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# BRILLIANT SORTIE FROM LADYSMITH

## Troops Cut Their Way Through the Boers With the Bayonet.

## BURGHERS CANNOT FACE COLD STEEL

### Remarkable Instance Which Is Illustrative of This—Little Fresh News—Mafeking Is Safe—More About the Stormberg Disaster.

London, Dec. 13.—(4:45 a. m.)—With the exception of Sunday's sortie at Ladysmith which the morning papers are unanimous in regarding as a brilliant piece of work, there are no further advices from the seat of war. A War Office dispatch reports Mafeking as safe up to December 4, but that the Boers had been shelling the town since Nov. 27, with increased effect. Rations had been considerably reduced, meat by half pound and bread by quarter of a pound, in view of a probable long siege. Water, however, was still plentiful.

The Boers fear the British bayonets. This is illustrated in the full accounts now arriving of previous sorties. It seems that in Sir Archibald Hunter's sally from Ladysmith to capture the Boer guns, the British did not carry bayonets. While they were storming the hills the Boers, suddenly aroused from sleep, rushed to their edge and opened an indiscriminate fire upon the British. But just before the British secured a footing on the top of the hill, some one among them shouted "Fix bayonets and give them cold steel," at this the Boers turned and fled into the darkness.

General Gatacre's disaster at Stormberg has been blamed to a lack of knowledge of the country. According to the Daily Telegraph when the war began there were no official maps available at Capetow, and therefore it is probable that General Gatacre is still without them.

The Times while praising Colonel Metcalfe's brilliant feat at Ladysmith expresses the opinion that relief being now so near, such sorties are rather perilous and it would be better for General White to avoid them as far as possible.

The Morning Post again endeavors editorially to arouse the British people to a recognition of the "serious nature of the struggle and of the grave position in which matters now stand." It urges the Government to prepare immediately to send more troops to South Africa.

Lord Mayor Newton, the aldermen of the City of London and other prominent officials of the corporation together with the high military authorities, wil attend the memorial service to be held in St Paul's Cathedral for the men who have fallen in the war.

London, Dec 12.—General Methuen's army is known to have been heavily reinforced at Modder River with infantry, cavalry and artillery, while General Wauchope's Highland brigade has largely increased the number of bayonets available for frontal attack. The necessity for this costly method of warfare has been obviated by the presence of a full brigade of cavalry commanded by General Babington. This brigade includes three regiments of cavalry and a strong body of Provincial horse. Two powerful batteries of horse artillery have been added, with a mobility nearly equal to that of cavalry. Methuen's army can not number less than 7000 men, and its manoeuvering power has been increased until there is slight justification for frontal attacks made without adequate reconnaisance and scouting. Military men assume that he has not left Modder River unless the section of the Howitzer battery with lyddite ammunition has arrived.

London, Dec 13.—The War Office publishes the following dispatch from General Buller:

"Dispatch from General White, dated Dec. 11, says: "Last night Colonel Metcalfe and five hundred of the second rifle brigade, sortied to capture a Boer howitzer on a hill. They reached the place without being discovered, drove off the enemy and then destroyed the howitzer with gun cotton. When returning, Metcalfe found his retreat barred by the Boers, but he forced his way through, using the bayonet freely. The Boer losses were considerable. The British losses were the following: Lieutenant Ferguson and eleven men killed, ; Captain Pale, Second Lieutenant Davenport, Second Lieutenant Bond and 41 men wounded.

Mafeking, Nov. 30, via Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 11—Sorties by the British armored train and the Boer shelling of the town continues. The British have had a few casualties.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—General Gatacre's reverse at Stormberg was joyfully greeted in the streets of Berlin, but the newspapers for the most part, are reticent on the subject.

The Vossische Zeitung comments in a strain almost friendly, saying: "After the soldierly virtues which the British have shown in this war, it may well be believed that General Gatacre's troops fought as if on the parade ground.

London, Dec. 11.—Later details regarding the disaster to General Gatacre's column show that but for the magnificent work of the British artillery the disaster would have been far more extensive, as an incessant Boer fire in the midst of the repulsed infantry ultimately led to disorder, which only escaped developing into a rout through the batteries of artillery occupying successive positions, covering the retreat, thus drawing a portion of the Boers' galling fire. Apparently the British were set an impossible task and were treacherously guided. After a trying march and being under arms 16 hours they attacked the wrong part of the Boer position where the hill was impregnable and the Burghers were estimated to the number of 6,000 men, instead of 500, as the spies had reported. There is little in the story to mitigate the intense humiliation caused by the episode, which was almost an exact counterpart of the battle of Nicholson's Nek.

The War Office was besieged by anxious relatives and successive editions of the newspapers were eagerly scanned. Men and women are equally persistent in pleading for information, but the authorities either do not possess any or are not prepared to publish it at present.

The affair has caused a most depressing influence everywhere, not excepting the stock exchange, where consols were at the lowest price in many years, and South African securities slumped, not so much on account of the military reverse, which is retrievable, but owing to the profound apprehension as to its political effect.

No great surprise would now be felt if Gatacre's reverse resulted in Cape Colony becoming a flame from end to end.

Modder River, Sunday Evening, Dec. 10.—(Delayed)—The naval four seven-inch battery again took up a position north of the camp this afternoon while the Howitzer battery was posted to the southeast on the left of the Boers. Both opened a hot fire with lyddite shells and shrapnel to which the Boers sharply responded with a dozen guns, thus unmasking their position, which was the object of the British maneuver. After an hour's fighting the Boer guns were silenced. The Howitzers searched the trenches and then threw shell after shell upon the hills, the explosion of the lyddite causing the whole ground over an extensive area to rise in the air in dense brown clouds.

A Boer long gun was dismantled. It now appears that the Boers intend that the next fight is to take place at Magersfontein. Apparently Spytfontein is not defended or the Boers are unwilling to unmask their position there.

