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RED LETTER PAGE IN HISTORY OF AFRICA

Great Britain and France Reach an Agreement.

TERRITORY FOR FRANCE

Hundreds of Thousands of Square Miles Conceded to it—Only Four States Left.

London, March 25.—A red letter page in the history of Africa was turned this week, when Great Britain and France came to an agreement in puzzling out the last portion of Africa still open to "Grabbers." The agreement reached disposes of hundreds of thousands of square miles, leaving only four recognized independent states throughout the continent, Morrocco, Abyssinia, Liberia and the Orange Free State. The settlement has given satisfaction. In Great Britain it is considered fair by both parties and has special value in finally averting, as far as diplomatic documents can, risk of future disputes. Moreover an important feature of the agreement, providing equality in the commercial treatment of the territory between Lake Tchad and the Nile, is that it does not hamper Great Britain in the least, as her free trade system would have secured the commercial rights of France while the French concession of equal rights improves the English position. In the face of French colonial protection this is a most valuable advantage for Great Britain which is fully appreciated here. The reception of the agreement by Europe is a decidedly favorable one. The Russians do not seem to care, the Germans apparently hope for compensations elsewhere and are not sorry to see France's hands full of colonial embarrassment, while in France, except for colonial faddists and inveterate Anglo-Phobes, the majority of Frenchmen are dazzled by the extent of empire secured to them, which they picture themselves as a second India, and they also heave a sigh of relief at the fact that the matter has finally been adjusted.

The French Government is hurrying the bill to a ratification and it is expected that it will be voted by the Chamber of Deputies on Monday. M. Delcasse, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, counts on a good majority.

One good result of the agreement is seen in the announcement published in the "Echo de Paris" today of the suspension of military preparations for the defence of Corsica, Algeria and Tunis and the return of troops sent to Algeria and Tunis and the coast towns of France recently owing to the tension of Anglo-French relations. Soudanese experts predict that the French will find they have a hornet's nest in the region around Lake Tchad, where several states hold sway.

The leading ruler is Rabeh, formerly a slave in Upper Egypt, who went westward and carved an empire for himself with his sword.

He is now styled the "African Napoleon." He has an army of 40,000 men and rules the territory southwest of Lake Tchad. He is at loggerheads with the neighboring Sultan of Wadai, whose country is also included in the French sphere and who has nearly 3,000,000 followers among the Senoussi and whose troops are said to be led by Europeans. France's policy is to foster the mutual hatreds between Rabeh and Wadai but if this leads to an attempt to subdue either of them, she will have a tremendous struggle before her, especially in the case of Wadai, as thousands of the Senoussi live in Tunis and Algeria and would probably make common cause with their co-religionists and Wadai, involving a conflagration in France and North African possessions.

CRISIS HAS BEEN SETTLED.

Newfoundland's Ministers Have Decided on Course of Rearrangement.

St. John's, Nfld., March 25.—An arrangement for settling the political crisis has virtually been concluded Sir James Winter, the Premier will retain the Premiership until the end of the year which will permit him to conclude his work as a member of the British-American-Canadian Commission. He will then take the Chief Justiceship. Mr. Morine, the former Minister of Finance succeeding him as Premier. Mr. Morine will now re-enter the Cabinet, and the only obstacle in the way of a settlement is the question of a re-arrangement of portfolios consequent upon the changes.

CALCULATED TO HELP CANADA.

New Order of the U. S. Treasury Department Objected to.

Washington, March 25.—M. Elwyn G. Brystow, Secretary of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, was in conference with Assistant Secretary Spaulding, of the Treasury Department today remonstrating against the decision of the Department of the 8th instant, concerning the diversion of merchandise imported in bond from Canada for exportation. Mr. Brystow argued that the order would have the effect of destroying a large proportion of the business with Canada which is carried on at Boston, saying that the privilege of diversion was one that had been enjoyed for more than 20 years. He said the most serious feature of the change would be felt in the Provincial trade as it would have a tendency to check the shipments of the products of Ontario, Manitoba and Winnipeg to the Maritime Provinces over the Canadian all-rail lines instead.

WILL GO IT ALONE.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 25.—At a well attended meeting of vessel owners today it was decided to carry out their long threatened project of establishing a mutual marine insurance company. The new company will include practically all the Cleveland vessel owners and many of them subscribed heavily for stock today. At the beginning they will take only about ten per cent. of the insurance on their own boats, but expect to eventually handle all of it. A meeting will be held on Monday or Tuesday to fix the capital stock and draw up the articles of incorporation.

SEARCH FOR DEAD

WORK ON THE WINDSOR RUINS IS ACCELERATED.

The Bodies Will Not be Laid to Rest in the Potters' Field—Another Body Found.

New York, March 25.—Work on the Windsor Hotel ruins is proceeding somewhat more rapidly today. The letter of President Murphy, of the health department, to the contractor the day previous seemed to have awakened him to the necessity of rapid work and a larger force of men was put on today.

Warren F. Leland, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, said today he wished it understood that the unidentified dead taken from the ruins of the hotel, will not be buried in the Potter's field. Just where they will be buried he cannot yet say.

"I received a letter today from Charles Vanderbilt, offering a plot in the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery for the burial of the victims and another from Stephen Merritt offering a plot in Green Lawns Cemetery, Long Island. This goes to show that the public would not permit any sacrilege even if I would. One error I wish to correct and that is the statement that I have been followed by fire. The impression seems to prevail that several hotels have been burned under my management. That is not true. The Windsor was the first hotel that was ever burned under my management. I was not proprietor or manager of the hotels at Newport or Albany when they burned. I also wish to state that absolutely every precaution that man could take, had been provided against fire in the Windsor Hotel.

