was intermittent until the afternoon when the Boers made a determined effort to take the hill. Reinforcements rushed up cheering, the Boers were repulsed and the British advanced along the ridge.

TRAITOR REDMOND.

Another Irish Member Takes Sides With Britain's Enemies.

London, Feb. 7.—John Redmond, chairman of the United Irish party, was loudly cheered by all sections of the Irish members when he rose in the House of Commons today to move an amendment to the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, representing that the time had arrived to bring the war to a close on the basis of recognizing the independence of the Transvaal.

Mr. Redmond declared that the overwhelming opinion of leading American statesmen was hostile to Great Britain in this war, and said the unanimous disapproval of the world demonstrated that the war was unjust, and it ought, therefore, to be stopped.

OTTER'S SECOND REPORT.

Three Men Found Asleep While on Sentry Duty.

(Special Dispatch to The Miner.)

Ottawa, Ont., 7.—Another report has been received from Colonel Otter in command of the first contingent. His report is up to January 1. This is the second report that has been received from Colonel Otter. A good deal of what is contained in it has been received by cable, such for instance, as to the necessity of sending to Cape Town of a Halifax man, Private Shaw, on account of ill health. He also speaks highly of those Canadians who took part in the Sunnyside affair. The most serious part of the report is that which refers to the necessity of court martialling three of the contingent who were found asleep on sentry duty. This is a serious offence. Two of them belong to "A," and one of them to "B" companies. All three are western men.

Ottawa, Feb 7.—The Canadian Patriotic Fund is now $99,188

CANADIANS WILL GO TO THE FRONT

First Contingent Ordered to Leave Belmont.

TO PAY THE EXPENSES

The Finance Minister Gives Notice of a Measure to Provide Two Million Dollars—Strathcona Horse.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Montreal, Feb. 7.—The Star's correspondent with the first Canadian contingent says:

"Belmont, Cape Colony, Feb. 3.—At last long weeks of waiting here have ended and we have received orders to advance. This, Saturday, morning, an order was issued that we were to get ready to proceed to the front immediately, and great excitement is well as pleasure, but the prospect of going to the front and change camp duties for something exciting was welcomed by all.

"After preparations had been made for the departure of the whole regiment, a change came in the orders and it was decided that "A" and "G" companies, those from British Columbia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, shold be left behind. But this was afterwards explained by the announcement that they were merely assigned to look after the baggage and stores and will join the rest of the regiment later.

"Although our destination is secret I am allowed to state that we are going on to Gras Pan, the scene of Lord Methen's battle with the Boers on November 25, and half way to Modder River. Where we are to be sent after that, I am not allowed to state. All is excitement at the prospect of going after the enemy."

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—Fielding has given notice of a resolution tonight providing for about two million dollars as Canada's magnificent contribution to the Empire in connection with the sending of contingents to aid the British arm in South Africa. It is what is known as an indemnity bill which will provide for expenditures already made by Canada on behalf of the war in the Transvaal and will also make provision for future expenditures up to July 1. If the war continues longer, there will require to be additional sums of money voted.

The resolution includes all expenses of every kind in connection with raising, enrolling, arming, equipping, provisions, despatching and transporting the contingent, the payment of the men and officers all separation allowances paid to wives and children of the married of the non-commissioned officers and men at the rates laid down by the Imperial regulations. The difference between the rates of the pay of officers, non-commissioned officers and men, which they will receive from the Imperial authorities and the rates of pay which they have received up to their debarkation at Cape Town will be placed in a fund to be expended as the Government may direct for the benefit of those who are depending upon the Canadian soldiers, or paid over to their representatives at the close of the period of the war.

Lord Strathcona has approved of the list of officers for the Strathcona Horse as submitted by Minister of Militia Borden. Several places have yet to be finally decided upon, however, and several deatils in the arrangement have to be concluded before the official list can be announced.

Winnipeg, Feb. 7.—At a meeting of citizens held here the resolution adopted by Vancouver citizens favoring the offering of 10,000 Canadian troops for the Transvaal was endorsed. Dealing with the same matter, the Winnipeg Board of Trade adopted the following:

"That the Winnipeg Board of Trade hereby declare its unqalified approval of the Dominion Government in furnishing the means whereby Canada was enabled to send troops to South Africa in defense of the Empire, and further that this Board pledges support to any additional expenditure the Governmenut may consider advisable and necessary."

Winnipeg, Feb. 7.—Arrangements for the transportation of the Strathcona Horse have been completed by the C. P. R., so far as the first train is concerned. This train will leave Calgary on February 10, at six in the evening, and will arrive at Winnipeg at 4:30 o'clock on February 12, leaving an hour and a half later with the Winnipeg and Manitoba troops. The train will carry about 250 men and horses.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—The Queen's Own Rifles have received permission from the authorities to organize a complete mounted infantry corps.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—Nine cases of smallpox have been discovered at Toronto Junction. The outbreak was discovered in a large boarding house, and every precaution is being taken to check its spread.