### LADY SARAH EXCHANGED.

London, Dec. 13—A special dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez says: "A Boer telegram from Mafeking announces that Lady Sarah Wilson, aunt of the Duke of Marlborough, who was captured by the Boers while acting as a correspondent for the London Daily Mail, has been exchanged for a Boer woman who was a prisoner at Mafeking.

### DISLOYALTY IN DUBLIN.

Dublin, Dec. 12.—The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Daniel Tallon, presided at a meeting of the corporation today called to protest against the Transvaal war.

The clerk declared that there was no quorum, but the Lord Mayor insisted on making a statement in which he declared that the war was wanton and unprovoked aggression undertaken by Mr. Chamberlain and capitalists against a handful of farmers." He further declared that America was "opposed to this iniquitous war."

In the meantime, the members present shouted "No quorum" and "Order" and the tumult in the galleries drowned all the speeches. Finally, the Lord Mayor lett the chair with the galleries cheering for Presidnt Kruger. No attempt was made to adopt the previously prepared resolution against the war.

### GENERAL LAWTON MISSING.

Filipinos Intend to Start Systematic Guerrilla Warfare.

London, Dec 13.—Reuter's Telegraph Company has received the following dispatch from Hong Kong:

"The insurgent Government (so-called) of the Philippines will be changed to a dictatorship to continue hostilities against the Americans exclusively by the methods of guerrilla warfare." The Philippine party is being split up into small bands, the troops taking an oath before departing that they will fight until their country's rights are recognized.

A force of United States marines who landed at Vigan, South Ilocos Province, from the battleship Oregon was defeated by the Filipinos under General Fince on December 4.

The Manila newspapers, despite the censorship, admit that General Lawton is missing.

### CANADIAN CAPITAL ABROAD.

Heavily Loaned in New York—Much Being Sent to London.

New York, Dec 12.—Canadian banks reported today that they were withdrawing their money from New York for the purpose of loaning it abroad.

Local branches of Canadian banks have been purchasing exchange freely of late, and one institution reported this afternoon that the most of the money would probably be sent to London where it could find profitable employment. It is not known exactly how much Canadian money has been loaned here since the period of stringency began but it is stated that the amount is in excess of $15,000,000 and more than has been employed in this city at any one time for years.

### EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE.

Caused by a Leak of Gas—No One Was to Blame.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 12.—Word was received from Cumberland today that two men were killed and several injured by an explosion last night in the Union Coal mines there. A cave-in in slope No. 4, disclosed a leak of gas, which soon caused the explosion. Zucci and George Jones were killed; the following were badly burned, D. Fairbain, Harry Thompson, John Guthrie, Fred Larson and O. H. Hoy. The foreman was burned on the face. Two Japs who were overcome by afterdamp recovered. The explosion took place a few minutes before the shift was leaving for the night. It was evidently a pure accident and the inquest held today so found.

### HANDWRITING EXPERT.

New York, Dec. 12.—Today's session in the trial of Roland B. Molineux was devoted entirely to the examination of William J. Kinsley, the handwriting expert, who testified that after examining thousands of specimens of the handwriting he became convinced that one person wrote the so called "Barnet" and "Cornish" letters; that the same man wrote the address on the poison package and that man was Roland B. Molineux.

### JAPAN'S PARLIAMENT OPEN.

Test Vote Shows a Majority For the Ministerial Party.

Yokohama, Nov. 25, via San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Parliament opened on the 22nd and the first test vote showed a majority of 50 for the ministerial party. Unless the fight for the spoils causes a division there is every prospect that things will go smoothly for the Government in all its projects.

The sensational reports of the French carrying things with a high hand in China have dwindled into a commonplace incident in diplomatic negotiations. The difference, however, with which the original reports were received and commented upon is highly significant of the change of attitude in the public mind. Tidings of any further impending partition of the Chinese Empire are now taken as a matter of fact and excite little comment, whereas only a few months ago they were the occasion of great excitement and consternation.

### MAY HANG ASSASSINS.

Manila, Dec. 12.—Colonel Smith, with a detachment of the 17th Infantry surrounded and captured in a village near Malasqui, a party of guerrillas who had made their headquarters there. The party included the band which assassinated seven officials at Malasqui for friendliness to the Americans. It is expected that they will be speedily tried and shot, or hanged, as examples, if convicted.

### MRS. CHASE DEAD.

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Elizabeth Upham Chase, prominent throughout the country in anti-slavery days on account of her work in behalf of the negro, and a leading advocate of women's suffrage is dead, aged 93.

### SENORA LOPEZ RETURNS.

New York, Dec. 12.—Senora Lopez, with her children, is now here on her way to Cuba to endeavor to regain her lost property. Senor Lopez was shot by order of General Weyler as an insurgent. Then his wife was put in prison whence she escaped disguised as sister of charity. The refugee went to Rio de Janeiro, where she was joined by her children.

### DEVICE TO GET GOLD.

London, Dec. 13.—The Daily Chronicle says: "The Bank of England, we hear, is going to try once more to obtain gold from abroad by lending below current rates, on condition that borrowers repay it when due in imported gold."

### BRITISH CRUISER WARSPITE.

Monterey, Cal., Dec. 12.—The British cruiser Warspite, flagship of Admiral Beaumont, commandant of the Pacific squadron, accompanied by the training ship Phaeton, came into port today en route from Esquimalt to South America waters. The ships stopped for mail and provisions. The flagship fired a national salute on entering the harbor, response being made by the guns at Fort Halleck.

### THE CANADA DOCKED.

New York, Dec. 12.—The S. S. Canada docked today after having spent 20 days battling against the elements between Hamburg and Sandy Hook.