Another body, the second of the day, was found at 9:15 o'clock tonight under some steam pipes in the archway of the first party wall of the basement 20 feet north of Forty Sixth Street. The body was wholly unrecognizable. Only the trunk, ribs and some pieces of flesh clinging to the bones remained. The body was lying wedged under some twisted steampipes and great difficulty was experienced in getting it free. It was sent to the morgue.

Mrs. Martha K. Simmons, 50 years old, of Frederick, Md., one of the victims of the Windsor Hotel fire died at Bellevue hospital tonight. This brings the total number of dead up to 26.

A CRAZY SCHEME.

How a Frenchman Proposes to Invade England.

London, March 25.—In spite of the signing of the French agreement regarding Africa, one of the leading topics of the week on both sides of the channel has been an article published in the Revue des deux Mondes, seriously outlining a fresh scheme of invasion of Great Britain. It proposes that 1500 steam pinnaces be built and collected in canals and rivers leading to the French coast; that each be armed with two quick-firing guns, and that they convey an army of 170,000 men and 500 cannon, with the necessary ammunition, stores, etc. The cost of construction is estimated at 150,000,000 francs. The pinnaces to be provided with torpedoes to keep off hostile ships, while the quick-firing guns are to repulse torpedo boat attacks.

The writer of the article says that there would be no difficulty in getting the boats across, pointing out that Napoleon had a more difficult task at Wagram, where he crossed the Danube in the face of the Austrian army. The English coast defences are classed as being a negligible quantity, and the operation is looked upon by the writer as being merely a matter of a few hours. Three divisions of 14,500 men each are to be landed in Ireland, and the Irish are to be armed. The English papers pooh-pooh the scheme, but the French newspapers discuss it as being a perfectly sound proposition. The Petit Journal praises the plan, declaring its chief merit is its simplicity and unity, and point to the success of the Roman, Saxon, Danish, and Norman invasions as proving the feasibility of the project.

GERMANY'S STAND ON SAMOAN QUESTION

No Abatement of Interest in the Incident

COUNSELS MODERATION

Inspired Organ of the Government Explains the Present Situation of Affairs.

Berlin, March 25.—The Samoan question continues to engross the attention of newspapers and the comments on the subject have been of such a character that the semi-official Post today counsels moderation. The inspired organ continues: "Germany has no intention of abandoning her rights, but ought to be grateful to the Government for opening negotiations to correct a want and not for inaugurating a conflict. Germany does not purpose to endorse any or all of the actions of her officials until she ascertains whether these actions conformed with the law. If Herr Rose, (the German consul at Apia) has contravened the provisions of the Berlin Treaty, we of course, will correct his contravention. But Germany expects the same respect for the law from the United States and Great Britain.

"Germany's proposition to withdraw all the officials involved in the troubles, which is not reported, is the only proposition promising success. It is not the Governments of the United States and Great Britain which are blameable for the muddle, but it is their representatives who have wilfully and unauthorizedly acted contrary to the treaty. The Governments therefore had it entirely within their power to set things right. Any resolution of the United States or Great Britain separately or conjointly will not change the situation an iota, as according to the Treaty, Germany's consent is necessary to all proposals and one-sided resolves are invalid.

This clear right cannot be twisted or modified and judging from both the circumstances and the present political situation it cannot be supposed any one will undertake to violate it."

RINGLEADERS ARRESTED.

Narrow Escape of the Chief of the Gendarmerie.

Santiago, Cuba, March 25.—There has been considerable trouble from banditti in the last few days in the vicinity of San Luis. When it was reported General Wood, the military governor, sent mounted troops as well as the entire force of gendarmerie into the district with instructions to capture the bandits if possible.

They met with no success but finally Lieutenant Hanna, General Wood's aide, went to San Luisto to make a personal investigation, with the result that within 24 hours the ringleader, Francisco Dieguese, and five others were captured and later two more taken and one killed while resisting arrest. All are now closely guarded in the military prison here, the jail not being considered safe, owing to the friendship felt for the prisoners by several prominent insurgent officers residing in Santiago.

Colonel Francisco Valiente, chief of General Wood's gendarmerie has resigned his position. Three days ago he left for San Luis to try to locate the bandits. Three men accompanied him. After they had proceeded a short distance Colonel Valiente ordered the men to return, saying: "If we should be attacked by bandits we would have to fight, but if I were alone I could talk with them and get away safely."

Finally, as the story goes, the banditts captured him, held a court martial and sentenced him to death but finally relented and released him. This tale is common talk at the Cuban club and is genearlly believed. Anyway Colonel Valiente's resignation seems to give it color. He is either out of the city or in hiding.

The new chief of gendarmerie is Colonel Juan Vian. The gendarmerie in the San Luis district are now under the orders of Lieutenant Butts, who is in command of mounted troops of the Fifth regulars. Great satisfaction is felt in this part of the Province at the capture of so many bandits.

EXCEPTIONAL NEWSPAPER MAN

Chicago, March 25.—The will of Joseph Medill, which was made public today disposes of $2,000,000, in bonds and realty besides the editor's stock in The Tribune Publishing Company valued at $2,500,000. This stock, 107 shares, will be kept intact and eventually fall to the possession of his grand children. Many institutions in which Mr. Medill was interested have been favored in the will.

NO MORE CABLES.

Washington, March 25.—Attorney-General Griggs has decided against the landing of another cable in Cuba, the Postal Telegraph Company having asked that right.

HEAVY LOSSES OF AMERICAN TROOPS

Twenty-six Dead and Over One Hundred Wounded.

ENEMY HARD TO GET AT

Filipinos Fight While Hidden in Trenches and Gullies, Retreating Constantly Under Cover.