The Globe's correspondent with the first Canadian contingent in South Africa, cables that a dispatch from Belmont under date of yesterday said that the Canadians have returned to Belmont from Richmond and Thornhill whence they had been sent out on a reconnaissance

Montreal, Feb. 7.—The governing committee of the Montreal Stock Exchange has taken steps to institute an investigation into the War Eagle and Centre Star incidents, and unless a satisfactory explanation is forthcoming the War Eagle will likely disappear from the list and the Centre Star is not likely to go on. It is not pretended there is anything deliberately wrong, but it is considered peculiar that a couple of brokers should be able to get news in advance and to govern themselves accordingly.

Peterboro, Ont., Feb. 7.—Brightman's hide and leather depository was destroyed by fire this morning. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is $6,000, and the insurance, $2,500.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—The Canadian railway act provides that railways shall have rates sanctioned by the Governor-General in council. Today the court granted W. A. Lees, of Ottawa, $278 which he had paid the Company in fares before their rates were sanctioned. The case has excited great interest among railway men.

Winnipeg, Feb. 7.—L. Gabiel, who has been conducting the pro-Boer side of a controversy in one of the city newspapers recently, attempted to address a pro-Boer meeting which he had called here tonight. It was not a success. When he arrived at the doorway to the hall he found the passage blocked by a large crowd of anti-Boers, who were liberally supplied with spoiled eggs. These were scattered promiscously over Gabiel's clothing. The would-be lecturer was chased around the block by the mob and escaped serious injury. The crowd afterwards paraded Main Street singing patriotic songs and cheering for the Queen. Fully one thousand joined in the procession. Gabiel is a Welchman and has farmed at St. Charles for the past five years.

A boy named Chose, aged 14, was shot through the windpipe while playing with a gun this afternoon and will probably die.

A caucus of Provincial Conservative candidates, successful and unsuccessful at the recent elections, was held here tonight. It is understood that Lyons, Conservative member for Norfolk, will retire to make way for Davidson, the new Provincial Treasurer, who has no seat in the House. Lyons will probably be appointed Manitoba Commissioner to the Paris Exposition and also be given a retiring allowance. The Government has ordered new elections lists to be prepared here for the Dauphin constituency.

The Winnipeg Victorias leave for Montreal tomorrow for the Stanley Cup hockey championship matches.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—Hugh Baird, of the Montreal Hockey Club, has been agreed upon by the representatives of the Shamrocks and Victoria clubs as referee in next week's matches for the Stanley Cup. Several other gentlemen were suggested, but the Winnipeg men were unwilling to accept a man from the local Victorias and Mr. Baird was soon agreed upon. The selection of Mr. Baird is looked upon as excellent by the local hockey men and it is thought he will make a thoroughly impartial official. The sale of seats for the matches on Monday and Wednesday evenings is proceeding at an extraordinary rate. It is thought the attendance will likely prove a record for the Arena Rink. Every one of the boxes has been disposed of and reserved seats are growing more and more scarce.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—Chief of Police Hughes is at present confined to the city hospital with sciatica.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY FRIENDLY TO ENGLAND

He Stands Ready to Strain Neutrality.

THE CONSUL INCIDENT

Chinamen Arrested for Entering the United States from Canada An Interesting Letter.

(Special Correspondence of The Miner)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—British affairs are rapidly becoming as much an issue in this country as are domestic politics. The Republicans claim that the administration's strong sympathy with Great Britain is due merely to gratitude to her for her sympathy in our Spanish war—a sympathy which is said to have prevented interference by the powers of Europe. The Democrats, on the other hand, claim that this sympathy is evidence of an unholy alliance, whereby the United States is to pull the plums out of the Chinese fire for the benefit of England. Whichever is right, the fact remains that President McKinley stands ready to strain neutrality to the breaking point in favor of Great Britain. He has given notice that no diplomat from the Transvaal will be received, on the ground that that country has no power to send out ministers, and this despite the fact that Dr. Leyds has been formally received by Germany, France and Russia; he has refused to offer mediation, as he might very well do without prejudice to either party under the terms of The Hague peace treaty; he has broken up the efforts of the Boers to enlist men in this country, while not interfering in the least with the British purchases of war materials, and in every other way he has given evidence of his strong adhesion to the British cause. But there are not wanting those who take the opposite veiw of the question. Senator Mason, of Illinois, recently introduced in the Senate a resolution of sympathy with the Boers. British Consul Van Sittart, at New Orleans, was quoted as having commented on Senator Mason for this act in a way which, while quite true to the facts, was nevertheless very offensive to diplomatic procedure. Accordingly, Senator Mason made a speech in the Senate, denouncing the Consul. It turned out, however, that he had not taken the trouble to verify the interview. As soon as the State Department heard of the affair, however, it set an investigation on foot and learned to its entire satisfaction that the interview was a fabrication. The Consul has been exonerated from all blame, although if it had been learned the interview was authentic, he would have been given his passport and compelled to leave the country, so much would have been compelled by public opinion. Representative Smith also takes the Boer side of the fight, and proposes to offer an amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill now being prepared by the House Foreign Affairs committee for a Minister resident and Consul General to the South African Republic. There is no chance of this being adopted, however.

