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LONDON BELIEVES IN BULLER'S REVERSE

Gloomy News From the Front This Morning.

THEORIES ADVANCED

Many Think That Buller's Third Attempt Was Merely a Ruse—Gen. Gatacre Repulsed the Boers.

London, Feb. 10.—(5 a. m.)—A special from Spearman's Camp dated yesterday (Friday) noon says that owing to the Boer cross fire and the impossibility of intrenching Vaal Krantz, General Buller's forces withdrew.

The Financial News which publishes this dispatch suggests that General Buller has not yet actually recrossed the Tugela.

London, Feb. 10.—(4:20 a. m.)—All London accepts as truth the Boer statement that General Buller has again failed. The statement was passed by the British censor at Aden and is read, in the light of Mr. Balfour's announcement in the Commons, that General Buller is not pressing his advance. Mr. Winston Churchill cables that Vaal Krantz was impracticable for the guns which were needed to support a further advance. His cablegram leaves General Buller on Tuesday night sending a fresh brigade to relieve the tired soldiers of Saal Krantz.

Descriptive writers with General Buller were allowed rather a free hand again in explaining the ugly position which the British held, and the nature of the obstacle which had to be overcome, so it is easy to infer that with Boer riflemen and artillery defending them, these hills, ravines and jungles have not been overcome, and thus the public is prepared in advance for bad news. Heliograms from Ladysmith, dated Monday, describe the effect General Buller's cannonade had on the worn garrison. Hope ran high that the long period of activity and tedium was drawing to a close. The crash of guns was almost continuous for ten hours and at times it seemed as if as many as 20 shells burst in a minute. The Boers, preparing always for the possibility of defeat, were driving herds and sending long wagon trains towards the Drakensburg Passes. Intense darkness and silence followed, broken only by frogs croaking, and the occasional blaze of shells, surrounding the town with a circle of light to prevent the unobserved approach of the enemy. A series of British mines, laid for the Boers, exploded accidentally, shaking and alarming the city and camp.

General MacDonald's retirement puzzles the military commentator. The theory that finds acceptance is that it was ordered by Lord Roberts and that both General Buller's and General MacDonald's operations were by the direction of the Commander-in-Chief, in order to occupy the Boers at widely separated points, so they would be unable to transfer any portion of their forces to oppose the projected central advance.

Mr. Charles Williams, a military writer who is understood to be in confidential relations with Lord Wolseley, says that beyond doubt the most authorative opinion in London regards it as probable that an endeavor will be made to force the line of the Orange River before Wednesday next, possibly by Monday.

Mr. Henry V. Lucy says that the health of Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Colony, is suffering from prolonged strain and his friends fear he will break down.

Lord Salisbury's son, Lord Edward Cecil, is responsible for Mafeking being so well provisioned. At the outbreak of the war he learned the amount of army stores about to be sent to Mafeking, and on his own incentive pledged his private means and had these stores quadrupled. He is now in Mafeking, and one of its boldest defenders.

London, Feb. 10.—The Times, dealing with the military situation, says: "If General Buller has failed, it seems unlikely that another atempt will be made. The terrible initial stragetic mistake of abandoning the principal objective for a subsidiary operation still overweighs the campaign, but the time approaches when its baneful influence will cease to better our action. The great issues of the war will not be decided in Natal."

General MacDonald's retirement, The Times considers inexplicable.

London, Feb. 9.—The Times is an editorial dealing with General Buller's task says: "The problem before him is unquestionably most difficult. We cannot be surprised or disheartened should he be unable to solve it with success. His task is not merely to force his way through the Boer lines to Ladysmith. That operation would be formidable enough. But it would be easy compared with one he must perform if large strategical results are to follow his efforts. He must inflict a crushing defeat upon the Boer army. Unless he can drive them into the Drakensberg or otherwise destroy that army, the relief of Ladysmith can hardly be accomplished with safety. We await the issue of the operation with great anxiety."

Elsewhere, The Times comments on the fact that Gneral Buller is "Playing his part in the general scheme which is being co-ordinated by Lord Roberts."

It says on this point: "The British public is still kept in ignorance of the whereabouts of some 25,000 troops, and great developments may be expected. It is difficult to believe that the Boers are equally ignorant of the disposition of the British forces. The great game of war will, however, shortly be begun, and we may confidently hope that the period of reverses is drawing to an end.

London, Feb. 9.—A dispatch from Koodosberg Drift does not say whether General Babbington finally joined General MacDonald, but the word "combined" seems to indicate that he did so.

London, Feb. 9—A War Office dispatch from Lord Roberts dated Thursday, Feburary 8, confirms the report that General Gatacre has repulsed the Boers at Pen Hock and Bird River and that the security of both outposts is established.

In regard to General MacDonald's operations, Lord Roberts does not mention the former's retirement to Modder River. He says: "MacDonald was dispatched to prevent the Boers blocking the main drift at Koodoosberg and successfully established himself at Koodoosberg in spite of the determined efforts of the Boers to dislodge him. At MacDonald's request, Babington was sent with reinforcements Wednesday, February 7. Babington threatened the Boers north of Koodoosberg while another force drove out the Boers southward."

The dispatch concludes with the statement: "The enemy have now evacuated their positions and none are in sight."