Washington, March 25.—The War Department late tonight made public the following despatch from General Otis, dated Manila, March 25.—"Perfected northern movement not yet completed. Otis and Hale's brigades with mounted troops, fourth cavalry, the turning column, met heavy resistance over difficult country and are camped tonight six miles east of Pole and six miles north of line from which advance was taken up. Wheaton's brigade, Calocan, drove enemy one and half miles north across river. Hall on extreme right encountered considerable force and routed it. Fighting heavy near Calocano. Movement continues in morning. Our casualties about one hundred and sixty, twenty five killed. Enemy lost in killed alone 200."

Twenty-six dead and 150 wounded in the hospitals is the latest statement of the American losses in the engagement with the Filipinos. The fighting of yesterday and today furnished a specimen of the difficulty with which the Americans have to contend. The Filipinos, never, except opposite Malabon, permitted their opponents to get within several hundred yards of them. They would fire a few volleys from their cover and then scuttle back to another cover, repeating these tactics for miles. Many of the trenches had gullies and connecting paths through the cane and bush, enabling them to retreat unseen. The problem the Americans have to face is to drive or lure the insurgents to fight in force. The trenches seem thinly manned, except in the vicinity of Malabon. The Americans fighting a hidden foe, suffered a greater loss in proportion than did the enemy. The loss of the Filipinos had formerly been estimated from the number of bodies found scattered in the swamp and through the brush. A larger percentage of the enemy's wounded died than of the Americans', many of them perishing from neglect, the Americans naturally attending their own men first. The wounded after treatment in the field hospitals, were brought to the Manila hospital by train. Several trips were made from Caloocan. The gunboat Helena and two army boats command Malabon, but the authorities desire to avoid bombarding the town where there is much valuable property belonging to foreigners and where are located warehouses of most of the Manila firms.

PUT TO DEATH BY DEFENDANTS

Cold Blooded Murder of a Prominent Ohio Lawyer.

Bowling Green, Ohio, March 25.—E. H. Westenhaver, of North Baltimore, one of the best known attorneys in this country, was murdered at Hoytsville shortly after noon to day. He was trying a case against Paul and John Seeltner for attorney fees and when the court adjourned at noon, the brothers demanded certain papers which he refused to surrender.

John Seeltner fired at the man, the ball striking him in the right side. Four more shots were fired at him but they did not take effect. At the corner of the building Paul Steelner met him and fired two shots at the attorney, one striking the leg and the other going into his forehead. Death resulted in 10 minutes. The Steelners mounted their horses and rode out of town, loading their guns as they went. A posse was quickly formed but the brothers have not yet been captured.

AN IMPORTANT CONTRACT.

The War Eagle Agrees to Ship 300,000 Tons to Trail Smelter.

The feature of the past week was the contract made between the War Eagle Consolidated Mining & Development company and the Canadian Smelting works. This calls for shipment to the Trail smelter and for a minimum shipment of 300,000 tons of ore during the next two years. In the contract is included the Centre Star, which will commence shipping as soon as the broad guage road from Trail is completed, if not before. Small shipments have already been made from the War Eagle and these will be increased to large ones today or tomorrow.

Now that this contract has been made the time when the Rossland camp will ship a thousand tons of ore every day in the year may well be said to be very close at hand.

The price for which this ore is to be transported and treated is withheld, but the presumption is that it is in the neighborhood of $6 per ton. It will be remembered that George Gooderham, in a recent interview, stated that the Centre Star would begin the shipment of ore almost immediately, provided the Trail smelter would give a freight and treatment rate of $6 per ton. Now that a contract has been virtually entered into for so large a quantity of ore, the presumption is that the rate asked for by Mr. Gooderham has been granted. There are many thousands of tons of low grade ore in both the War Eagle and Centre Star that can be now mined and smelted at a profit which could not be handled at the rates that have hitherto prevailed.

While the contract has not yet been signed by the officers of the War Eagle company, who are absent in Europe, it is practically in effect and shipments are being made on the basis of the agreement. The agreement has been signed by T. G. Shaughnessy for the smelting works and is to run for two years, during which time a minimum of 300,000 tons of ore is to be shipped, which will amount to a gross value of ten million dollars ($10,000,000). It is expected the management says, that the shipments will amount to not less than 500,000 tons, which will be worth over sixteen million dollars, ($16,000,000).

One side of the new electric compressor at the War Eagle will be started up tomorrow and vigorous shipments will commence at once.

BRIGHT PROSPECT

INDICATIONS POINT TO A GREAT RUN OF SALMON.

Oolachans are in Extraordinarily Large Numbers and Immense Catches are Reported.

Victoria, March 25.—The steamer Willapa, from Northern British Columbia ports, arrived today and brings news that indications point to a great run of salmon this year and that preparations are being made for larger packs than usual. There has lately been an extraordinary run of the little fish called oolachans and Robert Cunningham's cannery steamer, the Chieftain, went up the Naas from Port Essington and took as much as 25 tons of the little fish in a single night. All the northern canners, who took advantage of the runs, made prodigious catches. Mr. Cunningham came down by the Willapa bringing a shipment of fresh and salted oolachans which were placed on this market on the arrival of the Willapa.

THE LIGHT BLUES WON.

Cambridge Scores Her First Win in Ten Years.

London, March 25.—Cambridge has won. The laurels in the great boat race are now worn by the light blue boys, and the victory was a brilliant one. This was the 56th year when the Oxford and Cambridge crews had contended for the championship on the course from Putney to Mortlake, a distance of four and one-quarter miles, and out of these 56 races Oxford has now 32 and Cambridge 24 to her credit. It is the greatest boat racing event in Europe, and is always rowed on the same course, where there is plenty of room for spectators. The day has become a sort of national holiday.

