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COLENSO

General Hart Occupies It After but Very Slight Resistance.

General Buller Reports the Enemy in Full Retreat.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

London, Feb. 21—4.15 a. m.—The Boers are leaving all the positions held by them on British territory and are concentrating for the defense of their own. Sir Redvers Buller thinks they are about to raise the siege of Ladysmith.

This is the last news of the day.

London, Feb. 20.—The following dispatch has been received at the war office from General Buller:

"Blows Farm, Tuesday, Feb. 20.—4:10 p. m.—The Fusileer Brigade yesterday took Hlangwana Hill, the right of the enemy's position and commanding Colenso, the rest of the force advancing toward the Tugela. This morning the enemy had withdrawn all the troops north of the Tugela and practically evacuated Colenso. Today General Hart occupied Colenso after a very slight resistance by a weak rear guard and we hold the line of the Tugela on the south side from Colenso to Eagle Nest. The enemy seem to be in full retreat and apparently are only holding the position they occupy, across the Colenso-Ladysmith railway where it is close to the angle of the Tugela, with a weak rear guard. Hart's advance guard is crossing at Colenso. Our casualties yesterday and today have, I hope, been but few."

London, Feb. 21.—General Clements reports that the force confronting has been greatly diminished. Ten thousand men are estimated to have gone from the Colesburg districts alone. The Boers are also retracing their steps from Zululand.

Thus they are relaxing their hold on all sides in order to assemble to oppose Lord Roberts. He is pressing on steadily towards Bloemfontein. This is shown by his inconsequential telegram from Paardeberg, 50 or 60 miles away. Doubtless he is miles behind the column that is pursuing the Boers and the next important news may be the occupation of Bloemfontein. If, as General Buller avers, the Boers are retreating from him, then the news on every side is favorable to the British.

London, Feb. 21.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Mafeking dated Friday, Feb. 9, says all business here is being conducted underground. The resident commissioner has sumptuous apartments in a subterranean bomb proof dwellings. The police have a large hall with a piano. The Mafeking hotel dining room seats 40. All those have been dug out and are impervious to shell."

London, Feb. 21.—A dispatch to The Standard from Modder River, dated Monday, Feb. 19, and describing the relief of Kimberley, says that the maker of the gun christened "Long Cecil" at the De Beers work shop was an American named George Labram who was afterwards killed by a Boer shell, which fell in his room at the Grand Hotel. The correspondent confirms the report that the escort with the British convoy at the Riet River was reinfocred and made an unsuccessful attack on the Boers in the rear. He says that Lord Roberts then ordered the wagons to be abondoned.

London, Feb. 21.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post today says: "The meaning of the position in Natal is that the Boers have sent the bulk of their forces to resist Lord Roberts. General Buller's aim is to join Sir George White and then either push on to Laing's Nek or to send back two divisions to reinforce Lord Roberts, retaining two in Natal to complete the recovery of the northern triangle.

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RELIEF

Incidents Connected With French's Entry Into Kimberley.

Wild Cheers, Handclasps and Flags Waving Everywhere.

(SPECIALS TO THE MINER.)

Modder River, Feb. 19.—Although the rapid march of General French's division was marked by a number of conflicts, his actual entry into Kimberley was unopposed. When the British were still eight miles off the signal corps interpreted a heliograph message from the beleaguered garrison to Modder, saying: "The Boers are shelling the town." The advancing column replied: "This is General French coming to the relief of Kimberley." The garrison was incredulous and thought the message was a Boer ruse and flashed the query: "What regiment are you?" The reply satisfied the defenders of Kimberley. The anxiously awaited succor was at hand and a few hours later General French, at the head of the column, made a triumphant entry into the place. The people surrounded the troops and intermingled with them, cheering wildly, grasping the soldiers hands, waving flags, hats and handkerchiefs and exhibiting in a hundred ways the intensity of their joy. The inhabitants had been on short rations for some time, eating horse flesh and living in burroughs under heaps of mine refuse. The diminishing rations had been served out daily at 11 o'clock in the market square, under the shell fire of the enemy whose guns opened on the square whenever the inhabitants assembled. Throughout the seige Cecil Rhodes provided the natives with work and food and thus kept them quiet.

The miles of convoy bearing provisions for the relief of the town, slowly winding its way across the plain in the direction of Kimberley, was the gladsome sight which greeted the eyes of the beseiged. General French's march was so rapid and the heat so intense that many of his horses died of exhaustion. At the crossing of the Modder River the Boers bolted, leaving their tents, guns, oxen, wagons and large quantities of ammunition in the hands of the British. Moving northward, the Boers again attempted to stop the advance but General French turned their flank and reached his goal with the insignificent loss—seven men killed, and 35 wounded, during three days from Wednesday, Feb. 14 to Friday, Feb. 16.

