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GRAS PAN LOSSES WERE VERY HEAVY

Methuen's Army Is Successful in Another Desperate Engagement.

BATTLE IS STUBBORNLY CONTESTED

Heights Held by the Boers Were Carried With the Bayonet—Guards Distinguished Themselves. Full List of Casualties Not Reported.

London, Nov. 27.—4:30 a. m.—A fresh interruption in the East African cable service at this interesting moment has caused a cessation of war news. As yet the War Office has not received Lord Methuen's detailed list of casualties, nor is information at hand regarding the whereabouts of the Ninth Lancers, who were sent in pursuit of the Boers from Gras Pan. The Daily Mail says that a private telegram announces that the Lancers are still scouting ahead of Methuen's advance column; but, as he announced yesterday that he was giving his men a day's rest, this is hardly possible. Indeed, the greatest anxiety is felt, and more especially in view of the fact that a Berlin journal, the Deutsche Warte, which regularly prints Boer communications, announced yesterday, but it could not be ascertained from British sources, that the navy brigade lost one hundred men at Gras Pan and that the Ninth Lancers were captured.

It is understood that the Government has decided to proceed immediately with the mobilization and embarkation of a sixth division of 6,000 men under a well known Lieutenant-General.

General Hildyard's achievement at Bacon Hills is beginning to be recognized as one of the best things the campaign has yet shown, as it has relieved the tension of the situation in Natal, and has brought the relief of Ladysmith within measurable distance. General Buller appears to be confident of Lord Methuen's ability and is devoting all his energy to Ladysmith. An attempt will be made, presumably, to reach Colenso in time to cut off the retreat of the Boers from Weenen over the Tugela River. It is feared, however, that the enemy will get there first and destroy the bridges.

At Frere Bridge, the British found two massive spans utterly wrecked by dynamite, one piece weighing 22,000 pounds having been hurled 200 yards.

Sir Alfred Milner has warned the various relief committees in Capetown to be prepared for the arrival of 10,000 refugees from Kimberley, as soon as the siege has been raised.

According to a dispatch from De Aar, dated Sunday, the Boers had destroyed the bridge at Strinsburg the previous day, and were being reinforced at that point.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—General Joubert, commander in chief of the Boer forces, writing to a friend in Madgeburg says:

"It is no vanity on my part to assert that we will triumph. We prepared for the war. We knew it was inevitable. The war will probably last a year, but I am convinced that the blood spilled will never be upon our children."

Capetown, Nov. 27.—A meeting of refugees from Aliwal North, the constituency of Mr. J. W. Sauer, the Commissioner of Public Works, held at Queenstown, on Sunday, passed a resolution of "distrust and alarm" at Mr. Sauer's visit to the border "which has been followed by such an outbreak of treason and rebellion." The resolution which has been sent to Sir Alfred Milner adds:

"The refugees do not grudge any sacrifices provided British supremacy is re-established."

London, Nov. 27.—Sir Thomas Lipton, in view of the fact that his steam yacht Erin cannot be utilized by the Government as a hospital ship, has sent £10,000 to the Pincess of Wales, to be used at her discretion for the benefit of the soldiers and sailors. The executive committee of the American hospital ship fund has received an anonymous gift of £5,000 from the United States together with a promise of as much more if it should be needed.

London, Nov. 27.—At Wellington barracks the following telegram, undated, was posted from Colonel Crabbe, of the Grenadier Guards, respecting the fight at Belmont:

"The Grenadiers on the right, and Scot Guards on the left, successfully carried a height east of Belmont. The battalion fully maintained the reputation of the regiment."

The casualty list shows that in addition to Lieutenant Fryer killed, and Colonel Crabbe and six other officers wounded, 21 men were killed and 88 wounded, with five unaccounted for.

London, Nov. 27.—For the moment the Boer invasion southward in Natal seems not only to have spent its force but to have developed into a retrograde movement, although with forces so mobile as those of the Boers, it is difficult to surmise where they will appear next. Apparently, General Clery's advance to the relief of Ladysmith has really commenced. So far as ascertainable, General Hildyard's force, which is already at Freer, must number 10,000 men and should be able to reoccupy Colenso where it may have to await reinforcements of artillery and cavalry before joining hands with General White. General Barton now occupies Estcourt, and Mooi River will be occupied by reinforcements from Pietermaritzburg.

The whole situation has been distinctly cleared since the arrival of General Buller in Natal. Though doubtless the British will have many difficulties to overcome before General White is released. A big battle is likely to occur at the passage of the Tugela River and it may be expected that the Boers will make a stand there. In any case, wherever they elect to try to stem the British advance there will be desperate fighting and of a sanguinary character.

The outlook in Cape Colony is not so bright. That General Gatacre has no easy task is proved by the latest dispatches from Queenstown and elsewhere, showing that the majority of the population on the frontier have openly declared themselves on the side of the Boers. Bands of Boers are doing immense damage over a wide area and they have now appeared south of Stomberg. General Gatacre, however, moves to the front today so it is hoped by the British the invasion will soon be stemmed.

VICTORY AT GRAS PAN.

London, Nov. 27.—Sunday afternoon the War Office posted the following dispatch, dated Capetown, November 26, from General Forester-Walker: "Lord Methuen reports that he moved yesterday (Saturday) at 2:30 a. m., with the Ninth Regiment, the Mounted Brigades, Naval Brigade and two batteries, the Guards following with the baggage. Near Gras Pan, about 30 miles north of Belmont, on the railway line to Kimberley, 2,500 Boers with six guns and two machine guns opposed him. The action began at 6 a. m. Our batteries fired shrapnel very accurately until the heights seemed clear. Then the naval brigade and infantry advanced to the assault. The firing was desperate until 10 a. m., when the heights were carried. The Boers retreated when the Lancers were sent to intercept them. The result was not known at the time of telegraphing. The artillery took immediate advantage of the enemy's retirement.