Today the crews were sent off at 11:15 a. m. and Cambridge won the toss and took the Surrey side of the river. This, with a light wind blowing, gave the light blues a great advantage. They were and had been the favorites in the betting on account of their excellent coaching, which, by the way, was in charge of an Oxford man. Their swing, back and leg work and sliding had been considered much superior to that of the dark blues. The odds had been 11 to four on Cambridge, though little money had been placed at these figures.

The Oxford men averaged up two and a half pounds heavier than the Cambridge men and improved considerably in favor during the last few days, and many of their friends had good hopes of their success.

As soon as the start was made the Cambridge men took a slight lead, which they maintained and increased as far as the Gravesend step, where they were a length and a quarter ahead. This was five furlongs from the start. A little beyond that point Oxford began drawing up, and by the time a mile and 320 yards had been rowed from the starting point, and when opposite Crabtree wharf, they were level with the Cambridge crew.

At Hammersmith bridge, a mile, five furlongs and a hundred yards from the start, the light blues again took the lead by half a length, which, by the time Thorney Croft's, three miles from Putney, had been reached, had been increased to two lengths and a half. From thence to the finish, Cambridge maintained the lead and rowed with a fine, steady stroke, while Oxford became somewhat demoralized. At Barnes bridge they were four lengths ahead, and the race was really won. They finished strong, four lengths ahead. The time was 21 minutes and 4 seconds. Two of the Oxford crew fainted from their exertions.

GIGANTIC COMBINATION.

Youngstown, Ohio, March 25.—It is learned here today from reliable sources that a combination of 35 rolling mills, outside the National Steel Company and American Tin Plate Co., was effected in New York yesterday. The new combine consists of plants in eastern Ohio, western Pennsylvania, and West Virginia and will be incorporated with a capital stock of $120,000,000, under the laws of New Jersey, next Monday.

CUBAN ASSEMBLY IS STANDING PAT

Retaining Possession of the Muster Rolls.

MONEY IS NOT DIVIDED

The Three Million Dollars Still Remains in Unbroken Packages—Alger Will Settle It.

Havana, March 25.—At the secret session of the Cuban military assembly yesterday it was resolved that the dissolution of that body at the present time would be prejudicial to the interests of the army, hence it was decided that the argument on the dissolution motion set for today should be postponed for one week. It was also decided to make another effort to improve the situation by sending Senors Hevia and Villal on to Washington in order to state the case of assembly to President McKinley and to attempt to gain his co-operation in the efforts of the assembly to raise more money for the Cuban troops.

The muster rolls of the Cuban army are still locked up in the desk of Senor Rafael Portuende, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Military Assembly, and the $3,000,000 spent by the United States to pay the Cuban troops remain in unbroken packages on board the transport Burnside, the military administration being unable to partition the cash among the ragged battalions who are awaiting the division, until they can obtain the muster rolls.

The 30 generals, composing the assembly, crack jokes at the expense of General Gomez and the American authorities, thinking for the moment that they have the best of the game. The Governor-General only defers adopting forcible measures to gain possession of the rolls because he wishes to consult regarding the matter with Secretary Alger, who is due to arrive here tonight. The Assembly wants to use the rolls as a lever to obtain some kind of official recognition from the military authorities, which recognition, however the authorities will not give.

DOES NOT LIKE OPERAS.

Serious Charges Against A Prominent Military Man.

Montreal, March 25.—Archbishop Bruchesi, head of the Roman Catholic church in Montreal, has created a great sensation in theatrical circles by writing to the proprietor of Her Majesty's theatre, stating that unless some of the pieces in the repertoire of the French opera are eliminated he will be obliged to forbid the faithful to attend.

The death of father Fattule, formerly parish priest of St. Anns, one of the leading Irish parishes of this city, is announced from Brussels, Belgium.

Major-General Hutton, commanding the Canadian militia, arrived here today from Ottawa to hold an official enquiry into serious charges of breach of discipline preferred by Lieutenant-Colonel Ray, at present acting as district officer commanding in Montreal, against Lieutenant-Colonel Cooke, commanding the First Prince of Wales Fusiliers.

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

Serious Charges Against the Yukon Administration.

Ottawa, March 25.—Mr. Davin, in the House of Commons yesterday, made some serious charges against the administration in regard to the Yukon. He said for instance, that Mr. Lafontaine, an officer in the public works department, had gone to the Gold Commissioner's office and got a list of abandoned claims. Mr. Lafontaine relocated the claims kept one-half himself, and gave one-quarter to an emissary and one-quarter to a miner. The house will adjourn on Thursday to meet the folllowing Tuesday.

In the Senate, Senator Macdonald of Victoria called attention to a despatch from England, stating that a modus vivendi had been arrived at on the Alaskan boundary affair pending a full settlement. Hon. Mr. Scott, secretary of state, said that the Government had no information on the subject, although it was likely to be right.

CANAL OPENED.

Port Arthur, Texas, March 25.—The formal opening of the Port Arthur ship canal took place here today. The canal is 37,000 feet long and will connect Port Arthur, the southern terminus of the Kansas City Pittsburg and Gulf Railroad, which controls the enterprise, with the Satine Pass. The canal will finally have a uniform depth of from 25 to 30 feet and it is the intention of its projectors to bring ocean vessels up from the Gulf thus creating a new outlet for freight and passenger traffic to Mexican, South American and European ports.

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IGNORANCE THAT HURTS.