Montagne White, formerly Consul-General of the Transvaal at London, is in the city, but has stated positively that he is not, as was supposed, a diplomatic representative of the Boers, his visit being merely with the intention of working up sympathy with their cause.

An important trial is now going on at Fargo, North Dakota, in which it is sought to expel from the country some 50 Chinamen who entered the United States by way of Canada. Over 50 of the Chinamen in custody at Fargo were arrested last November. The others have been arrested since that time. They are now in the custody of the United States Marshall and are domiciled in a vacant store at Fargo. They are fed at the expense of the Government, a number of the prisoners acting as cooks. Their arrest was effected on their arrival at Portal, N. D., where the "Soo" railway connects with the Canadian Pacific, which hauled the Chinamen from Vancouver, where they debarked from ocean steamships. The Treasury Department here is taking special interest in the case.

United States Consul Morrison at Dawson City, Canada, reports to the State Department, in part as follows:

"Preparations are being made by the Canadian Government for establishing the winter trail to Bennett, which, owing to an overland cut-off at Fort Selkirk, thence to Lake La Barge, will be 110 miles shorter than the route followed last year. While Lawson has lost in population during the past summer, it has gained in wealth, and is now a thriving, substantial town. The 10 per cent. royalty on the season's output this last summer amounted to $700,000; last year the total collected was $400,000. The output this year is generally estimated at $15,000,000. The last year it was less than $12,000,000. The introduction of steam thawers, steam hoists, and other time and labor saving machinery on all the creeks, has practically ushered in a new era in the working of the mines and should produce astonishing results. As we are now in telgeraphic communication with the rest of the world, capital is fast following on the heels of the prospector, and the outlook for the coming season is most promising."

A bill has been favorably reported in the United States Senate for paying to the legal representatives of the late James and William Crooss, of Canada, the sum of $5,000, the value of a vessel called the Lord Nelson illegally seized by Lieutenant Wcoisey, of the Navy of the United States, on Lake Ontario, June 5, 1812, and interest at 4 per cent. from the day of seizure to the present date.

BUSYBODIES AT WORK.

Renewed Talk of Intervention in the Transvaal War.

New York, Feb. 7.—It is learned that under the terms of The Hague treaty which has just been ratified by the Senate, an effort will be made before long to exert such offices as may properly be extended to the belligerents to bring about a termination of the war in South Africa, says the Washington correspondent of The Times. Before this treaty was adopted it was maintained that the United States could not, without exposing this Government to the suspicion of unfriendly motives, venture to suggest the use of good offices to both parties to the war. Even now there may be some hesitancy about declaring, by advances made even with the best intentions, that the Transvaal is or is not a vassal state. But it is beginning to be appreciated that it may not be wise to defer too long the offer of friendly intervention to save life on both sides.

GERMANY STANDS ALOOF.

Will Not Re Open the Egyptian Question—Leyd's Movements.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—With reference to the attempt of French diplomacy and journalism to induce Germany into joining in a movement against England in Egypt, a high personage at the Foreign Office made the following statement last evening: "Germany will not join a movement to re-open the Egyptian question. Aside from the question whether France and Russia mean honestly, Germany is of opinion that it would be unloyal and unfair to seize a moment when England is deeply engaged elsewhere for such steps."

Dr. Leyds spent yesterday at Weimar, where he tendered his congratulations to the Grand Duke upon the sixtieth anniversary of his joining the Prussian army. He returned to Berlin last evening. As he does not find time now to go to St. Petersburg, he will return to Brussels, where an enormous mass of correspondence awaits him. Dr. Leyds has announced that the Transvaal is not engaging volunteers for the war and will refuse to transport any to South Africa.

PLANS OF OPPOSITION.

(Special Dispatch to The Miner.)

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—Judging by the great number of questions Sir Hibbert Tupper has on the order paper respecting the Yukon, it is evident he intends reopening the question of a judicial enquiry. It is also understood the Opposition intends pursuing the inquiry into the West Huron election, which was incomplete, when the house rose last year. An enquiry into the Brockville by-election may also be asked.

IN CHINA.

Pekin, Feb. 7.—It is generally believed that the Dowager Empress will not attempt the formal deposition of the Emperor at the present moment. Everything had been prepared for the coupe, but at the last moment representations were made to her that such a course would probably create serious opposition in the South and this induced her to temporarily abandon the decision.

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

An entirely incomprehensible feature of the situation at Victoria is the fact that all the Coast newspapers, and apparently all the members, take it for granted that as long as the Government can manage to dodge an adverse vote it may hold possession without right of challenge. At the best it has but one of a majorty. With parties so evenly balanced it is not usual to continue in office, as it is impossible to give to the administration of affairs and to the direction of legislation that firmness and thoroughness so necessary to the efficient conduct of the public business. Only a few days ago a member who is reckoned as a Government supporter took exception to the course a Minister proposed to adopt, and as he would have been sustained by those in Opposition if the matter had been brought to an issue the Minister was obliged to surrender. This one incident is evidence that the Government does not possess efficient control of the House, and without such control our Parliamentary system requires that it should resign. Yet it is hanging on, and seemingly without exciting the faintest sense of the exceeding impropriety of it. To those not blessed with the enlightenment that prevails on the Coast, this is beyond comprehension.