London, Feb. 9.—Mr. Balfour, the Government Leader, replying to a question in the House of Commons this forenoon, as to what information had been received from the seat of war, said: "Our information points to the fact that General Buller is not pressing an advance from the position he has occupied. We do not consider it right to press him for details of the operations which are in progress, nor if he does give such information, do we deem it proper to make this public until such operations are completed. The Government has no information as to whether General Macdonald has retired."

London, Feb. 9.—In The Morning Post, Mr. Spencer Wilkinson today reviewing the military situation says: "Lord Roberts is evidently about to begin his campaign and there are signs that General Methuen's force will make the first important move. It is probable that the seventh division will soon be heard of as co-operating with General Methuen.

"The late news regarding General Buller's operation is puzzling. It looks now as if he never seriously contemplated an attempt to relieve Ladysmith, but only a demonstration to prevent the Boers from diverting reinforcements to Magersfontein.

Looking to the distance from Ladysmith to Kimberley, a journey in which the Boers would get little railway help for the transport of their forces, Lord Roberts has a clear week for the first blow which will put a new face on the situation. This hypothesis would account for the present state of things in both theatres of war and the peculiarities of the attacks of Monday and Tuesday could become intelligible, for if they had been intended as a serious movement, General Buller would have been largely re-inforced and would have pushed the attack with greater energy."

CONFLICTING NEWS IN THE AFTERNOON

Miner's Special Despatches of a Varying Nature.

A REPORTED REVERSE

Boers Report That Buller Is Forced to Retreat Across the Tugela—Ladysmith Reported Relieved.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

London, Feb. 9.—(2:30 p. m.)—There is still no news of General Buller's doings today or yesterday. A dispatch dated Frere Camp, Thursday, Feb. 8, but probably written with the advanced lines, Wednesday, Feb. 7, and sent to Frere by runners, says: "The forces of the enemy are on both our flanks and continue to render our position extremely difficult to maintain." Beyond the fact that General Buller devoted Wednesday to bringing more artillery and troops across the Tugela, nothing is known of his movements, but that he badly needed reinforcements is evident from the forming from Frere. It is still more patent that it is impossible for him to advance till the artillery shall have been enabled to take up a forward position for the purpose of subduing the Boer guns on both flanks. Upon the length of time occupied in this operation depends the duration of General Buller's maintenance of the defensive. It is reasonable to suppose that the guns and reinforcements were in position yesterday and that another attempt to advance is now progressing, at least that the bombardment preliminary to the actual movement of the torops is in progress. In the meanwhile news in awaited with very great eagerness, not unmixed with anxiety. Almost all the critics now point out that the mere pushing through to Ladysmith without securing a decisive victory on the way would only add danger to what is already a critical position.

Another Frere Camp dispatch says a Boer prisoner asserts that the Burghers expected General Buller to cross at Shiots Drift and that thousands of Boers were being posted at Dorn Kloof to oppose such a passage, while on the captured hill, there were only a few hundred Johannesburghers. This tends to increase the anxiety of those who believe that General Buller has scarcely begun the serious part of his advance, though encouragement is gleaned from the news that the heavy naval guns, after repeated attempts, during which the mules rolled down the hill, have succeeded in reaching the summit of Zwarts Kop, whence they are doing excellent practice.

Koodoosberg Drift, Feb. 8.—The Boers yesterday made a determined effort to drive the British from a hill commanding the Drift. Mounting two seven-pounders at the northern extremity, they shelled the position intermittently the whole day. The Seaforth Highlanders gained a position on the rocky summit and kept up a sustained rifle fire, but suffered somewhat from the Boer shelling. A battery was sent for, and succeeded in silencing the Boer fire. Meanwhile two companies of the Argyle Highlanders advancing along the plain in a westerly direction, found the Boers entrenched at a small drift. A sharp engagement followed, lasting the whole day.

General MacDonald now only requires sufficient troops in order to completely surround the Boers. General Babington was dispatched from Modder River with a large force of cavalry and two batteries of horse artillery, but failed to reach here although he started early enough in the day to enable him to get here early this afternoon. This morning General Methuen ordered that the combined force should retire upon the Modder River, which movement is now proceeding. The British losses in the fighting on Wednesday were 50 men killed and wounded.

Head Laager, Ladysmith, Wednesday, Feb. 7.—An armoured train yesterday made a sortie from Chieveley towards Colenso and landed two thousand British troops on the right of the Boer position. The Boers immediately crossed the river and made an attack with rifles and artillery, forcing the withdrawal of both the train and the troops to Chieveley. The fighting on the Upper Tugela River lasted until 8:30 yesterday, (Tuesday) evening. Particulars are lacking. Firing at both Colenso and along the Upper Tugela has been proceeding since 5 o'clock this morning.

London, Feb. 9.—An interesting letter has been received from Colonel Baden-Powell, telling how he conducts the defense of Mafeking by telephone. He has made himself a bomb proof mound, in the centre of the town. He says: "Here I sit in my bomb proof bureau, writing these letters, around me is telephone connection with each one of my outposts. At each one of these outposts a telescope keeps constant watch on the Boer outposts and guns. As soon as it is seen which way their fire is about to be directed the wire connections send word and the bell with which each defensive quarter is provided, clangs in that part of town where the shell is about to fall. All in the open at once go to ground like rabbits."