After a night's rest at Kimberley, General French's column pursued the Boers to Drontveld, surrounded the kopjes on which they were posted, and shelled them till night fall, when the Boers fled leaving many dead. General Cronje left a gun, his tents, food and clothes at Magersfontein.

Kimberley, Feb. 18.—By Heliograph to Modder River, Feb. 19.—The country is all free around Kimberley. The Boers have evacuated Dronfield, Saltpan, Spyfontein and Scholtznek. One of their 12-pounders with ammunition was captured as was also their laager at Dronfield, which was abandoned on Friday night. Rails are being laid to Modder River, and several herds of cattle have been captured. Cecil Rhodes is in excellent spirits.

London, Feb. 20.—The war office announces the following casualties among the officers during the relief of Kimberley: Killed, Lieutenant A. B. Hesketh, Sixteenth Lancashires; Lieutenant, the Hon. Wm. Clintock Bunbury, Second Dragoons; wounded, Captain B. R. Gordon and Lieutenant P. E. Brassey, Ninth Lancers, Captain C. E. Tuson, Sixteenth Lancers; Lieutenants R. I. Fordyce, and W. Long, Second Dragoons.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—The latest news from South Africa is regarded here as of the greatest importance. The Berliner Tageblatt says that the war is doubtless now in the decisive stage, and this view is corroborated by the utterances of most of the German newspapers, although the Agrarian organs continue affecting to believe that the Boers have permitted the British to penetrate the Free State, only to annihilate them later on.

CRONJE

The Story of His Retreat Before General French.

Generals Kelly-Kenny and McDonald Off in Pursuit.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

London, Feb. 21.—A correspondent of The Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Sunday, thus described General Cronje's retreat with the Boers at Magersfontein, on learning of General French's success: "On Thursday at midnight, headed by General Cronje, five thousand Boers with their heavy guns and ox wagons evacuated the Magersfontein lines. At dawn on Friday the retreating Boer army was seen from the British naval gun station of Klip Dritt kopje, trekking eastward across the British front at a distance of 500 yards. Our guns opened upon them and a force of mounted infantry crossing the river made a dashing charge in the attempt to cut off the head of the enemy's column. But in half an hour, their whole force had gained shelter under a line of kopjes. Meanwhile two of our batteries came up with the Oxfords, Buffs, West Ridings and Gloucesters. Our infantry crossed the drift and for three hours were engaged with the enemy while our batteries shelled his position. The mounted infantry kept hard at work.

"Unable to withstand our galling shell fire, the enemy retired, disputing every inch of the way and took up a second position on the kopjes to the eastwarrd. It was a magnificent spectacle to see the Boer army thus at bay. Their guard, 2,000 strong, fought us while the main body trekked further east and then brought their guns into action, while the rear guard retired. The action continued most of the day. Our infantry fought splendidly, but the enemy held his ground under the continued bombardment. Later on the Boer commander ventured on a bold stroke. Leaving two thousand of his men, under cover he withdrew the rest from his main position and headed for Klip Kraal drift, six miles to the east.

"This movement was soon discovered. Our mounted infantry came back across the drift and marched along the south bank in an endeavor to head off the enemy. When we reached the neighborhood of Klip Kraal drift, night had fallen and half the Boers were already across to the south side. Our mounted infantry harrassed their movements. Meanwhile the Boer rear guard, having covered the crossing of the main body, retired slowly and successfully passed the drift. The rear guard fought desperately and as it fell back to the river, it was harrassed on the flank and rear by the British.

"Having thus passed the motion under cover of darkness the Boers trekked throughout the night in the direction of Bloemfontein. General Kelly-Kenny, with the Sixth division, then passed them at daylight. General Macdonald with the Highlanders following him.

"Macdonald reached Klip Kraal drift by forced marches Sunday. General Kelly-Kenny moving from Klip Kraal drift was endeavoring to outflank the enemy and to cut them off from Bloemfontein so as to drive them back into General Macdonald's hands. When I left the front General Kelly-Kenny had not come up with the enemy."

London, Feb. 20.—2:56 p. m.—The war office has issued a dispatch from Lord Roberts, the main importance of which is the fact that it is dated Paardeberg, 7:05 p. m., Monday. Paardeberg is 30 miles east of Jacobsdal. The dispatch announces that the railroad to Kimberley is open and that General Methuen will proceed there with requirements forthwith and that large supplies will be forwarded to the town.