At times the winds assumed hurricane force. The sea rushed with such great weight that they were obliged to use oil to prevent her sides from being crushed in. Several of the officers say that the oil saved the ship.

### PREFONTAINE TO RUN AGAIN.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Mayor Prefontaine has definitely announced himself as a candidate for a second term in the mayoralty chair. His action displeases the Irish-Roman Catholics who consider it their turn for electing one of their number to that position.

### CONSUL HAY STARTS.

New York, Dec. 12.—Albert S. Hay, son of Secretary Hay and Consul by appointment, to Pretoria, leaves tomorrow by the steamer St. Louis for South Africa, via England.

### MONTREAL BASEBALLERS.

Montreal, Dec 12—The annual meeting of the Montreal Baseball Club was held this evening, when the old officers were re-elected. No dividend was declared.

# DEBATE IN THE GERMAN REICHSTAG

## Emperor William's Speech Severely Handled.

## NAVAL BILL AFFECTED

### Attitude of the Centre Makes it Possible the Kaiser's Pet Scheme May Be Defeated.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—While entering the Reichstag today, Dr. Leiber, leader of the Center, was attacked by a supposedly insane man who tried to club him. Officers interfered and Dr. Leiber was apparently uninjured.

On the first reading of the budget estimates, Dr. Leiber observed that the favorable financial situation was due to the careful manner in which the house scrutinized the budget. Dr. Leiber concluded with saying that past and future events would prove to the Emperor that he had been ill informed when in Hamburg regarding the feelings of the German people. During the first eight years of the Emperor's reign, the Reichstag had by no means persistently refused to increase the navy.

Prince Hohenlohe, Imperial Chancellor, said he sincerely regretted that the Emperor's speech had been introduced in the debate. The speech, he added, had been called forth by the political situation. In view of the eminent position which the King of Prussia occupied as German Emperor, his right to exhort his people to unity in order to achieve great ends and give expression to his wishes, could not be contested.

Count Von Ballestrom, President of the Reichstag, intimated that he had already ruled that members of the Reichstag could not be debarred from discussing in a suitable manner the speeches of the Emperor as published in the Reichsanzeiger adding:

"This must, of course, be done decorously, and in my opinion the previous speaker complied with this condition."

Count Von Limber-Stirum, Conservative, declared that the financial situation demanded the greatest economy. There would not be much retrenchment in the foreign estimates, but while certain credit was due to Count Von Buelow, for the successes he had achieved. Both agriculturists and manufacturers were suffering from the present relations with America. The growing antipathy to England and English policy, he asserted, was remarkable, though Mr. Chamberlain's speech and the speeches of British statesmen generally had little more value than electoral speeches.

Herr Beliel, Socialist, declared that the increasing loans were in opposition to the rosy exposition of the budget. The empire's debt he asserted, had increased enormously and Germany did a miserable business with her Colonies. Too much was paid for the Caroline Islands and Kiau Chou was a fever nest. To increase German trade proportionately with a new fleet was a difficult matter. With Great Britain's fleet and Germany's army, the two countries could rule the world.

The Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Tirpplitz, said that when the last navy bill was presented he did not know the extent of German industries In a naval war, the secretary asserted, the working men would be the first sufferers. Then the house adjourned.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Dr. Leiber's criticism in the Reichstag of Emperor William's speech at Hamburg has caused much comment. The spectacle of this cautious leader of the most important group in the Reichstag—the section that will decide the fate of the naval bill—thus severely blaming the Kaiser is almost without parallel in German Parliamentary history.

It was all the more notable because Count Von Ballestrom, President of the Reichstag, upheld the dignity of the Chamber and maintained freedom of speech, even against the Imperial Chancellor. This evening Parliamentary circles are all agog over the incident. By some it is said, that Count Von Ballestrom, who on several previous occasions stopped similar criticisms, had in this instance a personal motive for permitting unrestricted comment, because as one of the chief opponents of the canal bill, he became persona non grata with the Emperor, who banished him from court. In any event, the affair has not improved the chances of the naval bill.

### A SIGNIFICANT HONOR.

Dr. Siemens May Be the Next Prussian Minister of Finance.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Emperor William has conferred a patent of hereditary nobliity upon Dr. Siemens, director of the Deutsche bank, for his service in obtaining the Bagdad concession for the Anatolian Railway Company. The disinction is particularly significant as it is believed tht Dr. Siemens will succeed Dr. Von Miquel as Prussian Minister of Finance.

### MONTREAL NEWS NOTES.

A Sunday Closing Law—Assisting Worthy Emigrants.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 12.—The local Barber's Association has appointed a committee to prosecute barbers who open their establishments on Sunday. The committee will demand of the police committee that the law against Sunday opening will be strictly enforced as far as the barbers are concerned.

At a meeting of the Woman's National Emigration Society yesterday afternoon a proposition was made that the Government be asked to assist worthy emigrants coming to this country. Dr. Roddick, M. P., promises to bring the matter to the attention of Parliament when the estimates come down.

### MILITIAMEN AND UNIONS.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 12.—The bandsmen of the 48th Highlanders and the Grenadiers have been reduced to the ranks as privates. The Queen's Own Rifles will follow suit. The action of the regiments is due to the bandsmen refusing to play at regimental assemblies on the ground that non-union musicians were employed and that their duties as militiamen did not require them to play. The result is the wiping out of three of the finest military bands in Canada.

### SEIZED A TOWN.

Quebec, Que., Dec. 12.—All the property of the town corporation of Levis has been seized as the result of a dispute that town and the J. D. King Manufacturing Company, of boots and shoes, Toronto, which recently removed their factory from Levis owing to the failure of the town to pay the annual bonus of $1,000, agreed to when the firm decided to erect a factory at that place.