A recent cable letter represents the London mining market as waiting for "something to turn up," the something being a dividend from the British America Corporation. It says in part: "Promoters having already committed enough sin and taken too many liberties with British Columbia and Klondike; we do not at present want more in their line of business, but what we do really want is, say, a balance sheet and dividend from the B. A. C. Some tangible results there would restore confidence and give the Province an immense impetus. Dividends always speak more than promises, and as the B. A. C. has now been incorporated fifteen months whilst it must have made money out of the Le Roi business, it should be in a position to show good results. A dividend, too, emanating from such a quarter would carry conviction in the minds of the public." If the London mining market is making the mistake of supposing that the reputation of British Columbia is depending on the B. A. C. as the Le Roi, it is time something were done to correct it. It may be that the situation as represented in this letter is due entirely to the imagination of the author, and it is just possible that he is a person who may have an object of his own in making it unpleasant for the B. A. C. Granting this, however, there are too many evidences that the mining public in Great Britain regard the operations of the British America Corporation as synonymous with mining development in British Columbia. This is very great ignorance, of course, but unfortunately it is an ignorance that is doing the Province much harm. Just how to overcome it cannot be decided in a moment. It is not easy to educate a public against their inclination or their prejudices. But it seems most desirable that Britons interested in British Columbia mining should be made to understand that the Province is not restricted to the boundaries of Trail District, and that its mineral wealth is something inconceivably greater than that represented by the B. A. C. and the market in its own interest should not be so late in learning that if the B. A. C. is slow in declaring dividends, there are other companies and mining properties in this Province that declare them with unfailing regularity and of most handsome proportions.

SLOCAN'S LEAD.

"There is no use in newspapers prating about any other kind of relief, for there is none." It is in this peremptory fashion, The Rossland Record settles the Slocan lead question. The relief it speaks of is legislation that will keep out of Canada "articles manufactured from lead, and encourage such manufactures to be established on this side of the line." It may be, as The Record says, that no other relief is possible. The Miner has no intention to dogmatise on the subject; in fact, it has no cut and dried plan for dealing with the question, which seems to be surrounded with not a little difficulty.

Slocan is rich in lead ores; it does seem a great pity that something cannot be done with them to enrich the country. The Governments at Ottawa have taken a paternal interest in some branches of agriculture. They encouraged the manufacture of cheese; the country from ocean to ocean almost is dotted with creameries established with Government assistance; the Government took pains to provide a cold storage system, the better to enable farmers to ship perishable products to market. They have gone to great trouble and expense to give the farmer a chance to compete with advantage in the British markets against France, Belgium, and Denmark. They pursue a systematic policy of protection to manufacturers; the entire population of the Dominion has been taxed, in increased duties, in order that Canadian manufacturers might be established on a lasting basis. Railways have been assisted and coddled, at an expense to the country of hundreds of millions.

There is the possibility of an enormous lead industry in Southern British Columbia, but so far it has failed to attract the paternal interest of our rulers at Ottawa. It is left to flourish or languish, according as its own resources may determine. No one supposes for a moment that the Government are hostile to it; it is not even suspected that they are indifferent; so far as can be judged, it is simply that they do not know what is best to do. That is the surprising part of it. It is well understood that the lead industry in this Province is injured very seriously by the fiscal policy of our neighbors. It will hardly be disputed in any quarter that something should be done to encourage its development; yet after years of talking the Government give no sign of coming to its aid. If protection against foreign competition is the cure, the Government and Parliament of the Dominion should take action at once and pass the necessary legislation.

Victoria is naturally excited over the report that in the coming gerrymander it is to be left with one member. The Colonist claims that this will be in violation of the Terms of Union, by which it was understood that Vancouver Island should always have at least three members. We may not be greatly impressed with its argument, but we can hardly suppose that there is any real ground for its fears. Two Ministers, Mr. Mills in the Senate, and the Premier in the Commons, have vouched for the paragraph in the speech from the Throne which promised a Redistribution Bill. Mr. Mills has intimated that it is simply to restore the old boundaries to the constituencies that were gerrymandered in 1882. Politicians may object to this, but the constitution does not. A redistribution, however, that would take a member from Vancouver Island and give him as an addition to the Mainland would be in contempt of the constitution, for a change of that nature cannot properly be made unless a decennial census shows it to be necessary. The distribution of population may require that a fourth member should be given to the Mainland against the Island's two, but we cannot know that until after 1901. If the Government contemplate altering the representation of this Province in the manner reported, it seems quite clear that they are exceeding their right.

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Neelands' Shoe Emporium?

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Neelands' Shoe Emporium.

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OPENING CEREMONIES WILL END WITH A BALL.

Representatives From All the Different Orders, Except Masons, Assemble in Conclave.

Delegates from all the secret societies in Nelson, except the Masons, were present on Saturday evening at the new I. O. O. F. hall, the handsome new brick block recently erected on the corner of Baker and Kootenay streets. Although built by the Odd Fellows the building will be used as a meeting place by other societies, and accordingly representatives of the Knights of Pythias, Sons of England, Canadian Order of Foresters, Orangemen Independent Order of Foresters and Maccabees also assembled to arrange the dedicatory ceremonies on the formal opening of the hall.

After some discussion it was unanimously resolved that the dedicatory ceremonies be under the joint auspices of the societies above mentioned, and that they be held during the last week of April. It was also felt that such an epoch in the social life of the City of Nelson should be marked by a social function of importance, and accordingly it was decided that the ceremonies be followed by a grand ball and supper, and no effort will be spared to ensure that every thing passes off with the brilliancy and eclat suitable to the occasion. Mr. J. J. Malone was elected chairman; Mr. A. Carrie, Treasurer, and Mr. J. Fred Squire, Secretary. The net proceeds of the dance will be divided equally between the Kootenay Lake General Hospital and the Nelson Public Library.

To ensure proper attention to details the following committees were chosen; on refreshments, Messrs. J. J. Malone, H. Irvine, and F. Symonds; on printing, Messrs. M. E. Toye, F. J. Squire and O. M. Rosendale; and on music and invitation, Messrs. M. Brydges, F. Symonds, and F. J. Squires.