London, Feb. 20.—The Queen, prior to leaving Osborne House this morning on her return to Windsor, inspected the Fourth battalion of the Lincolnshire militia. Her Majesty announced with a gratified smile that good news had been received this morning from the seat of war, and added, it is said, that this good news was from Ladysmith.

INQUIRY

Jameson Raid Matter Up in Imperial House of Commons.

A Liberal Member Moves a Reopening of the Investigation.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

London, Feb. 20.—The House of Commons today was crowded everywhere when Mr. David Alfred Thomas, Liberal member for Merthyer Tydvil, rose to move the reopening of the inquiry into the origin and circumstances of the Jameson raid.

Mr. Thomas disclaimed any personal animosity against Mr. Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, but, he continued, "the inconclusive nature of the first inquiry had created widespread dissatisfactoin," which Mr. Thomas asserted had deepened the indignation at the disclosures of the continental newspapers, impugning the impartiality of the committee. Continuing, he said it was in the interests of the nation and the character and reputation of the House of Commons and Mr. Chamberlain that there should be a full and searching inquiry. Mr. Thomas further asserted that the previous inquiry was a farce and that the fresh facts adduced in the correspondence published by the Independence Belge were strong grounds for a fresh inquiry.

Mr. Samuel Thomas Evans, Liberal member for the middle division of Glamorganshire, seconded the motion. In doing so he argued that there were strong grounds for suspecting that the Colonial office and Mr. Chamberlain had prior knowledge of the events leading up to the raid. Mr. Evans said it was a question whether the authors of the raid had sufficient power to influence or prevent a majority of the House of Commons of having the hope of getting a committee of inquiry appointed.

Here Mr. Chamberlain interjected: "I do not understand what the member means by the last sentence."

Mr. Evans replied that he thought everyone else in the House understood that the suggestion was that there were influences which might be worked to prevent the Government from asking for the reappointment of a committee. Ministerial cries of "what influences?" followed these remarks. Mr. Chamberlain, amid profound attention, said there was absolutely nothing in what had happened since 1897 which could possibly be raised as ground for a second inquiry. He proceeded to review the whole history of the committee and repeated his previous declaration, especially referring to the Hawkesley telegrams. Mr. Chamberlain ridiculed the grounds advanced for a new inquiry and said the "precious collection of documents" published by the Independence Belge had been offered for sale to various London papers which "would not touch them with tongs," and at last they found "a customer in a friend of the Boers, who contrived to transmit them to Dr. Leyds who paid or promised to pay £100 sterling, and they were then communicated to the Independence Belge. There was nothing in these documents from first to last," said the Colonial Secretary, "and they afforded no ground for charges against the Colonial office." He then said: "If this matter had not been complicated by party men, with their personal animosities, no man in the House would have said there was a shadow of ground for such an inquiry. The object of these personal attacks is to prevent me from participating in the Transvaal settlement."

Mr. Chamerblain confessed that at one time he felt bitterly against such insinuations, "which those repeating did not dare assert they believed should be brought against me after 24 years membership in the House of Commons." Continuing, he said he was not hopeful that anything he or the House could say would silence his foreign critics, but no one in Great Britain for whose good opinion he cared, would be affected by the charges. The manner of conducting this business of the committee and the closing of the inquiry, he declared, were both carried out as suggested by Sir William Vernon Harcourt, who certainly

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LOYALTY

Patriotic Speeches in the House of Commons Yesterday.

French Canadian Liberals Declared to Be Loyal.

(SPECIALS TO THE MINER.)

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—One of the features of today's session of the House of Commons was a speech from Hon. Mr. Tarte on the Fielding resolutions for $2,000,000 contribution to aid British arms in South Africa. Solicitor General Fitzpatrick also made a loyal and patriotic speech taking McInerney, (Conservative) of New Brunswick, severely to task for endeavoring to show that the French Canadian Liberals in the Province of Quebec were disloyal.

Premier Laurier in reply to a query put by Mr. McNeil yesterday, said that the Government had had communication with the colonial office in regard to the Canadian militia taking the place of the Leinster regiment at Halifax for garrison duty, the Leinsters being ordered to the front. The militia had been ordered and acknowledgment was sent to the war office but no reply had been received from the latter as yet. Mr. Mulock informed Major Beattie that he had arranged that all letters received from South Africa, which were over weight would only be charged the amount short and not double postage as was the rule laid down by the Postal Union.