### GIRL FOUND DEAD.

Arnprior, Ont., Dec. 12.—The body of Lena Connery, a girl of 15, was found dead on the C. P. R. track near here this morning. It is supposed that while on the train from Pakenham, where she belonged, she stepped off near Arnprior while the train was in motion and met instant death.

### DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Owen Sound, Ont., Dec. 12.—The Owen Sound Iron Works were partially destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is about $2,000, and the insurance $5,000.

### GOULD ASPHYXIATED.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Henry Gould, aged 75 years, a cattle dealer of Whitby, died shortly after noon today from the result of sleeping in a room of the Bull's Head Hotel early this morning with the gas jet turned on.

### LEMIEUX REMANDED.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Ferdinand Lemieux, the cashier of the defunct Ville Marie Bank, who was arrested last night on a new charge of stealing $173,000 from the bank in September, 1898, was remanded for week this morning.

### REVOLUTION CRUSHED.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 12.—It is announced that the Colombia Government has occupied Cuma, on the Gulf of Cariaco, and the revolution is said to be crushed.

### EXTRADITION IN PERU.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 12.—Before closing the extraordinary session last night, Congress approved the extradition treaty with the United States.

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## THE EXCURSION.

The C. P. R. excursion into the Boundary Country is over, and by the time these words reach the readers of The Miner even the Coast contingent should be safe at home again and already reflecting on the best way to exploit the wonderful though undeveloped resources of Southern British Columbia of which they have had a glimpse. They have seen Nelson, they have seen Rossland, and they have seen Greenwood City, and have had a peep, at any rate, at some of the leading mines and industries of those places. The knowledge thus obtained, however superficial, cannot fail to impress our Coast friends with some idea of the great and growing commercial and political importance of the mining interior of the Province.

At one time British Columbian legislation was devoted entirely to the advancement of Vancouver Island. Subsequently Vancouver, and certain other portions of the Mainland began to receive due attention, but the Kootenays' share has been small indeed. At the last session, it is true, some imaginary needs of the mining community were ignorantly catered to with amazing stupidity and disastrous results, but the real importance of the Kootenays and Southern Yale is only beginning to be dimly recognized by the Coast people. Excursions like the one recently organized attract many, ordinarily too busy to take such trips, and the information they then glean is imparted by them to their friends on their return, with satisfactory results to all sections of the Province. Seeing is believing, and the more the outside world sees of this section the better for us.

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Today the Tramway Company will runs its first car and the Gas Company will lay the foundation stone on the building of their works. Both corporations have been delayed in their construction which has been carried on all summer and has provided many thousands of dollars that have found their way to local merchants. Now the street railway company has completed its line and as they start on their career as applicants for public patronage all citizens join in wishing them a prosperous life and in trusting that they will provide a service that will warrant the fulfillment of the wish. However, with Mr. Peters and Captain Duncan as the executive head in Nelson little fear need be felt of the excellence of the service. The opening of the street car line is an important epoch in the history of Nelson. Of scarcely less importance will be the turning on of the gas in the many miles of mains that traverse the City thoroughfares. That this event will not be long delayed is promised by the company and hoped by the people. With two such events in one day it may be fairly claimed that Nelson is jogging along quite comfortably.

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There is an unwritten law in Montreal, which has been scrupulously observed for many years, that English and French speaking mayors should succeed one another alternately. The present mayor, M. Prefontaine, has caused something of a sensation by announcing his intention of running again next year, and the next municipal election in Montreal should be a hot one. Public opinion has been greatly roused of late over the alleged municipal corruptions in the French-Canadian capital, and Mayor Prefontaine is popularly supposed to be the leader of the gang of boodlers. Hence, possibly, his unusual step.

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The Municipality has taxed the insurance companies, who are going to retaliate with interest on the insured, with the result that everybody seems likely to kick, including the local agents, who may lose their agencies, and not forgetting the City Council who may find the tax less productive than they anticipated.

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A local paper is anxious to see Mr. Hewitt Bostock, M. P., Minister of the Interior. Mr. Bostock is young, amiable and well meaning, but the first British Columbian Minister of the Interior should be possessed of other qualities besides youth, amiability and good intentions.

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With the Boer war absorbing the British Government, with the Kaiser's pet Naval Bill likely to be defeated, and with the much married, would-be Congressman Roberts causing excitement at Washington, we cease to hear any more about an Anglo-American-German Alliance.


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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the "Companies Winding Up Act, 1898," and in the matter of the "Nelson Poorman Gold Mining Company, Limited," in liquidation.

Notice is hereby given that at an extraordinary general meeting of the Nelson Poorman Gold Mining Company, Limited, held November 17th, 1899, duly convened, a special resolution requiring the said company to be wound up was duly passed; which resolution at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting of the said company, also duly convened, and held on December 5th, 1899, was duly confirmed.

At such last mentioned meeting the appointments of William Murray Botsford of the City of Vancouver Province of British Columbia, as liquidator and Charles C. Bennett of the same place as inspector, for the purposes of the Winding up were confirmed.

Notice is also given (pursuant to "Companies Winding Up Act, 1898" section 10), that the creditors of and others having claims upon the said company, are required on or before the 10th day of January, A. D., 1900, to send their names and addresses, the particulars of their debts or claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them to William Murray Botsford, Merchants' Bank of Halifax, Vancouver, B. C., the liquidator of the said company.

Notice is further given that after such last mentioned date the said liquidator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said company among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 6th, 1899.
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# MINING POLITICS

## J. J. CAMPBELL EMPHATICALLY REPUDIATES THE ASSERTION.

### The Recent Mine Managers' Meeting at Rossland Did Not Even Discuss Political Questions.

A Miner representative yesterday had a talk with Mr. J. J. Campbell, of the Hall Mines, in regard to the meeting of mine owners and mine managers which was held in Rossland on Saturday evening. The meeting was a well attended and representative one, and matters of great moment to the mining industry of the Province were discussed. In yesterday's issue of this paper was published a resume of the proceedings from a usually reliable Rossland correspondent. He seems to have been badly misinformed, however, for Mr. Campbell, who was present at the meeting, emphatically denied that the assemblage had any political character or that political action of any sort was even discussed. Mr. Campbell said:

"The report published was evidently intended to mislead and to confirm the false impression which it has been the mission of The Tribune to convey to the public, viz., that political feeling was influencing those who opposed the eight-hour law.