"Early in the action 500 Boers attacked our rear guard. The brigade met this and also protected the flanks. The naval brigade acted with the greatest gallantry and suffered heavily, but no particulars are yet known. The enemy showed the greatest stubbornness and must have suffered greatly. Twenty were buried. It is known that 31 were killed and 48 wounded. More than 50 horses were found dead in one place. One battery fired 500 rounds. Our force must halt one day at Gras Pan to rest and replenish ammunition. The force worked splendidly and is prepared to overcome any difficulties. The Naval brigade, the Royal marines, the Light infantry and the First battalion of the North Lancashire regiment especially distinguished themselves.

"Regarding Thursday's fight, 81 Boers were killed. A large quantity of powder, 50,000 rounds of ammunition and 750 shells were blown up. Commandant Albrecht, chief of the Orange Free State artillery, commanded the Boer artillery."

The Admiralty is in receipt of the following dispatch from Rear Admiral Harris, dated Capetown, November 26:

"I deeply regret to report the following casualties in the action at Gras Pan yesterday:

"Killed—Commander Ethelton of the Powerful, Major Plumbe of the Doris, a captain of the Monarch.

"Wounded—Flag Lieutenant Prothero of the Doris, severely; Lieutenant Jones of the Doris.

"The other casualties are not yet known. Commander De Horsey, Captain Morgan and Lieutenant Wilson, all of the Monarch, have proceeded to join the naval brigade with Lord Methuen."

Guy Sensor, captain of the Royal Marines, of the Monarch, was also among the killed.

London, Nov. 27.—No further news respecting Lord Methuen's advance has been received, and the absence of official details regarding his losses creates the greatest suspense, and especially since the publication of the heavy sacrifices endured by the naval brigade. No alarm, however, is felt as to his position, despite the evidence that the Boers intend to contest every foot of the way. It was known that in the absence of sufficient cavalry he would be compelled to advance slowly, and he has a preference for night or early dawn attacks, which events seem to have justified, the Boers being decidedly averse to darkness for their operations.

The fact that in the Gras Pan action one British battery fired 500 rounds proves the desperate nature of the fight, and there is little doubt that the casualties were heavy. It is now known no guns were captured in the Belmont engagement.

Meanwhile the news from Natal is distinctly more hopeful from the British point of view. Details are rather vague, but it seems certain the Boers are retiring, that railway communication is being reopened and that the British relief forces are joining hands. This, taken with General Buller's arrival at Pietermaritzburg, is expected to make matters move briskly soon.

General Hildyard's reconnaissances are praised as a work of very great difficulty admirably executed.

The transport Medic arrived at Capetown yesterday with the Australian contingent. The Pinda and the Idaho arrived there Saturday, bringing three batteries of artillery. The Servia, with troops, has left Capetown for Durban, and the transports Mohawk and Manchester port have arrived at Durban.

The utmost activity prevails in getting war necessaries ready for the front. Five thousand men worked all day yesterday (Sunday) at Woolwich arsenal preparing stores. They have been notified that they need not expect holidays at Christmastide.

Among minor items of news is the rumor that President Kruger is suffering with Bright's disease and that his condition is growing worse.

Five hundred Boers attacked Kuruman in Bechuanaland on November 12. The fighting lasted almost continuously for six days and nights, but the Boers were finally beaten off with a loss of 30 killed and 28 wounded. The British lost one wounded and one killed. The Boers suddenly disappeared for some reason unknown.

Capetown, Nov. 27.—The Boer prisoners from Belmont arrived this evening. The wounded prisoners went to the military hospital and the others to the convent, which has been converted into a military prison. All appeared to have lost heart and were in a very dilapidated condition.

GUERRILLA WARFARE.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—The Deutsche Zeitung publishes a letter purporting to come from General Joubert, and dated at Ladysmith, October 27, in which the writer says:

"Even if we do not succeed in preventing the concentration of General Buller's troops, the British army will be weakened from natural causes to such an extent that not more than 35,000 effective troops or 40,000 at the outside can take the field. The others must be employed to protect communications. It is to be borne in mind that not only Natal, but Cape Colony, with a base of operations covering 435 miles, must be considered. Our bases of supply are at home and organized on the relay system in three directions. To protect these does not require 100 men. If one base should be seriously threatened, the supplies will be destroyed. A war of defense, of which we need not think for a considerable time, would present far greater advantages than an offensive war. We are at home in the highlands of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. The British will have to contest every step under great difficulties and must be prepared at every moment to fight on two or three fronts.

"Then will begin a guerrilla warfare which the British will not be able to endure. Already we have 50,000 men in the field, so we do not need to calculate upon a rising of the Boers in Cape Colony and Natal. Nevertheless, if the British stir up the natives and employ them to fight us, a rising of the whole Afrikanderdom is certain."

St. Petersburg, Nov. 27.—The Russian newspapers announce the British charge d'affaires has informed the Russian Government that Great Britain has been in a state of war with the Dutch Republic of South Africa since October 11.

The Svet, commenting upon this, say: "England, in giving this notification, withdraws her declaration that she is not carrying on the war but is merely subjugating rebels."

The Novoe Vremya, which attributes far-reaching importance to the British notification says: "The powers are now in a position to send not only Red Cross agents but military agents as well and they may judge this a fitting time to intervene, especially as the Afrikanders are going more and more to the Boer side."

Berlin, Nov. 27.—The Reichsanzeiger says that Great Britain has notified Germany that since October 12 a state of war has existed with the two Dutch Republics. The Kolnische Zeitung, commenting upon this says:

"The announcement is of two-fold importance. In the first place it proves that England receded from her former view point of regarding the Boers as mere rebels; secondly, it imposes on all Germans the duty of preserving strict neutrality.

AS TO BILLS OF LADING.

Railway Shipments From the United States to Canada to Be Taxed.