The debate on the Fielding resolution was resumed by Lieutenant-Colonel Prior, who went on to talk loyalty for a few minutes and closed by reading a very flattering opinion given by a gentleman at Halifax of the fine appearance and excellent physique of the second contingent. Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick followed, taking up remarks of Mr. McInerney who, he said, endeavored to show that a large section of French-Canadians were disloyal. Mr. McInerney denied that he said so. Mr. Bergeron followed Mr. Tarte testifying to the loyalty of French Canadians. Mr. Montague made a patriotic speech and after a few remarks from Major Beattie, Desmarais moved an adjournment of the debate.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Resolutions endorsing the action of the Canadian Government in sending contingents to South Africa, expressing the loyalty of the city of Toronto and urging the Government to offer 10,000 more men if they are considered necessary, were adopted this evening at a patriotic meeting of the citizens held in the pavilion. The meeting was called by the mayor, acting on a resolution passed by the city council, and was in response to a telegram received from the city of Victoria stating that the citizens there were urging the government to offer more men and asking other cities to co-operate in pressing the matter upon the attention of the government.

Several speakers agreed that the situation had so much improved, that further aid did not now appear necessary, but should the situation darken, the government would be justified in sending another contingent. Resolution was passed that the meeting endorse the proposal of the city of Victoria, and believed it to be the duty of the Government to offer to the Imperial authorities additional troops to the number of 10,000 men if required, and in such contingents as may be desired from time to time. The resolution was carried by a standing vote.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The announcement is made that Hon. Mr. Sifton will leave for England on March 10. The reason given for this trip is the necessity of securing medical treatment for his deafness which is becoming much worse. The charge is made that Sifton is running away to shut off the Yukon investigation.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Six new cases of smallpox have developed since the outbreak occurred about ten days ago, making a total now of 15, all of whom are doing well.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—A mounted parade of Strathcona's Horse will take

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DEFEAT

Government Will Meet It on the Redistribution Bill.

Will Attempt to Transact No Other Business This Session.

(SPECIALS TO THE MINER.)

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 20.—After many caucuses and probably a pointer from Lieutnant-Governor McInnes, the Government has decided not to proceed with public business on their frail and uncertain majority. They will endeavor to pass the redistribution bill as introduced and then bring on a general election or else be defeated by choice upon this measure. No other business will be taken up until this is disposed of. The bill received its first reading today, after which the House immediately adjourned. Mr. Prentice has given notice of a bill to repeal the Eight-Hour law.

The redistribution bill provides the following changes:

West Kootenay is to have six members in place of four, the ridings being Revelstoke, Lardeau, Slocan, Kaslo, Nelson and Rossland. Boundary district is removed from Kootenay for electoral purposes and attached to Yale which will have four members in place of three, the ridings being north, west, south and east respectively. The whole of Lillooet will return one member instead of one for east and west as at present. Cariboo is divided into north and south ridings, each returning one member, instead of the whole district returning two. On the Island a member is taken from Esquimalt, and the three constituencies of North and South Victoria and Cowichan are rearranged as only two constituencies, Saanich and Cowichan respectively.

As the outcome of the motion of Mr. Turner yesterday that McKechnie is sitting illegally, being disqualified by the acceptance of travelling expenses though not a salaried minister of the Crown, a writ was issued this morning at the instance of Alderman Woodward, of Nanaimo, claiming $33,000 penalties under the Constitution Act, being chapter 7, revised statutes of British Columbia.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—J. Grant, a Manitoba farmer, who voted for Greenway, renews his subscription to The Witness with the following statement added: "I have been an ardent supporter of the Liberal party for over thirty years. I hope to continue so, as I believe the liberal policy, even with its defects, is preferrable to Conservative rule, but I say candidly that Laurier has to change his advisors in this Province, if he wishes to carry it at the coming Dominion elections. The recent appointments to the Senate would lead us to believe he does not yet grasp the situation. The appointment of defeated politicians to fill vacancies in the Senate is not in accordance with the views of the Liberal party. The late minister of public works was not a success in Provincial politics. He was badly defeated at the late election and should have been relegated to private life, instead of being promoted to the Senate."

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The Governor-General expects to visit the Northwest the coming summer. He has expressed a desire to go to the Yukon, and arrangements may be made to take him there. Crowds visited Strathcona's Horse yesterday at the exhibition grounds, where they are comfortably located and happy. They are much admired here.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Edward Hanlan, the ex-champion oarsman of the world, has accepted the defy of Tom Sullivan, the English sculler, stipulating that a race shall take place in Canadian waters in the month of August of the present year for a purse of $2,500, the distance to be three miles with turn and with added provisions that in case George Towns, the present champion of England, defeats Jake Gauduer for the championship of the world, that Hanlan will be given a match with him. Should Sullivan defeat Hanlan, the later would not, of course, want to meet Towns.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The Canadian Patriotic Fund to date is $121,900.