It is our privilege to guess at explanations, of course, and that is all we can do. It is possible that on all hands it is recognised that the situation cannot continue, but that before it can be terminated with safety to the public interest it is necessary that certain legislation should be passed. No doubt there are some things that require early attention, and that grave inconvenience, if not confusion, would result if there should be a dissolution at the present time. Both sides may appreciate the very great importance of this condition of things, and may have mutually agreed to whatever legislation the urgency of the situation may demand before precipitating a crisis. If that is the explanation, we are free to admit it is one that is creditable to both sides of the House, and it is safe to say the country will applaud it. But if it is a mere game of dodging that is being played, the country will quite as certainly regard the spectacle as too scandalous if we desire to maintain a decent public reputation.

If an agreement as to legislation is prolonging the anxiety, it is a pity the House does not confine itself to those measures that are urgent. It would not be difficult to specify Bills that might be deferred with safety, perhaps even with advantage. There is also in some quarters a strong desire to have a general redistribution measure introduced. This is said to be a necessary preliminary to dissolution. A redistribution at this time is not required; it is not only not required, but would be exceedingly injudicious. Next year there will be a census, and until we know exactly how our population is distributed a general rearrangement of constituencies would be foolish. No harm will accrue to any section of the Province for the term of another Legislature, with the constituencies as they are. It will be time enough to redistribute when we can do it intelligently; before a census is taken we cannot. If there is pressing necessary legislation to be disposed of, let the work be done as expeditiously as possible, and then let the present Government do the only praiseworthy thing of its existence and give up the ghost. But if it is employing the arts of cunning politicians to escape formal defeat, it is to be hoped Mr. Prentice or some other well disposed Ministerial member will take early occasion to put an end to the agony.

The reports of dismissals of public servants by the new Government of Manitoba must not be taken as an indication that a clean sweep is contemplated. The present Manitoba Premier is not a believer in the vicious principle, to the victors belong the spoils. He believes instead in a permanent Civil Service, and if there is any weeding out now in progress it may be regarded as certain that good cause is thought to exist for it. Mr. Greenway had some useless offices, and in addition some offensive officials. If Mr. Macdonald does no worse than turn out of doors the person who has been doing duty as Queen's Printer, he will deserve praise, instead of censure, for a more offensive partisan in its extremest sense it would be hard to find. Civil servants who have had business to mind, and who have minded it with a sense of its being their supreme duty, will not be disturbed.

A gentleman who is said to be "well known throughout British Columbia," writes from London to The Vancouver World: "I fear British Columbia mining has suffered much from the mischievous Eight-Hour law. There is a feeling on this side, that has existed for some time, that the cost of mining in British Columbia is excessive, and, in fact, gobbles up too large a proportion of the money invested. I sincerely hope that an effort will be made to redeem, to some extent, this unfavorable feature." It would hardly be possible to have a worse impression get abroad. We shall never coax capital into the Province as long as there is a feeling that the cost of mining is excessive, and without capital it will not matter whether the day is eight hours, or one hour, or twenty, as there will be nothing to do.

As soon as Vancouver had held its big meeting to force the Dominion authorities to furnish a further contingent of ten thousand mounted infantry, its Mayor telegraphed other Mayors and Boards of Trade from Dan to Beersheba to join in the movement. Among the host was, of course, the Mayor of Nelson, who does not appear to have taken any steps by way of response. In this, we think, he has shown very good sense. British Columbia may yet be permitted to send its own hundred rough riders, and of the Strathcona Horse this Province is being asked to contribute one hundred and eighty recruits. Between the two we shall have opportunity to put our patriotism beyond question, without making ourselves ridiculous by extravagant recommendations which no one in authority will listen to for a moment.

There was a general disposition to accept the explanation of the editor of The Kamloops Standard, in regard to its correspondent's very course letter referring to the Lieutenant-Governor, and if nothing more had been said the matter no doubt would have been dropped. But he has foolishly allowed the correspondent to aggravate the original offence by a new one quite as offensive, and we are afraid he must not look for much public sympathy under the prosecution which the Attorney-General says has been instituted. He and the correspondent have just failed to be wise enough to know when to stop.

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SNORING.

A Traveler Says That Savages Do Not Have the Accomplishment.

"Snoring may be inconveniently obtrusive in a sleeping car," said the experienced traveler, "but it is just as much a mark of a high stage of civilization as is the sleeping car itself. You may take it for a fact that all the wild and inferior races do not snore. The doctrine of the survival of the fittest gets in its work right there, and the savage person who vocalizes his sleep stands a very good chance of learning that snoring is not good for the health. Suppose you are a very savage person out on the warpath in a country full of your enemies. You take every precaution against discovery, covering your trail and selecting your camp so as to baffle ordinary search. That's all right, but if you snore it's all wrong. An enemy who hears the sound will make investigations, and the result is fatal always and frequently uncomfortable.