New York, Nov. 27.—Charles Treat, collector of internal revenue for this district today received and made public a decision by Commissioner Wilson, in which he rules that bills of lading on railway shipments from the United States to Canada are liable to taxation as export bills of lading at the rate of 10 cents for each shipment. The original attempt to enforce this law was opposed by the Lehigh Valley and Erie Railroad companies.

The commissioner has now ordered the collections of this tax on all bills of lading thus insufficiently stamped since July 1, 1899.

IN VENEZUELA.

Caracas, Nov. 27.—General Castro left here this morning for Valencia, where he has assembled about 45,000 men to attack General Hernandez. He will return immediately, leaving General Pieter in command.

Caracas, Nov. 27.—General Hernandez has dynamited a bridge on the German railroad so as to retard General Castro's advance.

MRS. HUBERT ARRESTED.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 2.—Mrs. Hubert, in whose house in East Boston, counterfeit Canadian dies were found and mother of the woman who went with William Davis to Guthrie, Oklahoma, has been arrested. It is understood that she will be taken before the United States commissioner and held as a witness. Davis is under arrest in Oklahoma as principal in the case.

PRESIDENT WEIR GETS FIVE YEARS

Made False Financial Statement About His Bank.

POLITICS IN MONTREAL

Mayor Prefontaine May Break Nationality Agreement as to the Mayoralty. Canadian News Items.

Montreal, Que., Nov. 27.—Evidence in connection with the charge against President Weir of the Banque Ville Marie is all in. Donald MacMaster, counsel for the accused, commenced his address to the jury this morning. It is expected he will conclude in time for Solicitor General Fitzpatrick to commence his address in behalf of the prosecution. The verdict may be reached by midnight. McMaster made a strong appeal in behalf of the accused declaring that it was not likely that a man of Weir's age, 77, would wilfully become a criminal. He contended that Weir, after the suspension of the bank, left the institution just as it was and called in the services of Garland, a banker, which fact indicated that the President had nothing to conceal, an act which proved that the accused was not a criminal.

Montreal, Nov 27.—W. A. Weir, president of the defunct Banque Ville Marie, was found guilty today of sending a false and deceptive statement to the Government of the financial affairs of the bank. The trial lasted eight days. The jury only required fifteen minutes to find a verdict. The penalty is five years. The counsel for the defence immediately asked for a reserved case, argument in which will be heard tomorrow.

Montreal, Nov. 27.—Much discussion is being indulged in here among Irish Roman Catholics, regarding the next mayoralty election, the present Mayor R. Prefontaine, M. P., intending, it is alleged, to break the compact that each nationality should have its share of the mayoralty honors. Prefontaine announces he is in the hands of the electors. The Irish, so far, are unable to decide upon a suitable candidate. There is a good deal of stir in aldermanic circles, both among the present representatives and prospective candidates. The feeling of the citizens is strongly in favor of weeding out the bad element. The election is to be held in February.

Kingston, Ont., Nov. 27.—Principal Grant, who in an article in the "Queen's Quarterly" last summer championed the cause of the Boers, has since visited England to come out strongly in favor of the British side of the case. He considers the Boers responsible for the present war by issuing their ultimatum at a time when the Mother Country was ready to make peaceable terms.

Montmagny, Que., Nov. 27.—La Banque Nationale yesterday was robbed of $15,000, all the funds on hand, presumably by tramps who secured the necessary tools for breaking into the bank from the I. C. R. trackmen's shanty.

Brantford, Ont. Nov. 27.—T. H. Preston, proprietor of The Expositor has been chosen by the Liberals of South Brantford to contest the seat rendered vacant by the resignation of Hon. A. S. Hardy, ex-Premier.

Montreal, Nov. 27.—Auguste Lizzotte, aged 38, engineer at Paquette's sawmill was killed by the bursting of a steam pipe this morning. Two others were scalded but not fatally.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 27.—While service was in progress at the Salvation Army Barracks last evening, Elizabeth Stinson, an unmarried woman, aged 40, dropped dead from heart failure.

Ottawa, Nov. 27.—Lady Minto, who has been absent in England for the last six weeks, arrived home yesterday.

Kingston, Ont. Nov. 27.—Ellen Murphy, aged 40, an imbecile, is dead, as the result of falling down an elevator in the Hotel Dieu hospital yesterday.

Georgeville, Que., Nov. 27.—K. Turner Rutledge, well known here, suicided at noon today. Domestic troubles are believed to be the cause.

Montreal, Nov. 27.—Vivian Wurtele, brother of Justice Wurtele of the Court of Queen's Bench, died at St. David de Sorel, this morning.

Hull, Que, Nov. 27.—The preliminary trial of Albert Latourelle, charged with murdering William Reid, of Ironsides, is proceeding here.

AFTER THE CROOKS.

Miller Not Yet Found—Similar Institutions Being Watched.

New York, Nov. 27.—The police have as yet found no trace of William F. Miller. Letters poured in on Deputy Chief McKellar today from all parts of the country, written by persons who had been deceived by literature that had been sent out by Miller and his employes. Some of the writers in their letters stated that they had deposited from $200 to $500.

Other syndicates conducted along lines similar to the Franklin Syndicate are being inspected by the police and by the district attorney of Kings' County. All institutions conducted on the "blind pool" basis, which promise unusual profits are under surveillance.

According to one report Miller succeeded in making his way to Hoboken, N. J., on the day he escaped from the Brooklyn police and is said to have been seen on a D. L. & W. train, presumably en route for Canada. Other reports have it that he is still hiding in New York, while many persons believe he escaped on an outward bound ship.

John G. Agnew, who says he is manager for the Washington syndicate at 81 Green Point Avenue, Brooklyn, was taken in custody this afternoon by detectives of the Brooklyn police force.

STRONG BANK STATEMENT.

Bulls on New York Stock Exchange Made Money Yesterday.