"The Rossland and Boundary Creek mine managers have given the eight-hour law a fair trial and have been forced to the conclusion that it has led to greatly increased cost in working the mines, and has made it a doubtful business proposition for some of the poorer mines to continue working, and has deterred the development of many prospects.

"The meeting was attended by representatives of almost every mine in the Kootenays, and Boundary Creek districts, either in the person of the managers or by delegates from associations, and its resolutions were unanimous and hearty.

"While I do not feel at liberty to inform you of everything that took place, I can state that no political action was discussed or decided upon."

In view of Mr. Campbell's emphatic and explicit statement, there appears to be no room left for doubt, but that The Miner's correspondent was deliberately misinformed, with the intent that a misleading report should appear in these columns.

Those present at the meeting included the following: Major Collins, B. A. C.; J. B. Hastings, War Eagle; H. E. Croasdaile, Hall Mines; J. Roderick Robertson, L. & B. C. Gold Fields; Frank Robbins, Dominion Copper Company; C. H. Hand, Payne; G. W. Hughes, Idaho; A. W. Wright, Ajax; B. J. Perry, Noble Five; S. L. Long, Canadian Pacific Express Company; R. W. Brigstock, Fern; W. W. Falows, Slocan Sovereign Mines Company; G. H. Aylard, Finch & Campbell; A. Dick, Canadian & B. C. Syndicate; T. J. Duncan, Duncan Mines, Ltd.; E. Rammelmeyer, Emily Edith mine; J. J. Campbell, Hall Mines smelter; S. S. Fowler, Ymir; T. M. Daly, Brandon & Golden Crown; W. Y. Williams, Big Three; A. L. Becher, Deer Park; W. Y. Williams, Ironsides Mining Company; W. Y. Williams, Knob Hill Mining Company; W. Y. Williams, Granby Smelting Company.

## NELSON HOCKEY CLUB.

### Officers Elected—Prospects For the Coming Season.

The senior hockey players of Nelson organized last night at the Hume Hotel and got things into shape generally for the coming season. Mr. W. R. McLean was voted into the chair and then the following officers were elected: President, R. Carley; Vice-President, W. R. McLean; Manager, S. Neelands; Sec.-Treas, C. E. Beasley, (re-elected); Committee, George Bell, George Doyle and S. G. Campbell.

The Nelson Hockey Club is not the only hockey team here, as the Nelson Lacrosse Hockey Club is also to be organized this year. It was announced there was a good prospect of forming a league this winter composed of the following clubs: Nelson H. Club, Nelson Lacrosse H. Club, Rossland H. Club, Victoria H. Club, (Rossland), Greenwood, H. Club, and Kaslo H. Club. Should this anticipation be realised there will be some interesting matches this season in which the Nelson players may be trusted to give a good account of themselves. Last year they were much handicapped for want of ice early in the season.

## BRACKMAN & KER MILLING CO

### The Nelson Premises of the Firm to Be Substantially Enlarged.

Mr. D. R. Ker, of Brackman & Ker Milling Co. was in town on Monday, looking after the company's affairs here, which are so well managed by Mr. Frank Gibbs.

Mr. Ker was seen by a Miner reporter and in course of conversation said that he had just returned from a trip to Edmonton, and was on his way to the Coast.

"They have very abundant crops there this season," added Mr. Ker, "from 800,000 to 1,000,000 bushels, and they are getting good prices. For oats they are getting 25 cents, and for wheat 60 cents. The farmers fully realize the importance of Kootenay as a market for their produce, and no longer look to the East. Our people are making every preparation to meet the increasing demand here. We have added considerably to our elevator capacity, and here in Nelson we find it necessary to provide for greater accommodation than we now enjoy. Tenders have been called for excavation work. Ewart & Carrie, the architects, are preparing plans, and work will be commenced as soon as possible. We are determined to have all the accommodation we require here and supply the needs of this great country. We have increased our capital by $500,000, and in addition to our extensive interests on the Coast, in Alberta and elsewhere, we are spreading out in this district and are determined to do big business."

Mr. Ker expressed surprise at the wonderful progress made by Nelson since last he was here. "Some of your recent big business blocks would be a credit to any city, and goes to show that the people of Nelson have great faith in their city."

## CLUTE INTERVIEWED.

### Sandon Heard From—On His Way to Other Quarters.

Mr. R. C. Clute, Q. C., the special commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government to enquire into the labor troubles of the Kootenays, arrived in town last night. Mr. Clute opened his first court under his present commission in Sandon yesterday week, and was kept fairly busy until Saturday last, having a session every day. He examined some 50 witnesses and among these were mine owners as well as miners.

The Alien Labor Law formed the bone of contention, but the commissioner explained that the countries whose labor laws did not co-operate with those of Canada would have to be discriminated against. There were several American citizens examined, but their evidence went to show that they did not come to British Columbia under contract. It was not proven that Italians had been imported under the contract system as was rumored.

Mr. Clute expressed his opinion that the labor troubles in this country were to be regretted, and hoped that his efforts would tend in this direction. He has a stenographer with him, and all the evidence will be duly submitted to Parliament.

It is Mr. Clute's intention to hold a court in Nelson today or tomorrow. From here he will probably proceed to Ymir and for thence to Rossland. The Kaslo representatives will be attended to in due course. It is the intention of the commissioner to make the investigation as thorough as possible, but if aliens are aliens then our cousins from the other side of the boundary are by far the more numerous.