A dispatch from Cape Town, dated Thursday, Feb. 8, says: "The foreign military attachees will leave tomorrow. Their destination is not given but presumably they will join Lord Roberts, whose whereabouts have not yet been made public."

A rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved is again current today, but the War Office authorities say that they have no confirmation of the report.

Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Feb. 8.—The British who were in possession of the kopje at Molsen's Drift, abandoned it after a bombardment by Boer cannon this morning, and retired across the Tugela River to their former position. A desultory cannonade is proceeding at Tugela this morning, but otherwise everything is quiet.

Pretoria, Feb. 5.—Colonel Plummer's force on February 2, attacked the Boer position near Ramonsta and after heavy fighting, including an endeavor to take the place by storm, the British were repulsed. Their loss is unknown.

London, Feb. 9.—(6:40 p. m.)—Up to the present the War Office had evidently heard nothing of a retirement by General Buller, as described in the dispatch from the Boer Head Laager. When shown the Boer dispatch, the officials appeared utterly dumfounded. Apparently they had not the least suspicion of the possibility of such an outcome of the operations.

London, Feb. 9.—The military experts are bending their energies just at present to figuring out from the meagre news given out by the War Office just what General Roberts and ihs chief assistants are doing in South Africa. What puzzles them is the silence of the War Office. It is figured out that General Buller is not attempting to turn the Boer position. He is seeking to break his way through the Dutch lines by means of the hammering power of his artillery. During the first three days, artillery fire from 36 guns at one point and 72 at another, were concentrated upon the enemy's entrenchments. Buller was not in a hurry but was content with shelling the positions first taken by Lyttleton's and Hillyard's soldiers, and with moving his guns across the river to support them. The edge had been driven in only a short way, but it was in the direction of Ladysmith, which was not more than ten miles from the advanced British positions. If it could be hammered forward for five miles General White's men would be enabled to co-operate with General Buller.

London, Feb. 9.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Pietmaritzburg says that Lady Churchill has visited Chieveley Camp.

London, Feb. 10.—The Daily Telegraph announced that General Sir Francis Clery is now on his way to England invalided.

London, Feb. 10.—A dispatch to The Morning post from Modder River dated Thursday, says General Macdonald's and General Babington's forces will return shortly and adds that the initiative to the reconnaissance emanated from headquarters.

London, Feb. 10.—A dispatch to The Times from Koodosberg dated, Thursday, February 8, says it is reported that Boer reinforcements are arriving from Magersfontein.

London, Feb. 9.—(12 p. m.)—The War Office announces that it has no further news to give out tonight.

TARTE OPPOSES THE TEN THOUSAND MEN

Thinks the B. C. Citizens are Going Too Far.

FRESH CANADIAN NEWS

Journalist Urges the C. P. R. Getting the Fast Atlantic Line—Smallpox at Toronto Junction.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Montreal, Feb. 9.—La Patrie, Mr. Tarte's organ, criticizes the action of the citizens of B. C. in agitating in favor of Canada sending an army of ten thousand men to the Transvaal. It attributes the movement to Tory Jingoes. In sending two contingents, the paper says, it believes two million dollars has been spent for the war in which Canada has no direct interest, and says Canada's gold should be spent in development of the country, not upon war.

Montreal, Feb. 9.—In his reply to the protest of the Montreal Stock Exchange against his failure to notify the Exchange of the close of the War Eagle mine and the suspension of a dividend, President Geoderham says: "We only received an intimation of the Manager's intention to close down the War Eagle and the Centre Star mine, Friday evening. We ordered the printing of circulars for distribution among the shareholders on Saturday and mailed them Monday evening. Copies of this circular were handed to all the papers on Monday evening and appeared Tuesday morning. I do not see how I could have possibly given notice to Exchange here and in Montreal without the possibility of someone getting an advantage. If there was any leak it must have come from the West."

The Montreal Stock Exchange's repy was as follows: "At a general meeting of members held on Thursday afternoon your letter was read and it was resolved that your explanation was decidedly unsatisfactory."

Woodstock, Feb. 9.—The preliminary trial of Counterfeiter Antony Decker opened here this morning. Steiner, an American, who Decker became associated with in Baltimore was the principal witness. He declared Decker offered him in a share in the counterfeiting business in Canada if he (Steiner) would pay him $400. Steiner refused the offer. Turquay, another witness, testified regarding Decker's telegraphic code, after which the case adjourned for further hearing.

Toronto, Feb. 9—In his address before the Canadian Press Association yesterday, the retiring President, W. S. Dingman, in concluding, urged the press of the Dominion to unite in urging the solution of the fast Atlantic problem by the Government handling the project over to the Canadian Pacific Railway, the only corporation, the President concluded, that seemed adapted to execute such a project with credit to Canada.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—In addition to closing public schools, all pool rooms, concert halls, library and lodge rooms, have been closed down in Toronto Junction, to prevent the spread of smallpox. No new cases have as yet developed.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Colonel Steele telegraphed the Comptroller of the Mounted Police today that recruiting in Manitoba, the North West and B. C. was completed. The first train leaves Calgary for Ottawa tomorrow.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—The Standard Bank today decided to withdraw from the Bank Clearing House. It is alleged this is owing to the mysterious disappearance of a package of bills or a portion of the package, in transit between the Trader's Bank and the Standard Bank, while the package was passing through the Clearing House.