New York, Nov. 27.—People who bought stocks on Thursday and Friday found the expected market for them this morning and availed themselves of the opportunity to sell out to a large extent. The sub treasury operations last week made it sufficiently obvious that a strong bank statement would be forthcoming on Saturday, and the new strength in the market on account of Saturday's bank statement had been discounted.

CHARLES COGHLAN DEAD.

Galveston, Texas, Nov. 27.—Charles Coghlan, the actor, who has been ill here since October 20, with acute gastritis died this morning. He was 56 years of age. At the time of his death he had nearly finished his dramatization of Vanity Fair for his daughter. The remains will be taken to Prince Edward Island, his late summer home. Miss Rose Coghlan, sister of the deceased, is playing in Montreal this week.

Montreal, Que., Nov. 27.—Miss Rose Coghlan was not informed of the death of her brother until after this evening's performance of the "White Heather." When Mr. Sullivan broke the news to her she completely collapsed, the services of a physician being required.

WHITEMAN IN JAIL.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 27.—Alonzo J. Whiteman, formerly State Senator in the Minnesota Legislature and prominent in politics in that state, who disappeared after being convicted of forgery in this city, and who was recently re-arrested in New York, was taken to the House of Correction today to serve a sentence of two years.

FIVE YEARS AND A FINE.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 27.—Monty Cole, of Sherbrooke, Que., the young dental student of the University of Pennsylvania who was found guilty of manslaughter on Saturday in causing the death of William Montague, in May last, was today sentenced to five years imprisonment and to pay a fine of $500.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

London, Nov. 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail asserts that the Russian and Persian Governments have signed an agreement prolonging for 10 years Russia's railway construction monopoly in Persia.

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GETTING IMPATIENT.

The British Public can be as unreasonable as any other when it yields itself to the humor of it, although there is no other that can keep its head so steadily under trying circumtsances. Just now it is fretting itself into a temper because everything in South Africa is not going as smoothly and favorably as it could wish. It is said that Clery's march to Ladysmith is delayed because of the want of cavalry; why was there not a generous support of cavalry sent forward with the very first of the troops? asks the impatient British Public. Some Boer guns can outrange those against them; why was not the War Department prepared with the best, the most modern, the most effective of artillery, and of quick firing guns, and of everything else required, for that matter? The Boers are overrunning Natal; why did the Government wait until the eleventh hour before preparing for the fight they knew had to come? No word from Mafeking; no word from Kimberley; none from Ladysmith; Estcourt cut off; wires cut everywhere; railways made impassable, and those impudent Boers lording it all over the land. It was badly managed from the beginning, and some one deserves a thorough wigging for it. There is a disposition to fall upon Lord Wolseley. The great British Public is more than irritated, and another week of anxieties would cause the most violent explosion of feeling experienced since the days of the Crimea.

All this, we maintain, is unreasonable. A good reason was given why the Government did not pour troops into South Africa before they did, and as Lord Salisbury explained at the Mansion House dinner, nothing would have been gained even if they had taken action earlier. Kruger was on the watch, and would simply have hastened his ultimatum. An ocean voyage of six thousand miles would have given him a month's advantage in any case. Instead of complaning, we should rejoice that the situation is not worse than it is, and if the Boer forces had been well handled it would be worse, much worse. They outnumber us three or four to one, and are on their own ground; the wonder is our forces have held their ground as well as they are doing. We think the results so far are the highest possible testimony to the skill and valor of the British.

Clery is not many days now from striking a blow, and Methuen, after his brilliant success of Saturday, ought to be within sight of Kimberley. All has gone well, and before the close of the week we should be getting tidings of successes that will restore the British Public to its wonted reasonableness.

There has been a county of Elgin in Ontario since there was an Ontario, and long before when it was Upper Canada. Since the earliest days of Parliamentray government it has been returning members. Many years back it was cut into two, and each part elected a member to the Dominion Parliament and another to the Provincial Legislature. During all that time five members were unseated for corrupt practices, all Conservative. A local paper gives their names, and as against these five it puts the one Liberal, Macnish, and adds: "The bald facts are more eloquent as to whose record is the purer than whole columns of argument." The Toronto Globe quotes this with approval. It would be hard to conceive anything more hypocritical. The Macnish election was shocking in the corruption and fraud that attended it; the moral sense of the country was outraged by it. The list of five compiled as an offset is made up of ordinary cases of bribery by agents. A million such cases would not equal in enormity, and in danger to the institution of free elections, the practices employed to return Macnish.

We are surprised The Vancouver World should join with the more unscrupulous of the organs in depreciating the generous act of Sir Charles Tupper and his friend in providing an insurance for the Canadian contingent. If The World desired to make itself more solid with its party it might have selected some better ground than this wretched attack. Because the insurance is not against every possible contingency, it is said, it is of little value and Sir Charles is getting some cheap credit. It was not intended to cover all eventualities. It was not an insurance against measles, or bicycle accidents, or mad dogs, but against such risks as men are obliged to take who go out to fight as soldiers. If it does not provide against all of these, it does against the worst of them, and that is all that was intended. It was magnificently generous in intention and execution, and he is a poor spirited person who would attemct to belittle it. However, if the organs are honestly concerned because it does not go far enough to cover all risks, perhaps they will hunt up some friend of the Government who will contribute the balance necessary to make it complete.

This was at Belmont: "The Boers hoisted a white flag over the second position, whereupon Lieutenant Willoughby, of the Coldstream Guards, stood up and was immediately shot down The Boers twice repeated the same tactics." If Buller did the right thing he would send out orders that in all future engagements no quarter should be given. Men who can act as treacherously as this should be treated as wild beasts.

THE SLOCAN HOSPITAL.

Editor Miner:

Sir,—In fairness to the Sandon Miners' Union, I wish to deny the report which appeared in The Miner of the 24th inst. regarding a novel proposition made by that corporatioon to the New Denver hospital. I would further state that no direct advance or proposition whatever has been received from the Miners' Union relative to the hospital here. Yours truly,

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C. P. R. EXTENSION

THE BRANCH LINE FROM BALFOUR TO NELSON.