"I have been a great deal among wild people, both in this country and elsewhere, and I know that they do not snore. Once I had one of these government professors with me. He was a very wise man and knew more about the savages than they did themselves, but he would snore to beat the band. Like most people whose slumbers are orchestrated, he denied the fact, and we should never have convinced him of what the rest of us had every reason to know if it had not been for one little circumstance. One night we made our camp right in a village of the savages. They were peaceful enough, and we were in no particular danger. Still, as they were wild people, it was just as well to keep some sort of a watch on their movements.

"Well, the professor rolled himself up in his blanket and soon was snoring like a good fellow. After awhile I felt that there were people about, and I lifted myself up on my elbow to see what was up. I'm blessed if pretty near the whole outfit of the savages hadn't left their own houses and squatted down on the grass where they could look into our camp and see what was going on. It was the first time in all their lives they had ever heard a man snore, and they did not know what to make of it, or rather they thought they did, for they sized it up that some one of the gods was communicating with the white men.

"It's never very safe to monkey with the religious opinions of the savages, so I got up and woke the professor. When he saw the crowd sitting around our camp, he was scared for fair, but when I told him that the savages had gathered just to hear him snore it made him mad. I don't see why it should. If the savages don't snore and the civilized people do, then the snore should be taken as one of the badges of civilization."—New York Sun.

FATE OF A VALUABLE STAMP.

Craved by Collectors, It Is Burned by a Careless Domestic.

In the year 1851 a 12 penny black Canadian postage stamp was printed by the government at Ottawa. The public did not regard this somber issue with favor, so few were issued.

One of these stamps was sent to the Hamilton postoffice, where it was sold to an old gentleman, who said it was a shame to print the queen's picture on a stamp that might be handled by profane hands. Tenderly the old gentleman put it on a parcel, sending it to a friend in the United States. Here, in the waste basket, it lay for many a day, till an errand boy found it and quickly transferred it to his album. Despairing of getting a good collection and his fever for stamps somewhat abating, he sold them to a dealer. The new owner, on looking at the catalogue, found that what he had paid $5 for was worth $25.

Accidentally this stamp was slipped into a 25 cent packet and sent to a dealer residing in Hamilton. When the latter opened the packet, he was astonished to find such a valuable stamp and, being honest, wrote his friend to inform him of what had happened, offering him $1,200 for it. The offer was accepted, and the stamp again changed hands. By this time the stamp had increased in value, and not a few came from a distance to look at the treasure. One day an English nobleman, who, through a Canadian friend, had heard of the stamp, offered $1,500, which offer was accepted. The English lord, falling in love with an American heiress and wishing to gain the favor of her brother, presented him with the stamp as a token of esteem. Here, in its new and luxurious American home, it came to a sad end, for one day the maid, by mistake, swept the stamp, which had accidentally fallen out of the album, into the fire. In an instant the stamp which thousands had heard of and longed for went up in smoke to the broad, blue sky, leaving not a trace behind.

How Pythons Settle Quarrels.

It was in October, 1894, that the big python at the zoo fell into the deplorable error of swallowing his companion, a snake only a few inches shorter than himself. A similar disaster is reported from Bombay, where for some years past two large Indian pythons had occupied a cage in the museum of the Bombay Natural History society. There was some misunderstanding between them over a partridge, for they were found so tightly entangled in each other's coils that the utmost endeavors of peacemaking keepers failed to effect a separation, and they were left to settle the matter according to their own lights. Next day there was only one very stout python visible. These large reptiles evidently know but one way of settling a quarrel.—London Sketch.

Sheridan Had the Best of It.

Richard Cumberland, the playwright, was extremely jealous of his young rival, Richard Sheridan. It is related that he took his children to see one of the first performances of "The School For Scandal," and when they screamed with delight their irritable father pinched them, saying: "What are you laughing at? You should not laugh, my angels. There is nothing to laugh at," adding in an undertone, "Keep still, you little dunces!"

When this was reported to Sheridan, he said, "It was ungrateful of Cumberland to be displeased with his children for laughing at my comedy, for when I went to see his tragedy I laughed from beginning to end!"

Her Rival.

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TESTING THE MEN

WOULD-BE VOLUNTEERS EXAMINED YESTERDAY.

Riding Test Was a Comparatively Easy One, but Many Applicants Failed to Pass.

The recruiting for Strathcona's Horse is proceeding actively and a large number of aspirants were examined yesterday as to their powers of horsemanship. The test was a simple one, but it sufficed to show that while many would-be volunteers were apparently quite at home on a horse, a good many others had not the most rudimentary notions of the equestrian art. These men will be weeded out, but more than enough remain to fill a larger number of vacancies than have been allotted to Nelson. The examination took place near Kelly & Steeper's livery barn, and consisted of saddling and mounting a not very formidable steed, and galloping him round. About ten men were notified of their success yesterday, but the names will not be officially announced until today, when the remaining selections will be made. A number of them were told to come back, and they will be put through their paces again, this afternoon. It is announced that the recruiting office will be open again this morning from nine until noon, so that intending volunteers who have not yet applied will have an opportunity of doing so.