Toronto Junction, Feb. 8.—There is still much excitement here over the outbreak of smallpox. The Medical Health Officers are making an investigation and will endeavor to fix the responsibility for allowing smallpox to exist from January 17 to February 6, without taking proper precautionary measures, although a local physician claims that he reported a case to the Medical Health Officer at first date. There are now eight patients and nine suspected cases in the city.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Nearly all the time of sitting the House was occupied this afternoon in the discussion of a question of Privilege in regard to remarks of Sir Charles Tupper, as reported by The Winnipeg Free Press on Tuesday last. Sir Charles Tupper had accused Magurn, the editor of The Free Press who is visiting in Ottawa, with having inspired the report, and with misquoting him in his remarks regarding Mr. Tarte and the French. Premier Laurier today received a letter from Magurn in which he denied having sent the report, and calling for an apology from Sir Charles.

The leader of the Opposition replied at length and said he had since learned that Magurn did not send the dispatch, but understood he was in the Press Gallery at the time. He also said he would move for the expulsion from the Gallery of the man who had sent the dispatch but sat down without taking action.

Bourassa followed in an attack on Sir Charles Tupper and the debate was close by the defeat of a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Davin moved that it is the duty of the Government to at once make provision for the defence of Manitoba and the North West Territories, and that more particularly provision should be made, whereby Rifle Associations, duly formed, shall be provided with military instruction as well as rifles and ammunition. Debate on the motion was adjourned after which the House adjourned.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—A contract has been warded to Pourque and Larivaere of Ottawa, for building the Dominion Public Building at New Westminster, B. C., to replace those destroyed by fire a couple of years ago.

Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—Premier Macdonald and Dr. McFadden, the new Provincial Secretary, were banqueted at Emerson tonight.

Montreal, Feb. 9.—W. F. Tye, the engineer under whose direction the Columbia & Western branch of the C. P. R. was built, has been named Chief Engineer of Construction over the entire C. P. R. system. P. J. Dennis was appointed Engineer of Maintenance over the system, and J. G. Sullivan was appointed engineer on the Columbia & Western division.

The Star's London cable says: "Hamilton Merritt, of Toronto, writes to a friend here announcing that he has been given command of the South African mounted troops and that he is now busy under Brizadier-General Branbant in connection with the impending invasion of the Orange Free State. Merritt, who was refused service in the Canadian contingent, hurried at his own expense to London to enlist there. He was provided by Hon. George Wyndham, Under Secretary of State for War, with a letter of introduction to Sir Alfred Milner with the result stated.

A circular issued by the C. P. R. today announces the appointment of Captain J. W. Troup, the present Superintendent of Navigation in British Columbia, to be Superintendent of branch lines in the Kootenay district. Henry E. Beasley, the late superintendent, is ordered to report to President Shaughnessy, at Montreal. The position to which Mr. Beasley is to be promoted is not named. Captain Edward C. Gore is named as Post Captain at Nelson, John A. Hamilton is made Chief of Train Service in the Kootenay system, with headquarters at Nelson. D. O. Lewis is appointed Resident Engineer of the Kootenay system, with headquarters at Nelson. The office of assistant superintendent is abolished.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—A contract has been awarded to Bourque and Larivière, contractors in this city, for the erection of the new public buildings in New Westminster to replace those destroyed by fire a couple of years ago. They will cost in the neighborhood of $50,000.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—The federation or combine of the woolen mills at Hespeler, Waterloo, Lambton, Markham and Carleton Place has been completed and the company, under the presidency of W. R. Brock, has taken over the properties. The paid up capital is $500,000 and the authorized capital $2,000,000. The intention is to keep each mill running on the goods for which it is best adapted. The president says a saving of $50,000 a year is expected from this mode of utilizing the property. There are about 70 persons interested in the consolidated mills.

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OUR SUPINE LEGISLATURE.

The Kaslo Board of Trade has petitioned the Legislature to either modify or repeal the Eight-Hour law. We have several times had occasion to congratulate this Board on the spirit and good sense displayed in dealing with matters affecting the public interest, and now we have another instance of it. The membership, we suppose, is largely mercantile; but like all communities in the Kootenays, Kaslo is closely identified with and largely dependent upon the mining industry. It is entitled to speak, and with the authority that comes of direct personal knowledge of the subject in all its bearings, on the working of the law and the evil consequences that spring from it.

The members of the Board believe the law is a mistake, and on a question of this kind their opinion is more valuable than that of any like number of members of the Legislature. We presume they would prefer to have the law repealed, and the old, satisfactory, and profitable condition of things restored. Failing that, however, they suggest a modification on which it is possible to arrive at a compromise. Let the standard day remain at eight hours, if thought most desirable, but let it be provided that there shall be no penalty for working overtime. That is a reasonable suggestion, and it has the further merit of offering an escape from the present difficulty. We are frequently told that eight hours constitute the standard day in the Australian Colonies. That is quite true. There they have an eight-hour day, but there is also an eight-hour wage. In Australasian mines, where living for the most part is quite as expensive as in this Province, the standard wage is $2.50 a day. Here the whole mining industry is threatened with stagnation because the miners demand $3.50 a day. We do not suppose any one would object to the eight-hour day, but the pay should correspond. The difficulty existing here would probably adjust itself in a short time, if the Legislature would break ground for a general compromise on the line suggested in the petition of the Kaslo Board of Trade.