Numerous Tenders in for the Work, With Contractors Eagerly Awaiting the Company's Award.

For the past couple of weeks several railway contractors have been making Nelson their headquarters, and day by day their anxiety appears to be growing as to the fate of their tenders, now under consideration, for the building of the branch of the C. P.R. from a point opposite Balfour to Nelson. There was a doubt on the minds of local contractors as to whether their tenders for the work would be entertained, but this was settled by a telegram from President Shaughnessy announcing that he was anxious to receive bids from local men. In compliance with this announcement, there was a great deal of figuring done, and several tenders were forwarded. What the amounts are it is of course not safe to say, but there seems to be a very general impression among railway builders that a certain firm have more tenders than one submitted. The piece of road to be built presents no great engineering difficulty, but there is a serious obstruction from Five-Mile Point to Nelson. This piece of ground is covered by the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, whose tracks hug the lake shore almost the entire distance, and scarcely leave room for another parallel line. It is thought that the C. P. R. will secure the right of way over this section, and thus simplify matters. On the work from Five-Mile Point to Balfour the local tendering has been done. Rumor has it that if the lowest man gets it, he won't make much, as figuring has been very close. As a contractor observed yesterday, "I rather have the contract than that the contract should have me," and so saying he intimated that the contract would have a certain contractor if the figures hinted at were correct. However it is not probable that any decision will be arrived at before December 1, and until then suspense will continue to reign.

COLUMBIA & WESTERN RAILWAY

Formal Opening of the Line Through the Boundary Country.

Mr. F. W. Peters, assistant general freight agent of the C. P. R. is issuing invitations to the representative men of the country for a trip over the Columbia & Western Railway, through the Boundary District. This branch is said to have cost more than any piece of line on the whole system of the C. P. R. and is pronounced by all who have travelled over it, an ideal road. It has been but recently completed, and, as is generally known, runs through a section of country whose mineral richness is undoubted and whose growth is phenomenal, even in the West. The Nelson contingent will leave here at 7 o'clock on the morning of December 7th, and will be joined by the representatives from Kaslo, Sandon, New Denver, etc. Special cars will be run from Vancouver, carrying the Victoria, Vancouver, Westminster, Nanaimo and the rest of the Coast contingent. The good people of Grand Forks, Columbia, Greenwood and Phoenix are preparing to give the visitors a warm welcome, and with Mr. Peters chaperoning the party the trip will doubtless be made as interesting as possible. Accommodation is limited to about 150 in all, so that the matter of selecting truly representative men has been by no means an easy or enviable task. Mr. Peters would be anxious to have as many as possible, but then a greater number might prove too big a batch for the towns to be visited to accommodate. The Boards of Trade, City Councils, and representative merchants of each place are on the list of invited guests.

COAL OFFICE CHANGED.—The Lethbridge Galt Coal office has been moved to the building occupied by C. D. J. Christie, on Baker Street, where all orders for coal will receive prompt attention. All persons indebted for coal are requesed to settle by 1st of December. Hereafter all Galt coal will be sold for cash only, W. P. Tierney, General Agent.

FOR SWEET CHARITY'S SAKE.

Concert at the Opera House Last Night By the Smiley Co.

The extreme inclemency of the weather prevented very many from attending the musical and literary treat provided at the Opera House last night by the Smiley Concert Co., but the proceeds, which go in aid of the Hospital funds, will not, it is hoped, suffer, as many of the absentees had secured tickets. Miss Mildred Walker, the soprano, was suffering from a severe cold, but nevertheless got through her numbers very effectively. She was encored a couple of times, but as she was evidently suffering, the audience did not insist, taking a grateful acknowledgement in lieu of a solo. Miss Bridgeland was heard to great advantage, and was obliged to give a second number in each case. Her "Lullaby Baby" was particularly fine. Mr. Smiley's recitations and impersonations were highly enjoyable. He very wisely devoted his attention to the comic element, which proved decidedly taking. However, his rendering of "The Revenge," that historic poem descriptive of the battle with the Spanish, proved him capable of handling the serious and dramatic vein. "The Humors of Music," and "How to Propose," were productive of great mirth. Those who were kept away by the rain missed a treat.

AT THE HOTEL HUME.

R. McGuire, Molly Gibson mine; D. W. Moore, Trail; A. McKillop, St. Hyacinth; J. Ross, Toronto; J. N. Holland, Vancouver; W. N. Tennant, Medicine Hat; J. M. M. Benedum and wife, Silverton; Grothe Jakassen, New York; Mrs. Shields, New Denver; L. Hancock, Spokane; Hibbard Dafour, Grand Forks; Fred C. Jones, Toronto; C. D. Coultar, Spokane; James Beveridge, Vancouver; J. F. Collum, Wellesley, Mass.

New York Counts on the half shell at the Oyster Bay Lunch counter. JOHN SPEAR, Ward Street.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Floyd R. Manly, mayor of Grand Forks, and Mrs. Manly, came in last night, and reigstered at the Hume.

Although early in the season Christmas goods are being shown in the windows of nearly all the stores catering to this trade.

When the Hudson's Bay Co., open in their new store, corner Baker and Stanley Streets, dry goods will be an additional branch of the business.

In the County Court yesterday before Judge Forin, the case of Harrison, charged with an unmentionable offence at Fernie, was dismissed on nolle prosequi.

Messrs. Marpole and Brown, the C. P. R. officials who made the deal with the City in reference to making Nelson a divisional point, are expected in town tonight.

The only case before Police Magistrate Crease yesterday morning was one of vagrancy. The vag failed to show that he had any ostensible means of livelihood, and was given 24 hours to clear out of town.

The tickets for the Smelter Band dance on Friday are out, and are already being enquired for. The best of music will be provided, the floor will be guaranteed to be good and everything points to this function being the success it deserves.