There were applicants in Nelson yesterday from all parts of the country, and the few who were definitely accepted yesterday included Slocan and Rossland aspirants as well as men from Nelson. It is understood that the contingent will start for the east tomorrow night, so the time is drawing rapidly to a close.

The first four men who went with the first contingent were given a royal send off, and so should the detachment tomorrow. Many of them will be Nelson men, and as a whole they constitute a very representative body of the rich mining districts of Southern British Columbia of which Nelson is the center.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Stanley Tetlie is getting out a map of the City for the Thomson Stationery Company. The map will include Hogustown and the Hume Addition

The plan of seats for Herr Steiner's concert on Monday next is filling up rapidly and the prospects are that there will be a full house. The plan is in the music store, Opera House block.

Assistant City Engineer Dill started on the wall map for the City yesterday. When completed this map will be very valuable for purposes of reference, showing, as it will, all the City works.

All householders will shortly be notified of the numbers of their houses, which they will be compelled to put up in a conspicuous place on their front doors, or suffer the penalty the law provides.

Dr. Arthur and Dr. Hall were at the school yesterday afternoon and vaccinated 13 children. A doctor will henceforth be in attendance every afternoon from three till four for the purpose of vaccinating children.

A Finlander named Goshill was brought up yesterday on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. No one could understand him, however, and he was remanded for a day in the hope of securing an interpreter.

With the excellent sleighing and cold weather Nelson can now lay claim to be enjoying winter weather. Early this morning the thermometer registered about zero, which has enabled the rink management to prepare excellent ice.

The ladies of Nelson are reminded that the annual election of officers for the National Council of Women takes place tomorrow afternoon in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock. All ladies are invited to attend.

In accordance with instructions from the Board of Health the City Clerk is getting out notices to the effect that all children must be vaccinated, and that after February 15 no children will be admitted to any school without a certificate of successful vaccination.

The "Coontown 400" closed their engagement here last night. The entertainments proved very pleasant and gave full satisfaction. The singing of Kipling's "Absent Minded Beggar" evoked great applause. The company sang the chorus in a highly creditable manner.

The three men who burglarized Mr. Ebbs' shoe store have been remanded until today. It is probable that a further remand will be asked for, as Mr. Ebbs sustained a severe fall yesterday, breaking one of his ribs, and it is likely that he will be unable to appear and give evidence.

Mr. Frank Gibbs, local manager of the firm of Brackman & Ker, was examined yesterday on discovery in the case of Oppenheimer vs. Brakman & Ker. The plaintiff is suing for $1,000 for hay delivered. The claim is practically admitted but there is a heavy counterclaim for damages for breach of contract. Messrs. Elliot & Lennie appear for the plaintiff and Taylor & Hannington for the defense.

The following executive has been elected for the Society of Organized Charity: Mr. J. H. Bowes, chairman; Mr. T. J. Sims, secretary-treasurer; Mesdames Bellamy and Stocks, the Rev. Father Ferland, and Messrs. J. K. Strachan and F. W. Laing. The society is in immediate need of a small sum of money, and hopes that the merchants of Nelson will send in contributions to the treasurer. Once there are funds in hand, it is hoped that all business men and others who are asked for charity will send the applicants to the office of the society, which will make it its business to look into each case and discriminate between the professional mendicant and the deserving poor.

Nelson has done very well in providing socks for the soldiers in South Africa. Up to last night Mrs. Robertson having received 217 pairs. Yesterday's contributors were: Mrs. Lamont, "A Friend," Mrs. McRae, Mrs. G. Frank Beer, Mrs J. Laing Stocks, Mrs. Jacob Dover, Miss Casselman, (Greenwood), Mrs. R. M. Bird, Miss Packman, Mrs. LaBau, Mrs. Fife, Mr. George W. Taylor, and Mr. Lambert. All others who intend to donate socks are again reminded that they have only until tomorrow morning to do so as the socks will be forwarded in the afternoon.

THE CLOSING DOWN.

Some Four Hundred Men Laid Off From War Eagle and Centre Star.

Rossland, B. C., Feb. 7.—About 400 men were laid off yesterday from the War Eagle and Centre Star, leaving about 200 as a working force. It is estimated that it will take from three to four months at least before the new machinery is installed and the output started again. The manager declined to name a date at the present time, but added that the actual facts were stated in his circular letters to the management, and that there was nothing behind what appeared.

The manager of the B. A. C. denies knowledge of Le Roi or other properties of the corporation closing down.

Rossland had pretty well recovered from the shock occasioned by the close down. Resumption early in the summer at the latest is expected here, when the output and force engaged will be larger than ever.