NELSON FREIGHT RATES.

Committee of Board of Trade Interview Traffic Manager Kerr.

Advantage was taken on Saturday afternoon of the presence in Nelson of Mr. R. Kerr, traffic manager of the C. P. R. west of Lake Superior, to present the claims of Nelson towards better treatment in the matter of freight rates. The committee appointed by the Board of Trade to confer with Mr. Kerr in the matter, consisted of Messrs. H. B. Thomson, J. Bannerman, P. Chapman, A. Ferland and M. DesBrisay. Although only appointed the evening before, the gentlemen composing the committee laid their views before Mr. Kerr at considerable length, who listened attentively to them.

While they were unable to extract any definite promise from Mr. Kerr, they received the assurance that when the case is presented to him in the form of a report, he will do his best to remove any legitimate grievances that may exist. Mr. Kerr considered that the form of any remedy that might be decided upon should be left to the company, so that other arrangements might not be interfered with.

Though nothing definite was decided upon, it was the general opinion of the delegates that the interview had not been in vain. At any rate the legitimate claims of Nelson will now be carefully considered from a business standpoint.

Mr. Kerr, accompanied by Mr. W. H. Aldridge, superintendent of the Trail Smelter left for the East on yesterday morning's train.

SATURDAY'S GUN CLUB SCORES

Six Successful Sweep Stakes Were Participated in.

The weather was just right on Saturday afternoon for shooting and there was a large attendance at the regular weekly shoot of the Nelson Gun Club. Great interest is being manifested in trap shooting here and the weekly competitions are becoming more popular as each Saturday afternoon comes round, The membership of the club is increasing in an encouraging manner.

Saturday's scores were as follows:

Maunsell, 2; Steele, 3; C. Goepel, 3; Cridlde, 1; Cookson, 2; Hunter, 1 total, 12 vs. McDonnell, 0; St. Barbe, 3; Dr. Hall, 3; Williams, 2; Fletcher, 0; L. M. Lay, 1; total, 9.

Criddle, 2; Steele, 2, Maunsell, 3; Goepel, 3; Cookson, 3; Fletcher, 2; total 15 vs. McDonnell, 4; St. Barbe, 3; Dr. Hall, 2; Williams, 1; L. M. Lay, 0; Fletcher, 2; total, 12.

" St. Barbe, 3; Criddle, 1; Dr. Hall, 4; C. Goepel, 4; total, 12 vs. Maunsell, 3; Steele, 4; Cookson, 1; McCune, 3; total, 11.

Maunsell, 3; Dr. Hall, 2; St. Barbe, 4; Criddle, 5; Cookson, 2; total, 16 vs. Steele, 4; McDonnell, 5; Beasley, 0; Goepel, 3; Williams, 3; total, 15

Steele, 4; St. Barbe, 3; Maunsell, 5; Dr. Hall, 4; total, 16; vs. C. Goepel, 2; Criddle, 1; McDonnell, 3; Cookson, 1; total, 7.

Maunsell, 3; Criddle 2; McCune, 0; total, 5; vs St. Barbe, 2; Cookson, 2; Goepel, 0; total, 4.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Provincial Constable Wilson is in town from Creston.

Judge Spinks of Vernon, registered at the Hume yesterday.

Mr P. Burns arrived in Nelson last evening after a business trip to Eastern Canada.

Mrs. Troup gave a "celebrity" party at her house on Saturday afternoon, which was very largely attended.

Frank B. Gibbs, of Brackman & Ker., returned yesterday from a business trip through the Boundary country.

Dr. Symonds yesterday caught a 5-pound char in the rapids. This is the largest fish so far landed this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Aldridge of Trail, accompanied by Miss Ayres, passed through Nelson yesterday en route east.

Mr. Maynard H. Cowan, who has a contract on the Nelson-Bedlington road near Creston, is in Nelson on business.

Mr. F. C. Moffatt, mining editor of the Rossland Miner, spent yesterday in the city on his way home from a trip through the Slocan.

Tenders are asked for the excavation and masonry for the foundation of the Bank of Montreal building. Work will be commenced immediately.

M. C. D. Blackwood is now rejoicing in the fact that he is a father, a bouncing baby boy having been born to Mrs. Blackwood on Saturday.

Mrs. Horace Hume and daughter have returned from a visit to Victoria. While away Mrs. Hume underwent an operation and is now in excellent health.

Mr. Menno Unzicker, representing the well known mining machinery firm, Fraser & Chalmers, of Chicago, leaves for Rossland on this morning's train.

Mr. Robert Rintoul, of the Bank of Montreal, Victoria, arrived at the Phair last evening. He will replace Mr. A. H. Buchanan, local manager, while the latter goes east on a very interesting mission.

The weather still continues cold enough to provide good ice at the Crystal Rink. The band was in attendance on Saturday night and the attendance of skaters was large. The rink will be open to skaters this evening.

"I tell you that advertising pays," said Theo Madson last night, "Since I commenced to use printer's ink I have more orders coming in from the surrounding country than ever before. I have done more business already this year than for the same period in any two previous years."

Advices from East Kootenay state that work is being pushed on the Nelson-Bedlington road. Over two thousand men are employed and nearly half the grading on this side of the boundary is completed. Business at Creston, though good, is not quite so lively as it has been during the past month.

AT THE HOTELS.