At the County Court yesterday Albert Theodore Shersaden and William Alvin Pfeiffer, both United States citizens, and Herman Oliver, a native of Germany, took out their naturalization papers and swore allegiance to the Queen and country.

The local minstrels have fixed Wednesday December 6 as the occasion upon which they will make their debut for the season. There is an excellent programme under rehearsal, so that all who take in the show may be assured of a very enjoyable time.

The following cases are entered for hearing before Justice Martin, at Nelson, on December 4: Vanstone vs. Buckworth, Hill vs. Murray, Louden vs. Moores, Dockstrader vs. Lantz, Bodwell vs. Kaslo, Lawrence vs. Hall Mines, Bigelow vs. LaBau, Fletcher vs. Marks, Marshall vs. Sandilands. These are adjourned cases held over from last sitting of the court.

A young man named Charles Williams, son of the foreman at the Poorman mine, was admitted to the General Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from a broken leg. Williams was engaged loading ore and fell from the wagon. A quantity of the rock fell on him breaking the leg below the knee and otherwise injuring him. When brought to the hospital the broken bone protruded through the skin.

Some person or persons at present unknown, effected an entrance to the Royal Hotel early on Sunday morning and carried off the nickel-in-the-slot machine which prior to that date used to decorate the counter in the office. There were several dollars worth of nickels in the machine at the time, and the thief is doubless congratulating himself on securing a royal flush. A glass case filled with choice cigars which lay on the counter with the slot machine, was not touched.

McBeath & Co. have finished their contract for sewerage and waterworks pipe laying, and the job is pronounced satisfactory. Only a little filling remains to be done at the head of Stanley Street, and this is left open that some private connections may be made. During the progress of the work a great deal of gumbo was encountered, which delayed operations and detracted from the profits of the job.

Some couple of weeks ago John Kerr, contractor, was fined $50 and costs for making water connections with the main, not having the usual permit from the proper authorities to do so. The fine was imposed by Messrs. J. A. Turner and W. A. Jowett, the presiding magistrates, after a careful hearing of the case. An appeal was lodged, and this was heard at County Court yesterday by Judge Forin, Mr. Galliher appearing for the City and Mr. Taylor for the appellant. Evidence similar to that adduced before the magistrates, was gone into, and Judge Forin decided that the fine was excessive, and reduced it to $1, the appellant to pay costs.

The cases listed for the present session of the County Court which opened yesterday are: Hunter vs. Martin, Brandor vs. Rackliffe, Manly vs. Arlington, Thurstall vs. Tattersell, Murphy vs. Brandon, Buchanan vs. Ymir Mines, Webster vs. Ymir Mines, McLaughlin vs. Kelly, Maglio vs. Little, Palmquist vs. Holbrook, Hunnex vs. Stutter, and Mulligan vs. McLaren. A great deal of interest is attached to the case of Buchanan and Webster against the Ymir Mines, which has been fixed for Saturday morning. The plaintiffs are two miners who were brought from Sudbury to work in the Ymir mine. They signed a contract for six months, but only worked a few days. They are now suing for wages, the defence being that they are not entitled to any pay as they broke their contract.

It has been decided to select as a forty-acre park site the grounds at McLeods' ranch, which the City Engineer decides to be the more acceptable of the two sites offered. This is the land which the C. P. R have undertaken to deed the City for the purpose named.

The holiday stock of silver goods and silver novelties has arrived at J. J. Walker's, and is nicely displayed in window, in cabinets and in show cases. Mr. Walker has made great preparations for the holiday trade of Nelson and one can find thousands of beautiful and suitable presents in his stock.

THE GRANBY SMELTER.

Nearly Three Hundred Men Are Employed.

Grand Forks, B. C., Nov. 27.—Nearly 300 men are employed in the construction of the Granby smelter, which will be in operation about March 1, 1900. The reduction works represent an investment of $300,000. From the dam across the Kettle River to the superintendent's residence, a distance of fully one mile, there are everywhere gangs of workmen, puffing engines, piles of lumber, loaded teams, and everything that makes a busy and inspiring spectacle of industrial thrift and activity.

The construction of the dam is itself a big undertaking. Owing to recent protracted rains the water has been higher than usual this fall, and consequently work has been somewhat hindered and delayed. But the dam is now more than half way across the river and the worst of the work is over. The structure will be much broader and larger than generally supposed, in fact, it is of immense proportions and evidently there to stay. A team engine has been rigged up on the center of the dam, which comes up flush with the water, and this is kept busy pumping water from the excavation being made below. An immense amount of heavy timbers is being used, and these are piled up in all directions, making the place look like a lumber yard. Two or three temporary buildings have been erected for the accommodation of the men employed on the work.

A TERRIBLE WEAPON.

New Gun Which is Being Supplied to the British Navy.

A Woolwich correspondent states that in accordance with the recommendation of Parliament, the British Navy is being strengthened by the addition of a new gun which will ensure the supremacy of Great Britain over the seas for many years to come. It is known as the 12-inch steel and wire gun, and is not only the best weapon which the Royal Navy has ever had, but is far superior to any gun possessed by any foreign navy. It weighs 50 tons, is 41 feet long, and has a muzzle velocity of 2,367 feet per second. The projectile weighs 850 pounds, the bursting charge being 841 pounds, and the firing charge 167½ pounds of cordite. The Admiralty have ordered 450 at a cost of £10,000 each. Of these 150 have been completed, and 300 are still in the hands of the contractors.

Each man-of-war will carry four of these formidable weapons, and when the navy is supplied they will be issued to ports on the sea fronts.

The new gun will be the heaviest in the service, and will take the place of the 110-ton, 100-ton, and 80-ton guns, of which no more are to be made.

The best Krupp gun can fire a shot twelve and a half miles, and the United States Government are constructing a monster gun, which, it is said, will carry a heavy shot 21 miles.