Lobster Salad—At The Office today.

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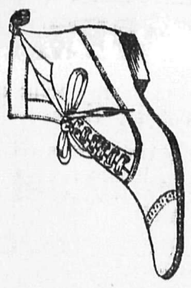

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Citizens Want Ten Thousand Canadians to Go to the Front.

Rossland, B. C., Feb. 7.—At a crowded and wildly enthusiastic mass meeting of citizens held in this city this evening, Mayor Goodeve presiding, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the citizens of Rossland unanimously tender their heartfelt sympathy with the Mother Country in her effort to [illegible] British constitutional methods and establish rights throughout South Africa. Furthermore we are convinced of the ultimate triumph of the Empire and view with pride the statesmanlike policy adopted by Lord Salisbury and the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, during a grave crisis in British affairs.

"Resolved, That apart from the righteousness of their cause, the present struggle in South Africa is of vast importance to the Dominion of Canada as forming an integral portion of the Empire.

"Resolved, That the citizens of Rossland fully estimate not only the importance but the duty of each member of the British Empire, contributing its quota towards assisting in vindicating British principles and maintaining British supremacy in South Africa.

"Resolved, That we heartily reciprocate the patriotic sentiments expressed at public meetings throughout British Columbia, and furthermore take this opportunity of expressing thanks to Lord Strathcona for his splendid patriotism in equipping a contingent from the west for service in South Africa. And we do, in all seriousness as citizens, British subjects and subjects of Her Majesty, the Queen, urge the Dominion Parliament to sanction the raising of 10,000 troops as Canada's contribution to the Empire during a period of gloom and anxiety.

"Resolved, That His Worship, the Mayor, be authorized to telegraph the fourth resolution to the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Sir Charles Tupper. Furthermore that copies of all these resolutions be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary and Lord Strathcona.

The speakers at the meeting were: Hon. T. Mayne Daly, Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, W. J. Nelson, Alexander Sharpe, F. W. Rolt, Alexander Dick, Alderman Hector McRae, A. C. Galt, W. T. Oliver, Capt. P. McL. Forin, Dr. Edward Bowes and C. O. Lalonde.

A citizens committee was formed to take charge of all funds raised to assist the cause in South Africa. There is nearly $3,000 in the banks here ready to be forwarded. Major R. G. Edwards-Leckie today accepted ten men from Rossland for the Strathcona Horse. Another ten from here were accepted in Nelson.

There were over 75 applications this evening and the names were still coming in.

THE MOLINEUX TRIAL.

New York, Feb. 7.—The most interesting event of trial of Roland Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Katherine Adams was the circulation of report that one of jurors had disobeyed commands of court and talked about the case, announcing that "he would not hang a dog on such evidence." The rumor gained such widespread publicity that Emil B. Meyrowitz, an optician and the person to whom the remark is alleged to have been made, was during the day summoned to the criminal court building and ushered into the presence of Recorder Goff. Under oath he denied the truth of the report.

Barlow S. Weeks, Attorney for the defense, today concluded his arguments in behalf of Molineux. Assistant District Attorney, in commencing his reply, was full of pathos and dignity. Mr. Osborne had not finished when court adjourned for the day but he announced that he would in all probability close his argument tomorrow.

PACIFIC CABLE.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 7.—The Assembly today adopted the joint resolution introduced in the Senate by Wolfe, relative to the building of a Pacific cable. The first section of the resolution reads: "Resolved by the Senate and Assembly jointly, that our Senate and Congress be instructed and our representatives therein be required and urged to vote for and use all honorable means to secure the passage of a bill requiring the laying of such cable and also requiring that the cable be made by an American company in the United States."

THE CANAL BILL.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Nearly the entire time of the committee was consumed listening to an elaborate statement from Senator Morgan who is thoroughly familiar with the subject of the Nicaraguan proposition and all treaties affecting it. There was little or no expression of opinion from other Senators save that it was very important subject and would need careful consideration.

A WEALTHY COMPANY.

New York, Feb. 7.—The report that the Western Union Telegraph Co., has negotiated the sale of $10,000,000 of 4½ per cent. funding and real estate bonds is confirmed by the officials of the company. They add that the proceeds of the sale are to be used for the refunding of $761,000 six per cent. bonds due March 1, and $4,920,000, seven per cent bonds, due May 1, also for new property and lines already acquired and constructed, including new cables to Cuba and for new lines to be constructed.

GERMANY'S NAVY.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—An American naval officer, now in Berlin, who enjoys exceptional advantages in gathering information regarding the German navy, asserts that the German Government is making preparation to finish the construction of new war vessels by 1908, instead of 1916, as the naval augmentation bill seemingly provides. In 1908 Germany's navy will have 37 battleships, varying from 11,000 to 13,000 tons, and 30 large, and 40 small, armored cruisers, thus exceeding the fighting power of the navy of France. Before 1905, still according to the same information, Germany will be mistress of the North Sea and her fleet will beat the American two fold.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—The Germania, organ of the Centrists, asserts that the Conservative leaders are now attempting to induce the Centrists to vote against the Government bill, although in order to curry favor with the Emperor they publicly pretend to adovcate its passage. This declaration fell today like a job on the Conservatives.