Phair—H. M. Stevenson, Ainsworth; G. O. Buchanan, Kaslo; J. F. Beatty, Winnipeg; K. E. McKenzie, Ymir; R. J. Inglis, Montreal; F. L. Ewing, Creston, M. H. Cowan, Welland Bay; Frank Patterson, McLeod; F. C. Moffatt, Rossland; J. E. Poupore, Naksup; G. A. M. Young, Creston; E. J. Coyle, Vancouver; W. H. Aldridge and Wife, Trail; Miss Ayres, Trail; H. W. Kent, Vancouver; J. H. Vink, Fort Steele; Wm. Lawson, Toronto; P. Burns, Calgary; Robt. Rintoul, Victoria; H. R. James, Vancouver; T. B. Webster, St. Paul; J. W. Stewart, Cascade.

Hume—R. McGuire, Molly Gibson Mine; E. A. Baker, Vancouver; H. J. Hadill, Winnipeg; W. W. Armstrong, Toronto; W. P. Ryan, R. J. Hannah, Toronto; J. L. McKinnon, Robson; D. McEwen, Montreal; James Connachan, Sandon; Ward Spinks, Vernon; Raoul Green, Oro; G. S. Gordon, M. D., Victoria; C. O. Dawes, Revelstoke.

TORONTO ITEMS.

Toronto, March 25—Patrick Hughes, formerly a prominent merchant of Toronto, died last night after a brief illness, aged 68. His brother, Bernhard Hughes, died only a month ago

Mr. Theodore Fuller, a surveyor, boarding at 82 George street, drank an ounce of laudanum in the Russell House yesterday afternoon. The doctors at the emergency hospital had to work hard to save the man's life; but their efforts were at length successful, and Fuller was able to leave the hospital in a couple of hours.

POPE STILL IMPROVES

Rome, March 25.—The Pope is steadily gaining strength. He eats well and his mentality is as acute as ever. He celebrated mass this morning without requiring aid of any kind, and he will probably officiate at mass at St. Peters on one of the first Sundays after Easter.

Meterological Report,

(Observations taken by A. H. Holdich.

DATE	DAY	HIGHEST	LOWEST	SNOW FALL	BAROMETER
Mar 20	Monday	37.5	26.0	0.21	27.40
Mar 21	Tuesday	29.5	21.0	0.00	27.70
Mar 22	Wed'day	25.0	11.0	0.06	27.75
Mar 23	Thursday	42.0	20.0	0.00	27 55
Mar 24	Friday	44.0	27.0	0.01	27.75
Mar 25	Saturday	40.0	17.0	0.00	28.10
Mar 26	Sunday	41.0	17.0	0.00	28.10

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3 lots in Addition A if taken at once.	750
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8:00 am.—S.S. Moyie leaves for Kootenay L'd'g and way points Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

9:40 a.m.—Train leaves N. & F. S. station for Rossland, Spokane and way points daily.

10:05 a.m.—S. S. International arrives from Kaslo and way points daily except Sunday.

11:00 a.m.—S. S. Kokanee arrives from Kaslo and way points daily except Sunday.

4:00 p.m.—S. S. Kokanee leaves for Kaslo and way points, daily, except Sunday.

4:30 p.m.—S. S. International leaves for Kaslo and way points, daily except Sunday.

5:30 p.m.—Train arrives N. & F. S. station, from Spokane, Rossland and way points, daily.

6:50 p.m.—S. S. Moyie arrives from Kootenay L'd'g and way points, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

6:40 p.m.—Train leaves C. P. R. station for Robson, Trail, Rossland, etc, daily.

8.30 p. m.—Train arrives C. P. R. station from main line and intermediate points via Slocan Lake route daily.

10:30 p.m.—Train arrives C. P. R. station, from Rossland, Trail, Robson, etc., daily.

Steam tugs Kaslo, Angerona, Red Star, Hercules, Surprise and others ply on Kootenay lake to and from Nelson, but have no regular times of arrival ad departure.

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HE SEES BENEFIT IN IT

It Will Tend to Improve the Condition of the Miner and Will Not Scare Capital—Mining News.

To The Editor of The Miner.

Sir:—A question of its advantages or otherwise is less mooted than it should in the eight hour mining law recently passed by the Legislature at Victoria. True its supposed disadvantages have been brought before the public by those whose pockets it may seem to have touched. It is desirable to treat such subjects dispassionately without regard to the party of persons responsible for the legislation but on the broad principle of the greatest good to the greatest number.

The paramount question of population is its sustenance. While a community can exist for a short time in themselves by consuming the surplus of their substance and while the few may gain by the performance of the necessary services to the many, yet unless the people are producing actual adequate wealth from raw material something that will bring value in the markets of the world, the existence of such a community must be transitory. The first necessity of any productions is labor and we must this submit to the immutable axiom that "Labor is the producer of all wealth."

It requires no argument to show that in a mining district the miner and his direct dependents, are the most numerous classes and he is the father of the comumnity family. Without going deeper into the subject it is obvious that the condition of the miner bespeaks the conditions of his community and that his fortune good or ill is theirs also. The question which suggest themselves may be summed up as follows:

I.—Are the conditions of the miner as desirable as they might be?

II.—What effect will the eight hour law have in bettering his circumstances?

III.—What effect will the decreased hours of labor have on the mining industry and the community?

While no fault can be found with the wages paid miners under the present ten hour regime, it is evident that from other reasons all is not right with them. The streams of workmen constantly quitting their jobs after having worked it may be but a few shifts, show there is profitable cause to question his tre tment at the mines. We can from experience suggest two reasons for this. The long hours spent underground, and the ill conditioned accommodations in and out of the mi es. Worn out by the former and disgusted with the latter the human machine must perforce be given a change—the miner calls for his time to seek a respite.

After resting a few days he goes out to look for another job which of course he cannot always obtain, his old place being immediately filled when he quist, as there are always many idle men. In this way he may fritter away his earnings and finally when he again gets work he is oftentimes "broke". To briefly sum up his troubles, his hours are too long—his living accommodations at the mine are generally bad—and the numbers of idle miners prevent him from getting work readily. This is the experience of about every miner and the continuance of his work is simply a question of his endurance and we hold that the primary cause is traceable to the long hours.