The new British naval gun, though less than half the weight of the American weapon, mounted on the heights of Dover, can, however, drop a shell on the shores of France, a distance of a little more than 22 miles. No accuracy of aim could, of course, be obtained or maintained at this long distance, the effective range being 16,000 yards, or between nine and ten miles.—Irish Times.

A CLOSE RACE.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 27.—Bert Repine, of Nashville, won the 48-hour bicycle race. Final score at 4:30: Repine, 961 miles, four laps; Julius, 961 miles three laps; Miller, 961 miles, two laps; Lawson, 960 miles, 10 laps; Waller, 960 miles, seven laps.

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COURT KOOTENAY, I. O. F., No. 3138. Meetings 2nd and 4th Thursday, Fraternal hall, J. A. Irving, C. R. W. B. Shaw, R. S.

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(620) R. G. JOY, K. of R. and S.

I. O. O. F. Kootenay Lodge No. 16, meets every Monday night, at their Hall, Kootenay street Sojourning Odd Fellows cordially invited.
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NELSON L.O.L. No. 1692 meets in the MacDonald block every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting members cordially invited John Tove, W. M.: F. J. Bradley, R. S.

S.O.E. NELSON'S QUEEN NO. 241 SONS OF ENGLAND, meets first and third Wednesday of each month at Fraternity hall, corner of Baker and Kootenay streets. Visiting brethern cordially invited.
JOHN WATSON, Secretary.

NELSON AERIE No. 22, F. O. E., meets every second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited J. R. Wray, Secretary.

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S. SAVIOUR'S [ENGLISH] CHURCH—Corner Ward and Silica Sts. Sundays: Holy Communion 8 a. m.; and on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month after Mattins; Mattin- at 11 a.m.; Sunday School 2.30 p.m.; Evensong 7.30. Daily: Mattins at 9.30 a. m. Thursdays and Saint's Days: Holy Communion 10 a. m. Fridays: Evensong 7.30 p. m., followed by choir practice. H. S. Akehurst, Rector. Fred Irvine, Geo. Johnstone, Wardens.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH—Mass at Nelson, first and third Sunday at 8 and 10.00 a.m.; Benediction at 7.30 to 8 p.m. Rev. Father Ferland Priest.

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MINING NEWS.

Speaking of the shortage of silver in Canada, The Winnipeg Free Press says: "Canada needs its Bryan to attract the attention of the Dominion Government to the question of silver for a period long enough to enable the finance department to order sufficient silver coinage to supply the needs of the people. There is a shortage of silver coinage in every Province of the Dominion, and perhaps it is more noticeable in the west, where some of the want is filled by the introduction of United States coinage. This is very unpalatable to Canadians, who prefer to use coin stamped with the Queen's head. Two years go the attention of the Deputy Minister of Finance at Ottawa was drawn to the extreme scarcity of Canadian silver in British Columbia, and to the fact that nearly all the silver in circulation in the Kootenay district was United States coinage. The deputy minister did not appear to attach any importance to the complaint. We would, therefore, direct the attention of the finance minister to the subject of the scarcity of Canadian silver, not only in the west, but in all the Province, and it is particularly scarce in the very Province from which the finance minister hails—Nova Scotia. The question is naturally asked: 'What is the reason that the Canadian people are not supplied with sufficient silver to meet their ordinary needs for a circulating medium?' The Comtroller of Currency, or the finance minister himself might study for a few minutes the answer to this question. We believe the answer to be simply that the finance department does not order the minting of sufficient silver coinage. The officers of the department, whose duty it is to look after this matter are either too timid, or they are in ignorance of the great scarcity which they are supposed to prevent. Every person in business knows how hard it is to get silver, but if the department wants a tangible proof of the scarcity which we allege exists on every hand let them ask their assistant receiver-general at Winnipeg for a report. Last week he received from the mint in England $10,000 of newly coined silver, and the article was so scarce and the demand for it so great that the banks took every cent of it in a single day. As the finance department has been in default in respect to the supply of silver for some years, it is time that the head of the department took the matter up and secured the immediate minting of a sufficient amount of this coinage."

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Greenwood, Nov. 27.—Excellent reports are received here regarding the new strike on the Golden Eagle in Brown's camp. The property is owned by Greenwood people who are developing it. The latest value of the ore taken from the face of the west drift at the 130 foot level is given at $7 gold and 22 per cent copper.

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PRICE OF COPPER.

London, Nov. 27.—Copper, closed, spot £75, 10s.; futures £73. Market steady, sales, spot 225 tons, futures 225 tons.

FIGHT UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

Both Principals Take Headers Out of the Ring.

New York, Nov. 27.—The fistic contest between Bob Armstrong, the champion heavy weight boxer of Chicago, and Jim Jeffords, of California, which was slated to go 25-rounds before the Hercules Atheletic Club tonight ended rather abruptly in the third round. Both men went head foremost from a clinch over the ropes into a box in the second round, and in the third Jeffords took another header from the effect of a right swing on the jaw.

This took all the steam out of the big fellow and when he regained his feet he was sent sprawling from a right upper cut in the vicinity of the belt. Jeffords rolled over in agony and his seconds claimed a foul on the ground that he was hit below the belt. Referee Johnny Eckhart decided that the blow landed fairly and gave his verdict in favor of Armstrong after Jeffords had been counted out and carried to his corner.

FIGHT A DRAW.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 27.—The fight tonight between Gaspar Leon, of New York, and Johnny Ritchie, of St. Louis, resulted in a draw after the 4th round had been fought. Leon broke his arm in the third round and, on the advice of a physician attending, the fight was stopped and the referee declared the contest a draw.

MANY PRISONERS.

Cairo, Nov. 27.—Sir Francis Wingate in the battle with the khalifa's force near Gedid, captured 9,000 men, women and children. Osman Digna, the principal general of the khalifa, is still at large.

WORLD'S SUPPLY OF CEREALS.