How the Legislature can refuse, or why it should delay, to take action that would at least invite some form of settlement is beyond ordinary comprehension. It can be explained only on the theory that it is indifferent to the public welfare. For nearly six weeks it has been in session, the greater portion of which time has been passed in a struggle between the parties for the loaves and fishes of office. During the remainder of the period they have been pottering over such weighty matters as the reduction of a few dollars on the license fee for a country tavern. And all this time the principal industry of the Province has been dying of a wound inflicted by the Legislature itself. In a few days the Hall Mines Company will close down, as a direct result of the Eight Hour law. Read what Mr. Croasdaile says: "The increased cost of labor at the mine since last June has also been a serious matter to us, coming as it did when there was so much dead work to be done. The smelter would have helped greatly, and probably averted a suspension altogether, had we been able to continue lead smelting steadily. We had contracts with silver-lead mines last year that would have enabled us to do this if the Slocan mines had not closed down last June." The War Eagle and the Centre Star mines at Rossland, two of the largest in that district and the almost sole supply for the Trail smelter, are closing down, and it is no secret that this action is largely due to the Eight-Hour law. Mines on all sides are idle through the same cause. The industry has been seriously crippled; general and complete stagnation is threatened, and to it all the Legislature remains impassive. This comes nearest of anything we know to Nero's fiddling while Rome burned.

The Senate is to be invited a second time to put a summary end to a redistribution Bill, and there is little fear but it will prove itself quite equal to the occasion. To propose a general redistribution in the same session that Parliament will be asked to make provision for the census to be taken next year is an incongruity that should have abashed even a Tarte. Our constitution contemplates that a redistribution shall be made, not on the eve of a census, but immediately following it. The census is intended to be a guide to the redistribution. A rearrangement of constituencies at this time, whatever pretext might be advanced in behalf of it, would be neither more nor less than a gerrymander.

"J. W. Stewart has announced that his firm has secured the contract for the Balfour extension," says The Greenwood Times. "He is buying his supplies in Nelson. The Nelson Miner ought to be satisfied." Yes, The Miner is satisfied. It is satisfied with the awarding of the contract, as it believes Mr. Stewart's firm are entirely competent for the work. There is no conceivable reason why it should not be satisfied with the purchasing of their supplies in Nelson. The Miner is a part of Nelson, and naturally rejoices at anything and everything that bring business in its direction, just as The Times would rejoice over Greenwood's good fortune. Besides, where else would they buy their supplies? At Greenwood?

It is suggested that Mr. Tarte is subject to opportune illnesses. He took ill last session and disappeared, but returned to employ a good part of the recess in active campaigning. The session is only a week old and he is again taken ill. The interpretation is that Mr. Tarte is afraid to face the music. We prefer to believe that he is not shamming. We doubt very much if he is as ourageous as his friends claim, and he is a vulnerable spot in the Ministerial armor; but it is not pleasant to think that he is afraid of the heavy guns of the House, and his health is certainly not of the best.

Parliament should ease Mr. Bourassa's mind. The poor man is in terrible distress because of the fear that the dispatch of the first contingent, without the consent of Parliament, may be taken as a precedent. He desires to establish by vote that all future Governments shall be left free to act as they see fit. There can be no harm in that, especially as loyal Canadian Governments will never hesitate to go to the aid of the Mother Country in time of need, Bourassas or no Bourassas.

Mr. McBride is endeavoring to amend the Municipal Election Act in two particulars. One is that the Clerk of a municipality shall, immediately after revision, make out an alphabetical list of voters. The other is that a municipality may, by by-law, provide for the adoption of a voting machine. There is grave danger that an earthquake may at any moment put an end to legislation at Victoria, and it will be well not to count too confidently on these amendments.

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

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MORE SMALL POX

A CASE REPORTED AT ROSSLAND YESTERDAY.

Dr. La Bau Has Left to Investigate Another Case at Beaver, on the N. & F. S. Road.

All the efforts of the quarantine authorities and Boards of Health to keep smallpox from coming north into British Columbia have not been entirely successful, as two cases have been reported. Last night The Miner received the following dispatch from Rossland:

"A genuine case of smallpox was discovered here today. The patient is an eight-year-old child, who came in here with her mother from Colville on Saturday last. She had been vaccinated and duly passed quarantine. The house has been quarantined, and patient and mother removed to the isolated hospital and every precaution taken."

It was also learned in Nelson yesterday that a case had been discovered at Beaver, a station on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard line. Dr. LaBau, Medical Health Officer, left last evening to make an investigation. Meanwhile the efforts of the local Board will be redoubled and a close watch kept to see that the dreaded disease does not break out here.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The wholesalers of Nelson were responsible for 35 cars of merchandise sent out yesterday to various points.

The Rev. C. W. Rose will preach his last sermon in Nelson tomorrow evening. The date of his departure has not yet been fixed.

The Hon. C. H. Mackintosh arrived in Nelson yesterday to take part in the send-off accorded to the recruits for Strathcona's Horse.

The long expected last car of machinery for the Nelson Gas & Coke Company arrived at length yesterday, and was sent up to the works.

The Nelson Lacrosse-Hockey Club play the Rossland club in Rossland tonight, and the Rossland-Victorias play the Nelson Hockey Club at the rink here.

In the Presbyterian Church tomorrow the Rev. Mr. Frew will preach on the following subjects: Morning, "The New Birth." Evening, 'Noah and the Flood."