A NEW ERA.

Paris, Feb. 7.—Le Temps this afternoon says: "The abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty marks a date in the history of relations of England and America, the ratification of which will constitute the opening of a new era. Nothing could contribute more to cement the new born accord between the two nations. The check given the Canadian negotiations by the uncompromising attitude of Premier Laurier had shaken this edifice, which seemed to rest only on a sentimental basis."

SIX AMERICANS KILLED.

Manila, Feb. 6.—Insurgents Monday captured a supply train of nine bull carts between Orani and Binalupijan, killing a corporal and five privates of troop "G," 32nd Infantry. The escort consisted of a sergeant and eleven mounted men. The insurgents weakened the supports of a bridge over a creek and the first cart went into the stream. While the escort was bunched, trying to haul the cart out of the water, the insurgents fired a volley from the bushes, killing the six Americans and also the native drivers.

THE WIZARD ILL.

Akron, Ohio Feb 7.—The condition of Thomas A. Ediison, who has been ill in this city since Sunday, suffering from an attack of acute influenza, is reported by his physician to be better.

METAL QUOTATIONS.

New York, Feb. 7.—Copper, quiet; brokers' and exchange, $16.25.

Lead, steady brokers' $4.45; exchange $4.70 to $4.75.

Tin, quiet; Straits, $29.25 to $29.35 plates steady, spelter steady, domestic, $4.72½ to $4.80.

Boston Baked Beans.—Today at The Office.

CANADIAN PATENTS.

E. G. Siggers, Patent Lawyer, Washington, D. C., U. S. A., reports the following patents granted by the United States Patent Office, January 30, 1900, to inventors residing in the Dominon of Canada. He will mail a copy of specification 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 pully; M. R. Robbins, Victoria, B. C, steam engine; G. A. Robertson, Westmount, catch basin; J. H. Stone, Toronto, lamp burner or burner attachment; F. Tousignant and P. Larange, St. Hyacinthe, pegging macine.

LAST NIGHT'S CURLING.

The first game in the competition between the President's and Vice-President's rinks was played last night and ended in a victory for the latter by 15 to 3. The rinks were W. A. Macdonald, B. Archibald, W. A. Galliher and N. T. McLeod, (skip). J. Vanstone, C. D. J. Christie, R. S. Kingborn and Bert Walley (skip). The first practice game between the two rinks who will compete in the bonspiel at Rossland will be played today. The rinks are as follows: D. S. Stanby, C. Fox, W. H. Wallace, F. Tamblyn (skip), and J. Lawrence, T. Lillie, A. Carrie and J. Rae (skip). The ice was fair last night, and it is promised that it will be in first class condition today.

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UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT.

The Fire Department's Practice Had Disastrous Results.

The fire department was called to the Queen's Hotel yesterday evening on a practice call, but a serious accident resulted to one of the boys. As the cart swung round by the platform where the drilling contest was held in the summer, Alf Jeffs, who was standing with one foot on the cart and the other hanging down ready to jump off, got his leg jammed between the cart and the platform. The result was that his leg was broken just above the ankle, and he was immediately removed to the Kootenay Lake General Hospital.

This unfortunate accident to one of the most popular members of the Fire Brigade will be deeply regretted by his many friends. His loss will also be felt by the Lacrosse-Hockey team of which he is captain.

TOOK THE KEYS.

Shortly after midnight Messrs Kirkpatrick and Irvine were returning home and they went into the former's store, while in there a man came up and took the keys which they had left in the door. They asked for them, but he professed ignorance. Just then Constable Ker came along and the man was given in charge, the keys being subsequently found in the road where he had thrown them. The culprit's name is George Macdonald, and he hails from Sandon.

BODEGA CHANGED HANDS.

Mr. R. E. Smith, the popular proprietor of the Bodega Saloon, has sold out to Mr. W. G. Robinson, formerly of the Royal Hotel. The new owner took possession yesterday. Mr. Smith intends to return to his home in Kamloops shortly.

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JOSEPH WALKER, Applicant.

January 25, 1900.

LIBERTY, LUCKY BOY, MARGARET, DORA, BONANZA, LIBERTY FRACTION AND SILVER GLANCE FRACTION MINERAL CLAIMS.

SITUATE IN THE AINSWORTH MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.—WHERE LOCATED:—ON SOUTH FORK OF WOODBURY CREEK ABOUT TWO MILES WEST OF KOOTENAY LAKE.

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And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

R. E. YOUNG

Dated this eleventh day of December, 1899. Young & Burnet, Rossland. This notice first appeared in The Miner on Jan. 12, 1900

WARNING.

The public is hereby warned against picking up any logs in Kootenay Lake that are branded with "P" on end. Same are my property, and I shall claim them wherever found.

W. W. WEST.

Pilot Bay, B. C., Jan. 13, 1900.

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