New York, Nov. 27.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat on Saturday November 25, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange is as follows: Wheat, 55,836,000 bushels, increase, 1,836 000 bushels; corn, 11,550,000, increase, 115,000 bushels; oats, 5,917,000 bushels, decrease, 208,000 bushels; rye, 1,498,000 bushels, increase, 136,000 bushels; barley, 3,556,000, increase, 437,000 bushels.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

Celestials Appear to Think They Have a Right to Their Own Land.

Washington, Nov. 27.—In official and diplomatic quarters much interest was manifested today in the plan put forward in London among the great powers defining spheres of influence in China. That a deal in the shape of a formal treaty is to be made between the powers interested in the future of China as the outcome of negotiations now in progress is not believed here, though an understanding of a less formal nature is possible. These negotiations following the frank request of Secretary Hay upon some of the Governments which had already given him verbal and informal assurances, in the shape of the continuation of all our treaty rights in Chinese territory, to have these agreements reduced to written form, it was not regarded as necessary to go beyond that point, and although it frequently happens as the result of initiating negotiations that the scope of them is broadened far beyond anything originally in contemplation, it is believed that such will not be the case now and that there will be no necessity for a general and formal treaty.

It would be extremely difficult to frame any such convention as to secure the approval of the United States without a protracted struggle that might disclose disagreeable weakness in the Government's policies, and besides, the effort would be sure to arouse opposition from the considerable element in the United States which is unalterably opposed to any sort of foreign entanglements. Of course this statement applies only to the United States, and there could be no objection on our part to the other powers joining in a treaty covering foreign rights in China, provided there was nothing in the agreement obnoxious to our just and proper claims. On the whole having in view the highly satisfactory utterances in the French Chambers yesterday of M. Delcasse, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, respecting the maintenance of the "open door" in China, there is felt in official quarters to be reason for expecting a successful outcome of the negotiations on this subject opened by the United States. At some of the foreign establishments the proposition was considered a "feeler," resulting from recent inquiries made by the American Government as to the attitude of the great powers. Other influential members of the diplomatic corps pointed out that the plan was the logical consummation of the scheme initiated between Russia and Great Britain where the spheres of influence would be defined.

The Chinese legation views the proposition as purely conjectural, and the Chinese Minister, Wu Ting Fang, when his attention was directed to the matter, regarded it as preposterous.

"This is about the most refreshing suggestion we have had of late," remarked Mr. Wu. "What could be more serious than that a document should be drawn up without China being a part of it. It has escaped attention that China is a sovereign nation, and when it comes to writing treaties concerning her interests and territory this sovereign nation is quite likely to have considerable to say on the subect. I hardly think any of the great self-respecting powers would give countenance to a plan such as is outlined. It is as though a party of your neighbors met and agreed how they would occupy your house. One would take the front door, another the side door; others would appropriate certain windows. And all this without consulting you, the owner of the house. Such a course by individuals would seem strange indeed, and it would amount to the same thing among nations. Of course all things are possible, and it is difficult to say how far a plan once entered upon may proceed. While the individual may be quite secure in his residence, it is of course always within the bounds of possibility that a band of robbers may arrange to enter the house and carry away the belongings. For that reason it is the part of wisdom for the individual to be on the outlook against such moves. But it is not to be supposed that a nation stands in any such danger, as the great nations would not countenance any such course. So that the suggestion of a treaty of this character appears to me entirely visionary."

ANGLO-GERMAN AGREEMENT.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—It is reiterated here that the Anglo-German agreement has secret clauses referring to South Africa which will eventually allot Tiger Bay to Germany.

(Tiger Bay does not appear on the map. Delagoa Bay is probably the place referred to.—ED.)

JAMESON IN LONDON.

London, Nov. 27.—Dr. Jameson, the leader of the famous raid has arrived here from South Africa.

IN THE FRENCH CHAMBER.

Foreign Policy Debate Resumed—Ambassador For the Vatican.

Paris, Nov. 27.—In the Chamber of Deputies today, the discussion of the foreign policy of the Government was resumed. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Delcasse, protested against the attacks of the opposition which, he said, did not recoil even before the risk of embroiling France in external difficulties. This called forth Leftist cheers and Rightist protests.

M. Denys Cochin, leader of the Clericals, expressed surprise at the importance attached to Anglo-French newspaper polemics which, he said, were only froth. He added that he was no partisan of the policy of fist shaking, but he thought the war in South Africa gave the opportunity to make certain comments. Although he disapproved of fist shaking he equally disapproved of the the policy of crossed arms. M. Denys Cochin concluded with urging a more active policy in China.

M. Delcasse then moved the re-establishment of the credit for an embassy at the Vatican, as a matter of national interest to France as a great Catholic nation, adding that as long as the Government interested itself in the relations of French clergy with the Curial, an embassy at the Vatican was absolutely necessary.

Replying M. Denys Cochin said that while the Clericals would vote for the credit it must not be construed as a vote of confidence in the Government. The credit was adopted by 349 to 202 votes and the House adjourned.

NEWFOUNDLAND POLITICS.

An Unique Political Situation Now Exists There.

St. Johns, Nfld., Nov. 27.—An unique political situation has been created by Mr. Morine's withdrawal from the Colonial Ministry. Sir James Winter, the Premier, can rely upon a following of ten in the Legislature. Mr. Morine has a large number of supporters. Mr. Bond, the leader for the opposition has 10 and Mr. Morris leads six independents. It is practically impossible to bring about a fusion between any two of these factions. Early in January the Legislature will meet and the Winter Ministry is almost certain to be defeated. What will happen after that it is impossible to predict.

FATAL WRECK.

Portland, Nov. 27.—The east bound passenger train on the O. R. & N. was wrecked at 10:30 tonight one mile from Rooster Rock, 30 miles east of this city, by a landslide. The engine and tender went over an embankment 15 feet high and the mail and baggage cars were overturned. Fireman Milor was thrown under the wreck and killed. Engineer Robert Hunter was caught under the cab but was rescued though severely injured. No other person were injured.

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