The Delight Gold Mining Company yesterday obtained a Certificate of Improvements in respect of the Balmoral mineral claim, situated on Toad Mountain.

The new heating apparatus at the Kootenay Lake General Hospital should be in working order in a week, and it will not be long then before the new ward is tenanted.

During the temporary absence of Mr. John Hirsch who left last night with the Nelson contingent to shoot a few Beers, Mr. A. M. Barrow will look after his business.

Max McSwayne arrived from the East yesterday to take a position with Martin O'Reilly & Co. Mr. Mc Swayne has had long experience in the dry goods business.

A lot of little people are coming into the world in Nelson at present. Yesterday the quartette of the previous day was supplemented by the arrival of a son to Mrs. R. Bradford.

Work on the Bornite Bank group on Morning Mountain, is progressing well. Attention is confined now to sinking a shaft which is showing up a good ore body, which assays well in gold.

The Nelson Furniture Company have greatly increased their accommodation by taking in J. A. Irving's old grocery store next door. They received a carload of bed room sets yesterday.

Mr. Crease yesterday received the sad news of the death of his aunt, Miss Emily Crease, at Lytton. Miss Crease was well known in the Province, of which she has been a resident for over 35 years.

There is only one serious case at the Kootenay Lake General Hospital, that of Mr. McGames, of Ymir, who is down with typhoid. Three cases of tonsilitis have been brought in in the last few days.

Mr. McGuire came down from the Molly Gibson mine yesterday and reports that the property is looking exceedingly well, the new vein, whose discovery was chronicled some time since in The Miner, showing up particularly well.

A ball was given at the Opera House last night, in aid of the Sister's school. The attendance was large and those present spent a delightful evening. The music was furnished by Millward's Orchestra, and supper was served during the evening.

Mr. W. H. Bullock-Webster, Chief of Provincial Police, is expected back in Nelson on the 15th instant. Constable Kelly left last night with Strathcona's Horse, and in the meanwhile any important Provincial Police matters that come up will be dealt with by Mr. Goepel.

Dr. Doolittle leaves tonight for Toronto, whence he will go to San Francisco before returning here. He has arranged for a ton of Venus ore to be sent to San Francisco to some sampling works there, where a thorough test of the ore will be made before it is decided what plant will be installed.

Nelson's contribution to the sock fund was forwarded to Vancouver by the C. P. R. gratis, yesterday. In all 263 pairs went from here for the soldiers in South Africa. The credit for this handsome contribution chiefly belongs to Mrs. J. Roderick Robertson, to whom all the socks were sent. The latest contributors were Mrs. Laura Stevenson, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Mannington and Mr. Ferland.

Mr. T. McAllister, who is one of the Strathcona contingent, had his evidence taken yesterday before the registrar in the case of Sturgeon vs. Hawley. In this case the plaintiff, proprietor of the Sherbrooke hotel, is suing for the board of six men who were in the defendant's employ, and who, it is alleged, went good for their board bills. Mr W. A. Galliher appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. S S. Taylor, Q. C., for the defense.

Reference to the programme for Herr Steiner's concert in another column will show that it will be a musical treat that is worthy of a full house. Nelson musical circles have been somewhat inactive of late and the concert will come as a welcome change from the dirth of musical attractions. Herr Steiner has done a great deal for music in Nelson and this is an opportunity for the public to show its appreciation of his efforts, especially as the excellence of the programme will well repay those who attend.

On Wednesday night next the skating rink will be the scene of a very fine carnival, which a committee of ladies is making arrangements for. The proceeds will be in aid of the Free Library fund, and as the fund is in need of reinforcements it is hoped that the carnival will be well attended. The Smelter Band will be present. The admission fee will be 25 cents for those in costumes, 50 cents general admission, and 25 cents for children. Every effort is being made to provide a splendid evening's entertainment.

H. M. Vincent returned yesterday from his eastern trip, bringing with him his wife and child, who have been spending the winter in London, Ont. While in Toronto, Mr. Vincent attended the convention of the International Customs Cutters, where all the finest clothes made in the latest fashions were on exhibition, and the leading tailors of North America exchanged knowledge of their business. Mr. Vincent brought with him from Toronto Messrs. T. Clough and A. T. Bames, two of Toronto's best tailors, and will open an elegant assortment of spring goods this week.

At the skating rink tonight the Victoria hockey team will play the Nelson City team in the championship series. These teams should prove to be evenly matched, and no doubt a first class exhibition will be given. The ice is now in good condition to permit fast hockey, and the members of both teams are reported to be in good condition. The Nelson team will be: Goal, S. Neelands; point, W. Duncan; cover, H. Howden; Rutherford, Pullen, T. Duncan and Johnston or Cooke. The band will be in attendance and as the game is called for 7 30 sharp, there will be plenty of time after it is over for the skaters to enjoy themselves.

Another curling match in the President vs. Vice-President series was played yesterday, and resulted as follows: Vice-President—F. Irvine, J. M. McKenzie, J. Lawrence, A. Carrie (skip), 10. President—R. Hedley, A. H. Buchanan, T. Lillie, Judge Forin (skip), 12. The ice was in good condition and the game an exciting one. In the morning the two rinks will compete at the Rossland carnival had a good practice game. A scond game in the President vs. Vice-President series was played last night and resulted in a victory for the Vice-President's side which is away ahead in the contest. The rinks were: Dr. Arthur, D. Porter, A. N. Other, W. W. Beer, (skip), 11, vs. W. Lillie, H. R. Cameron, E. G. Smyth, J. H. Fox, (skip) 5. Mr. Fox skipped G. C. Hodge's rink in the absence of the regular skip.