## AT THE HOTEL HUME.

F. Westson, Toronto; Geo. A. McIntyre, Vancouver; D. Davidson, Toronto; Mrs W. J. Weir, Tarbo; F. A. McGuire, J. H. Jackson, Robert Hendricks, Kaslo; W. A. Cummings, Spokane; W. S. Johnson, Slocan City; Chas. Parker, Rossland; M. S. Logan, Montreal; Allan D. Dods, Vancouver; J. F. Macdonald, Montreal; E. Dobean, Vernon; J. Fleishmann, Vancouver.

# LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Look out for the tram cars!

Mr. R. Tolmie, Secretary of the Slocan Mine Owners Association, is in the City.

When you hear a gong clanging along the streets today you need not rush around looking for a fire. It will be the street cars.

Mr. Stanley Tytler leaves for the Coast this evening on matrimony intent. He hopes to return to Nelson with his bride on January 4.

City Clerk Strachan is busy on the voters' list, and expects to get through with the work today. The list will show a substantial increase over last year.

There was but one case up at Police Court yesterday morning—an ordinary drunk. The City Treasury was enriched to the extent of $5 in consequence.

John Whelan, who had been sentenced to one month's imprisonment for vagrancy by G. R. Linklater, J. P., of Salmo, was brought to the Provincial Jail yesterday by Provincial Constable W. C. Forrester.

Mr. John Pittock, of the firm of Humphreys & Pittock, leaves today for California in consequence of a letter received announcing the serious illness of his father. Mr. Pittock expects to be away a couple of months.

Henry Walkem, the man who so narrowly escaped a watery grave a couple of days since, was yesterday discharged from the hospital. The exposure and cold endured have seriously shaken the man's nervous system.

A gang of men were yesterday employed clearing the accumulation of mud off the Baker Street bridge at Ward Street. The material was dumped at the side of the Madden Block, and did much to fill in the old ravine.

Small boys, sleighs, slippery sidewalks, hilly streets and pedestrians are the leading figures in many comedies that are being played every day now. They are all continuous performances, there being no special hours observed.

Water Commissioner W. F. Thompson has been shutting off water from householders who are behind in their rates during the past two days, and he says it has been productive of much bad language and payment of arrears, both of which he is constrained to accept with thanks.

The date for the smoker and auction sale in aid of the Mansion House Fund for the wives and families of the gallant fellows fighting in Africa, has been definitely fixed for Thursday, Dec. 21. A very attractive programme is being prepared which, apart from the worthiness of the cause, will no doubt pack the house.

A contract was yesterday let for the store basement of the new building to be put up by A. Macdonald & Co., wholesale grocers, at the corner of Hall and Front Streets. The building will have a frontage of 60 feet on Front street and 90 feet on Hall Street. Weather permitting work will be started at once.

The Hon. J. A. Turner, former Premier of this Province, was expected in town last night, but he did not arrive, Mr. R. Byrne, general manager of Turner, Beeton & Co., coming in his place. Mr. Turner's projected visit was purely of a business nature. Mr Byrne leaves this morning for the Boundary Country.

A rumor was current in town yesterday that the tram cars would make their first run, and crowds were eagerly on the look-out for the welcome sight. However there was disappointment in store. The two tram cars are on the main line at Water Street just within the City limits. They have been uncovered, and yesterday everything was put in order on board and trial trip made.

Ald. Hillyer was one of the happiest men in Nelson yesterday. The last nail in the Burns' Block roof was driven, and the several other big blocks have also been roofed in. As contractor, Ald. Hillyer was very uneasy for weeks past lest rain or snow should force him to suspend operations on the buildings. All is now safe, and the interior work can be completed under cover. Carpenters and painters are busy.

The Tribune yesterday published a report that Mr. A. E. Rand was negotiating a deal for the Exchequer Group on the basis of $125,000. Mr. Rand absolutely denies the report, while the Exchequer people say that so far as they know there is no deal or negotiations pending or likely to be pending, and further that if there are any stray would-be purchasers knocking about Nelson they must be prepared to offer at least double the suggested price.

The side walk on the Ward Street side of the Madden Block is nearly finished—so far as it seems to be the intention to build it. The planking stops short at the end of the block, and seems practically useless except for the accommodation of Mr. Madden and his tenants. There is a general feeling that the work should be continued up to Victoria Street, when it would be of some public utility and would enable people to get to the postoffice without going ankle-deep in mud as at present. The additional cost would not be much, while the accommodation afforded would be highly appreciated.

J. J. Rankie, who had been employed as machine man at the Porto Rico mine, started to walk from Hall Siding to Ymir yesterday. He was very much the worse for liquor, and either fell or lay down to rest on the railway track, after he had gone about half a mile. When the afternoon train came along he was covered with snow, but the engineer spied him as he came round the curve, and stopped the train with wonderful quickness. The cow catcher caught Rankie and threw him to the side, inflicting a severe wound on his left temple, but causing no dangerous injuries. The man owes his life entirely to the engineer's promptitude. Rankie was brought into the City and placed under Dr. La Bau's care.

The following resolution, dated from Vancouver, has been received by Mayor Neelands: "That a net tax be placed on each policy, covering within the City limits of Nelson, B. C., of 15 per cent on the premium, and be stamped on the policy as 'for municipal tax,' and that the secretary write to the City Council of Nelson stating that the Mainland Board has taken this action which will be enforced if the tax is collected from the fire insurance companies doing business in Nelson, and further that the companies, in any case, decline to pay any tax for any period prior to date of notice of the amendment to the City By-law." As already reported in The Miner, but one company has paid the tax of $100 imposed by the City. The matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the Council.