II.—In considering the eight hour law as a means to remedy the hardships of the miner, it must be remembered that the foremost thinkers on the labor problem, unanimously agree that the shortening of the hours of labor is about the only measure that can effectually settle the question. That experience has shown their theory to be correct is beyond all doubt.

To measure the expenditure of labor the elapsed time in its performance must be duly considered, and the two together denotes the factor of energy. Thus an animal or machine performs so much work in a given time, which is its capacity and if the time is curtailed, so therefore is its amount of work. Following these lines the miner only working eight hours per day must theoretically do but four-fifths as much as when working ten hours. To do the work left undone an extra miner is required for every four. Or for every one hundred miners twenty-five additional would have to be employed to do as much in eight hours as one hundred had done in ten. The logical working out of this theory would be something like this. The relieving of the labor market of any surplus, must have the well known effect of stiffening the demand. The consequence is self-evident the mine owner improves his accommodation for boarding his men improves the ventilations of his mine etc.. On his part of the miner does not require periods of rest so often and he remains steadily at work, has more leisure to recreate and being better contented with his lot is better qualified to perform the various duties of citizenship.

III.—Passing to the third part of our problem—The effect of the decreased hours of labor on the mining industry and the community—we assume no cut on the fair wages paid to miners now and as a part of the desired end of the reduction of the hours of labor it would be necessary to take this view.

At first thought we are inclined to believe the shortened hours will work hardship on the mine owner. But on a little reflection it will be seen that the benefits of the changed conditions will not be one-sided. Capital has been acused and not unjustly so of oftentimes treating its co-partner labor with scant consideration. As we have before observed that the latter is the creator of the former, capital's interests must clearly be subservient to that of labors. It has been customary to represent capital and labor as natural enemies but as the end desired is mutual viz., to produce, their interests must or should be parallel. In the present case the mine owners will under the eight hour system be able to obtain a superior class of intelligent steady workmen which all who have had any experience in this line can thoroughly appreciate. In perhaps none of the walks of life do results depend so much on intelligent and sound judgment. A man may have the strength of a Hercules yet if he lacks these two requisites his strength will count for naught in successfully breaking ground.

Doubtless the mine owner will object to any change of the system now in vogue on the ground that their dividends will suffer but there is every reason to believe that others will occur to them. It is no secret that never under present conditions to miners think of performing ten hours of labor under ground and it is a safe statement that they could do the same amount of work in eight hours that they do now in ten. Who will say that under more favored circumstances that even more work would not be accomplished than at present. At any rate if the miners were to meet the owners half way in the amount of work done under the new regulations, could not the owners contrive by improved management to economise in other directions to make good the remaining deficiency. In order to do them the following changes might suggest themselves.

Increased efficiency of underground management.

Improved mine equipment.

Cutting off of any unnecessary official salaries and most mines could do something advantageous in this line.

With these reforms instituted it is not unlikely that a greater saving could be made to the companies than the difference of the extra expense the decreased hours of labor would make.

It is natural that with prosperous miners his dependents—not merely his own family, but merchants, tradesmen, newspapers, etc., must share his prosperity. All too often are these classes antagonistic to any change calculated to benefit the miner on the principal that it will scare capital. It is a shortsighted policy. Capital is not so easily scared where the dividends are so generous as they are from most mines in this district.

We have at least two notable instances at our door of the beneficial working of the eight hour law, in Utah and in the coal mines of Nanaimo. We have no less an authority for a statement to bear out its beneficial working in Nanaimo, than that made by Mr. James Dunsmuir who recently in discussing some trouble they are having with their miners in the Alexandria coal mines stated that he had been, and was still willing to pay $2 for eight hours work while across on the Sound the same labor was paid $1.50 for ten hours work. That Mr Dunsmuir ever suffered by any decreased hours of labor needs no denial to those who are familiar with the name.

From the humanitarian point of view it is just that all good people should lend their moral support to any measure such as the one under discussion that will tend to the betterment of the human race. Credit is due our legislators for such a stride in the right direction and any steps taken to induce the government to withhold from putting the sections in force must be deprecated as a move backward.

E. P. BREMNER.

New Denver, March 25, 1899.

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New York, March 25.—Bar silver, 59⅝; Mexican dollars, 47½; silver certificates, 60 to 60⅛.

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It is the intention of the management of the Molly Gibson mine to resume operations about the end of next week. The mine has been temporarily closed down pending litigation.

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Cripple Creek, Col., March 25.—The announcement is made here on reliable authority that W. S Stratton has sold his Independence mine to an English syndicate and is now on his way to England to complete the deal. The price is not known, but as two experts after a thorough examination of the property last December estimated the ore in sight at $6,000,000, it is assumed the selling price is greater than was ever paid for a Colorado mine. Mr. Stratton has already taken over $4,000,000 out of the Independence, and for the past three years only the ore encountered in development work has been taken out.

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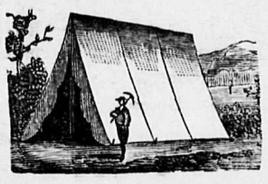
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Notice is hereby further given that after the said 10th day of April, A. D., 1899, the trustee will proceed to distribute the assets of the trust estate amongst those creditors who are entitled thereto, and whose claims have then been lodged with him, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice, and that he will not be responsible after said date for the assets of the said trust estate, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons, firm or corporation of whose claim he had not notice at the time of distribution.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the said Samuel J. Mighton will be held at the law office of Macdonald & Johnson on Baker street, in the City of Nelson, on Monday the 20th day of March, A. D., 1899, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

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