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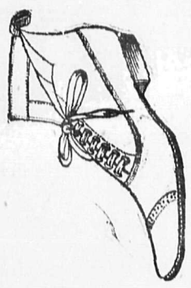

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News by Wire of the Contingent—Enthusiastic Dinner at the Phair Last Night.

It was a joyous and enthusiastic gathering that met yesterday evening in the Phair Hotel on the occasion of the banquet tendered the departing recruits for Strathcona's Horse by Mr. J. Stuart. All the volunteers were present and many of their friends, the whole consisting of a very representative gathering of the men of West Kootenay. Mayor Houston occupied the chair. On his right was Major T. J. Edwards Leckie, and on his left the Hon. C. H. Mackintosh. An excellent dinner was discussed and the best of good fellowship prevailed. One idea, one thought, was prevalent throughout the evening, and appeared to permeate all present. That idea was loyalty to the Queen and Empire, loyalty of the most fervent and sincere kind. Every reference to the Queen, to the Empire, or to the war was greeted with thunders of applause. Greater unanimity would be impossible.

Dinner over the toast of the "Queen" was drunk with the utmost loyalty and enthusiasm, and then Dr. Bowes, of Rossland, proposed the health of the "Army and Navy and Volunteers" in an eloquent speech. He referred to the past record of those splendid services. He urged the volunteers to emulate the splendid example of their forefathers. Of the volunteers many were called but few chosen, and Canada would look to them to do their duty (cries of "we will"). He was sure they would never deface the Queen's shilling they had taken nor allow their arms to become tarnished and concluded by wishing the recruits God Speed.

Mr. T. G. Procter then sang, "The Soldiers of the Queen," which, as might be expected, was enthusiastically received. The Hon. C. H. Mackintosh followed with the toast of the "Empire." He referred to the loyal feeling in Canada and her determination to uphold the Empire at all costs. He was glad to quote Colonel Morris as saying that the men of this contingent were as fine a body as could have been picked anywhere. He was sure that the dauntless bravery of the men and the superior strategy of Lord Roberts would bring about a glorious victory in a very few weeks time. He referred to the fact that he had a son in one contingent and a son-in-law going with this one, but such sacrifices were made cheerfully on such occasions.

"Bonnie Prince Charlie," was well sung by Mr. John McKane, and enthusiastically applauded.

Mr. W. A. Galliher then rose to the toast of Canada and her previous efforts to sustain the Empire. Mr. Galliher did not go in much for history contenting himself with an extremely eloquent eulogy of the British Empire, and its defenders, and also quoted Colonel Morris' favorable dictum as to the contingent sent from Nelson.

"The Maple Leaf" was then given by Mr. George Kydd, everyone rising to this feet and singing the chorus enthusiastically.

"The Boers and to Whip Them," was wittily replied to by Mr. Hector Macrae, of Rossland He said he had understood that he was to be called on to reply to the toast of the new Transvaal under the Premiership of Cecil Rhodes (applause, followed by three cheers and a tiger for Rhodes). He hoped that all the volunteers would before the end of the year all be M. P. P. (members of the Provincial Parliament at Pretoria.) As to the best way to whip the Boers, he said he had been given a pointer that day that could not fail, and held up a Lee-Enfield cartridge amid cheers.

Colonel Morris rose to get the men out and was greeted with three cheers and the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

At this juncture the following telegram from Spokane was brought in and read by the chairman amid the most vociferous cheering.

"To the Kootenay contingent for Strathcona's Horse:

"Your American well-wishers on the Washington side of the line send their heartiest greetings to you. They enjoin you not only to uphold your country and your Queen, but also to show that the sturdy blood of the men of the boundless west, in which the Americans, as well as the British, join is peerless the world around."

The men gave three cheers for their host, and Colonel Steele, and then began to make their way down to the street through the crowds that thronged the corridors and steps of the hotel. Outside was the Salvation Army Band playing martial airs, and, with the bag-pipes in the rear and escorted by hundreds of citizens, the recruits made their way down to the dock. There were 50 of them in all, the names of Dr. Lewis, of Rossland, and Mr. W. E. Lindsay, of Greenwood, having been added to the muster roll.

The scene on the wharf was an impressive one as the men crowded on the steamer. The wharf was crowded with a dense and struggling mass of humanity, all trying to catch a last glimpse of their departing friends. The whistles blew, guns were fired, the band played and cheer after cheer rent the air. As the time for departure drew closer the band played "The Girl I Left Behind Me," then the National Anthem, and the steamer glided into the night to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" as the crowd made a mad rush to the end of the wharf sending round after round of ringing cheers as their comrades' forms disappeared in the darkness.

Altogether it was a scene without parallel in the history of Nelson. That outburst of loyal enthusiasm in the midst of the faraway mountains of British Columbia could not have been surpassed in the heart of the British Empire.

Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—The Winnipeg troop of Strathcona's Horse, in accordance with orders received from Ottawa, will leave for the Captial on Monday next, joining the body of 250 men and horses who will arrive in that city on their way to the point of rendezvous. Some 48 men have been picked in Winnipeg.

Strathcona, N. W. T., Feb. 9—A banquet and ball was tendered to the members of the Alberta troop of Strathcona's Horse last night and a good sum of money was subscribed by the citizens of Strathcona and Edmonton for these men. A remarkable thing in connection with this enlistment was that all the members of the English Church choir, including the organist, volunteered and were accepted.

Medicine Hat, N.W.T., Feb. 9.—The members of Strathcona's contingent from here, D. McRae, H. Brown, A. S. Purvis, Dick McLeoy and Charles Shaw were the guests of H. H. Ross last night, together with about 200 citizens. Patriotic speeches and songs passed the night most pleasantly. Kipling's song, "The Absent Minded Beggar" brought a response of $125, giving $25 to each member of the contingent.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Recruiting in the North West Territories and British Columbia for Strathcona's Horse was finished last night. Lieutenant-Colonel Steele this morning wired Fred White, Comptroller of the N. W. M. P., that he has succeeded in enrolling a splendid body of men while many more were anxious to go. The volunteers have all passed the critical examination and are of fine physical build, admirably suited for the service upon which they have entered. Dr. MacEachern, Veterinary Officer, has purchased a large number of horses for the regiment.

Recruiting having finished, the first detachment will leave Calgary for Ottawa today. The train will travel at the rate of 20 miles an hour and about 200 men and 125 horses will constitute the first installment The second train will leave on the 13th and the third on the 16th. All will be here by the 25th instant. At least ten days will be required in fitting out the regiment and the stores department is actively engaged in preparing for the work. It is announced that some sheeing smiths and other artisans are to be taken on at Ottawa, but as yet the number is not known. It depends upon how many can be secured in the west. C. Brooks, the first member of Strathcona's Horse, has arrived at Ottawa.

Greenwood, B. C., Feb. 9.—The school children here have started a Patriotic Fund to be devoted to the Canadian volunteers for the war, and to help their families that may be dependent upon them. Today every pupil offered to contribute various sums. There are over one million pupils in schools in Canada. An average of ten cents each would give $100,000 and incite a general patriotic spirit among children. Citizens here contributed, in four hours over $200, and telegraphed to Nelson. About twenty-five have offered to go to the front.

ESTERHAZY WILL STAND TRIAL.

Paris, Feb. 9.—The Temps this evening says it understands Major Count Esterhazy intends to surrender himself for trial on the charge of having in his possession the famous documents known as "Cette Canaille de D," which figured so prominently in the recent trial at Rennes, of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, and that he asks for a safe conduct regarding the other proceedings taken against him. It is further asserted that he now admits he wrote the Bordereau at the late Colonel Sanhere's instructions in order to receive Colonel Von Schwardekoppen, the former German Military Attache at Paris, to whom he communicated the bogus document.

SENSATION AT VICTORIA.

Martin Accuses Cotton of Criminal Misdemeanors.

(Special Dispatch to The Miner).

Victoria, Feb. 9.—The long expected passage at arms between Joe Martin and Finance Minister Cotton, which was looked for as the outcome the Chinese agreement last session, took place this afternoon. It was the most sensational attack on the Finance Minister ever made in British Columbia politics since Humphrey's notorious attack on Dunsmuir. Martin accused Finance Minister Cotton of flying from Colorado by a freight train and defrauding his creditors, and dared him to go back to Colorado, where he was charged with gross criminal misdemeanors. On Cotton giving him the lie he gave notice of a motion for the appointment of a commission to make investigations into the gross criminal misconduct of the Finance Minister.

PLAGUE IN HONOLULU.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—At the Cabinet session today the principal subject of discussion was the plague situation in Haiwaii. It was pointed out that the exigencies of the case required destruction of large numbers of cabins in the poorer section of the city of Honolulu, and that in consequence many natives are homeless and in a destitute condition. Apparantly there is no legislative authority to meet the situation by the appropriation of funds for the relief of those in distress, and it is understood to be the purpose of President McKinley to communicate the facts to Congress with a request for authoritory to reconvene the old Legislature to establish a commission with power to do whatever is needful at this time.

FIGHTS NEW CABLE TO CUBA.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—The Senate Cuban Committee today granted a hearing on the bill authorizing the construction of a cable by the Commercial Cable Company and against it by Messrs. Thomas F. Clark and Rush Taggart of the Western Union.

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Toronto, Feb. 9.—When the West Elgin Investigation Commission met at the Parliament Buildings today, G. H Watson, Q. C., Crown Prosecutor, announced that by an accident the West Elgin ballots sent from St. Thomas after being received at the Parliament Buildings, from the Court of Appeals had been destroyed. The court will investigate the circumstances of the destruction of the ballots.

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The recruits for Strathcona's Horse have been selected so far as Nelson is concerned, and by the time this appears in print they will be well on their way eastwards. There is still a chance, however, for those applicants who, though duly qualified, were unable to find places on that contingent.

It will be remembered that the Government of British Columbia offered the Dominion Government a body of 100 scouts. This offer has been accepted and recruiting will soon start. It was learned from a trustworthy private source yesterday that 20 men will be taken from this district, and it is probable that Nelson will again be named as the recruiting station. So those who have been disappointed so far need not despair.

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