The Hudson's Bay Co.'s big new block, corner of Stanley and Baker Streets, was yesterday handseled. The Ladies Guild of St. Saviour's Church, opened with a Doll Fete and bazaar. Close on one hundred dolls were presented for admiration and sale—dressed in all fashions, and ranging in price from 35 cents to $6 or $7 a piece. The clock guessing contest, literary salad, bean jar and several entertaining features were presented, not least among which was a first class lunch. There was a good programme of music in the evening and an auction sale of the unsold goods. Among the ladies who took a lively part in the conduct of the day's successes were Mesdames. Tromp, Lay, Bird, Campbell, Pollok, Connan, White, Sherwood, Cummins, Eskrigge, Goepel, West, Ince, R. Macdonald Williams, Lake, Hedley and the Misses, Barnfather, Campbell, Crickmay, Yates and Gurd. Besides dolls there was a choice collection of fancy work, toys, home-made candies, etc., disposed of. The fete was a great success.


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## MINING NEWS.

The richness of Camp Mansfield is not to be left to entirely for British capital to reap benefits from. Deals in properties in that locality are reported almost every day and good figures prevail in every case. The Joker, the first property opened up there, is showing up wonderfully well and the English companies' constant additions to their already large holdings has given local mining men the impression that the district is a very good one to become interested in. As a result a group of six claims were secured some time ago and yesterday the organization of a strong company to operate them, was concluded. The board of directors is composed of Mayor H. G. Neelands, President; Ald. G. Frank Beer, Vice President; W. W. Beer, Treasurer; W. W. Beaton, Secretary; Dr. G. A. B. Hall, A. Macdonald, ex mayor of Winnipeg, and Hamilton Byers.

The properties of the company are the Champion, Lost Boy, Pactolus, Trixey, Kavera, and Slocan Maiden. They are situated at the head waters of the south fork of Kaslo Creek, adjoining the Joker mill site and directly on the line of the wagon road that the Government will continue up the creek in the spring. Water for power and domestic purposes are in abundance and there is no scarcity of timber. The claims are admirably situated for working by tunnelling and it is possible to drive in on the lead. The vein is strong and well defined and where work has been done has improved with every foot. It is a free milling proposition and already high values have been reported by assayers. It is the intention of the company to start work at once and continue it all winter.

The head office of the company will be located in Nelson. Mr. S. S. Taylor, Q. C., is the solicitor. The capitalization is $1,500,000 in one dollar shares, fully paid and non-assessable, with 600,000 shares in the treasury, and no liabilities.

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Out of the amalgamation of the Bosun and Fidelity properties another new company has been formed in England, as the Bosun Mines, Limited, with a capital of £250,000 to work these properties. E. L. Heatley is chairman; H. Butler, Louis Seelig, and J. J. Lendrum, directors; W. H. Sandiford, manager, and G. W. Pipe, secretary. Every share represents £1 in actual cash. In a very short time all the details will be closed and the company in shape for extensively operating their property. Already the Bosun has one of the best equipped buildings, etc., in the vicinity, which will do much to ensure marked success.—Sandon Review.

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The Rio Grande Gold Mining Co. have called a meeting of the shareholders for the 29th of December to consider a scheme for the reorganization of the company's affairs. The property owned by the company, consisting of four claims known as the Rio Grande group, adjoining the Porcupine group on Porcupine Creek, is undoubtedly a valuable one with very promising prospects. Considerable development work has been done, but the company has apparently run out of funds and the proposed reorganization is to supply further funds for continued work. The following particulars regarding the property are made public: Tunnel No. 1 has been driven 120 feet, the face being in concentrating ore running from $20 to $25 per ton. No. 2 tunnel is in 105 feet with 45 feet of crosscuts showing four feet of concentrating ore of about the same value as in No. 1. No. 3 tunnel is in 75 feet, showing 30 to 36 inches of low grade concentrating ore. A shaft has also been sunk 15 feet, showing 26 inches of ore, some of which went $60 per ton.—Ymir Miner.

### THE CARBONADO DISASTER.

Funeral Today—A Cave-in Probably the Cause.

Carbonado, Wash, Dec. 12.—The inquest and the funerals begin tomorrow at this place. One more miner turned up today—Matt Hihila, a Finn, who made for his boarding house as soon as he escaped from the mine and never emerged from it to let anyone know whether he was living or dead until today.

Coroner Hoska's jury of six men from Tacoma arrived on the train this evening. Early tomorrow, or as soon as all the bodies have been viewed with that cold formality the law requires, they will begin their investigation of the circumstances and cause of the castastrophe.

Of the seven bodies taken out today five were hauled up the inclined tramway muffled in burlap, as usual, shortly after noon. They proved to be the remains of Paul Curtiss, Adam Paval, John Folta, Emil Haiunaut and Jacob Lande.

After dark two more were sent up—Pen Zedler, Sr., and Evan Richards.

"I guess they have found the cause of the explosion," said the watchman. "They found a big cave-in." This is all he would say. Indeed, other than the information which comes through the mine officials, there is a general air of mystery about everyone else connected with the mine.

### COWARDICE OF UITLANDERS.

Julian Ralph Writes Contemptuously of That Class.

Julian Ralph, who is contributing a series of articles to the London Daily Mail from Capetown, has a contemptuous opinion of the runaway uitlanders and incidentally throws some light on the real secret and origin of the struggle in the Transvaal. In speaking of the manly young English officers, many of them in possession of large incomes and who were proceeding to the front as a mere matter of duty and patriotism, he writes:

"It is disgusting to turn into any one of the Capetown hotels to find yourself surrounded by the rich refugees from Johannesburg and to hear them cry like children as they tell you that they will lose if the British do not hurry up and take the Transvaal before the Boers destroy Johannesburg. They actually cry in their plates at dinner, and half strangle themselves by sobbing as they drink their whiskey at bedtime. The Mount Nelson, the Queen's and the Grand Hotels are all full of these merchants and millionaires, faring on the fat of the land, loafing and discussing what a per cent. of their losses the British Government will pay when they put in their claims at the end of the war. Some came here as clerks, some as laborers in the mines and some are merchants who brought £10 worth of goods out from Birmingham a dozen years ago. They tell you that they have left £100,000 worth or £80,000 worth of goods in their shop, and that altogether £25,000,000 is in danger of destruction in Johannesburg. They are pulling their long faces all over the place and shedding their tears wherever you meet them. It is enough to make a statue ill to have to hear and see them and move among them. Why don't they equip a regiment of rough riders or make up a battalion of volunteers among themselves; Why don't they fight? The war has jeopardized their property, and they have a keener interest in it than any Tommy or any officer now at the front. How can they see the cream and flower of English manhood rushing down here to spill its precious blood for them and never feel a blush of shame or a pang of any emotion except grief over losses which will still leave many of them rich?"

The fight in South Africa has already knocked one arithmetical calculation in the head. One London journal soon after war was declared comforted Tommy Atkins with the assurance that his chance of being killed upon the battlefield was in betting parlance 1000 to 1. The old story was also trotted out that it takes a ton of shot to kill one man. The enthusiast evidently had not worked out his figures on the basis of a Majuba Hill fight, and it is probable that after the present fight is over statisticians like him will have to recast their calculations. For the engagements fought and the forces engaged in them there has been a slaughter that amazes.

### SPOILT A SURE THING.

New York, Dec. 12.—O. W. Roper, of Newark, N. J., was arrested today by the Federal authorities and committed to jail in default of $5,000 bonds.

The charge is based upon an allegation that he was using the mails for swindling purposes, and it is claimed that his scheme was far and away better than Miller's Franklin Syndicate, in that he took in plenty of money and seldom, if ever, paid any out except for running expenses. The authorities have 50 complaints drawn up against him and say that they can get thousands of them if needed.

### REACHED PORT SAID.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The adjutant general received a telegram today saying that the troopship Meade, carrying the Forty-third volunteer infantry, Colonel Murray commanding, arrived at Aden, at the southern extremity of the Red Sea, this morning. He also received word that the transport Logan, carrying the Forty-first infantry volunteers, Colonel Richmond commanding, arrived at Port Said, the entrance to the Suez canaal, yesterday afternoon with all well on board. These two regiments are on their way to the Philippines.

### GALES ON LAKE ERIE.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 12.—The gales on Lake Erie today were the worst of the season, the wind reaching a velocity of 62 miles an hour. No disasters on the lake in this vicinity have been reported up to a late hour.

### GET THEIR MONEY BACK.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The Supreme Court of the United States today decided in the naval prize money case growing out of the capture of the Spanish steamer Buena Ventura during the Spanish war, that the condemnation of the vessel was contrary to the terms of the President's proclamation, and ordered the proceeds of the sales of the vessel to be turned over to the owners. In the cases of the vessels Pedro and Guido, also owned by Spaniards, the condemnation was affirmed.

### STEAM COLLIER TOWED BACK.

Seattle, Dec 12.—The steam freighter Czarina, which sailed four weeks ago for San Francisco with a cargo of 1,200 tons of coal, is being towed back from Cape Flattery. When two days out she broke her shaft. Her owners ordered the vessel towed to San Francisco, but owing to unusually rough weather she could not make the trip, in safety, though once she got 100 miles down the coast.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES.

Contract has been let for a $20,000 electric light plant at Greenwood.

During November there were 23 deaths, 25 births and 15 marriages at Victoria.

Charles Wilson, Q. C., has just been elected president of the Liberal-Conservative Club at Vancouver.

A Skeena River Indian was in Vancouver the other day in search of his wife, who had skipped out and left him.

The Victoria police commissioners have decided to increase the salary of the chief of police from $100 to $125 per month.

Grand Forks is enforcing a curfew ordinance preventing boys and girls under the age of 16 from being on the streets after 9 p. m.

Samuel Forteath has resigned as sanitary inspector at Rossland. Thomas H. Long succeeding him at the same salary, $100 per month.

British Columbia has but followed the example of the of the older Provinces in injuring itself by poor road building, says the Vancouver Province.

A gardener went into Vancouver the other day and announced that he had a special commission from the Almighty to raise $15,000 for a home for aged people in that city.

Numerous transfers of real estate in various parts of Victoria have been completed within the past few days, the realty agents reporting a decided improvement in their line of business, says the Colonist.

### LODGE MEETINGS.

NELSON LODGE, No. 23, A. F. & A. M. meets second Wednesday in each month. Visiting brethren invited.
G. L. LENNOX, Secretary.

NELSON HIVE No. 8, L. O. T. M. Meets in K. of P. hall on 2nd Wednesday and 4th Saturday of each month, at 8 p.m. A cordial welcome given to visiting members. Nellie Armstrong, L. C. Minnie Ritchie, R. K.

NELSON LODGE No. 25, K. of P. meets in I.O.O.F. hall, McDonald block every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. A visiting knights cordially invited.
T. LILLIE, C. C.
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COURT KOOTENAY, I. O. F., No. 3138. Meetings 2nd and 4th Thursday, Fraternal hall, J. A. Irving, C. R. W. B. Shaw. R. S.

I. O. O. F. Kootenay Lodge No. 16, meets every Monday night, at their Hall, Kootenay street. Sojourning Odd Fellows cordially invited.
A G Shaw, N. G. John Scoley, V. G.
Fred J Squires, Secy.

NELSON L.O.L. No. 1692 meets in the MacDonald block every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting members cordially invited. John Tove, W. M.; F. J. Bradley, R. S.

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

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