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TENDERS AND THINGS.

At their meeting on Monday night the members of the City Council had two tenders to consider. They were put in, on invitation, as bids for the supply of what is called a road making plant, something The Miner advised the Council to buy early last summer. But that is only by the way. A committee was appointed to inquire into the relative advantages of the two bids, and authority was delegated to purchase the plant according to their best judgment. The Mayor is a member of this committee. At a Council meeting held on the previous Thursday night the Mayor took the ground that tenders were a mistake; that work could be done more cheaply by day labor, and material purchased to as good advantage, if not better, in the open market. There was not a majority to support the Mayor in this position, but he divided the Chamber evenly on the question and nothing was decided. If there were doubt as to the wisdom of tenders on Thursday, why should there be this unanimity on Monday? And would the Mayor kindly take some early occasion to explain the difference in principle between tenders for a road-making plant and material for a wharf?

There is no difference; the principle is the same in both cases. If lumber and hardware for a wharf can be bought to as good or better advantage in the open market, so can a road-making plant, or anything else. The explanation of the Mayor's inconsistency is that he discards principle and has regard only for expediency. He wanted the old Gray sawmill to get the sale of the lumber for the wharf, and when it was underbid he lost confidence in tenders and declared for an open market, with, of course, himself as purchaser. That is The Miner's interpretation, and it has not been challenged. Mr. Hillyer will pardon the remark, as it implies that he is nobody. He is a very excellent and enterprising citizen, indeed, but in respect to this matter no one takes his protest seriously. Mr. Houston's affection for the old mill has not weakened.

The Miner does not deny, however, that another motive has been suggested to it. We frankly confess it is not pleasant to impute motives; but there is no man in British Columbia who will stand closer and more persistent watching than Mr. John Houston. In his case, to beat about the bush would be a wholly superfluous tenderness. The suggestion is that Mr. Houston is playing for a nomination as a candidate at the next Provincial election. We are free to say that we have been very strongly of the same opinion for several months past. Mr. Houston did not turn monk for the mere glory of the Mayoralty. He is laying plans and pulling strings for a nomination, and should he get it the entire patronage of the wharf would be a powerful influence in favor of his election. He would place orders for material where they would do the most good, and what a picnic he would have with day labor! Such is the suggestion, and probably a very great many will agree that there is more in it than some heads we might mention are able to contain. Nelson could hardly undergo a greater humiliation than to be represented by Mr. John Houston in the Provincial Legislature. That is The Miner's opinion. Others there no doubt are who hold a contrary opinion, and it is possible they are in the majority. We need not go into that just now. But however he might be regarded as a representative, we desire, in the interest of clean and honest municipal government, to protest aaginst any man's exploiting the affairs of this corporation for personal or political advantage. The people of this city of Nelson are taking great comfort out of the belief that a good solid majority of the present Council can be relied upon with absolute confidence to guard against anything like crookedness; a very grave responsibility rests somewhere to see that this confidence is not abused.

A great many are anxiously and hopefully looking to see that the splendid example set by the Slocan miners will be followed in all the camps of Southern British Columbia. It will be to the advantage of every interest in the country to have the mines working and miners everywhere fully employed. A sensible member of the Legislature said a few ays ago that unless the mining troubles soon came to an end we should have neither capital nor labor. We want both. The Slocan settlement will steady the situation, and if other camps will fall in and do the same capital will soon emerge from its cave and the mining industry will be in a more flourishing condition than ever. No one stands to gain more by the revival than the miners themselves.

Matters are rapidly reaching the extremely critical point at Victoria. Seeing the inevitable end, with much sorrow of heart and great reluctance of spirit, Ministers have mounted astride a Redistribution Bill and are riding for a fall on that question. They think they can force it to the front, make it, indeed, overshadow all other issues, in the impending campaign. But they are reckoning without their host if they imagine that the people can be blinded to the blunders and stupidities which have characterised the legislative and administrative acts of the present Government. Their record will be the main issue, protest and beseech as they will in respect to redistribution.

The municipal census which the City Clerk is authorised to take in connection with the assessment might well be made to include an enumeration of the entire population. A school census is, we suppose, a necessity; a complete census would at least be exceedingly desirable, and the additional trouble and labor cannot be so great as to preclude all thought of obtaining it.

They are sharper than we are, over in Rossland, in the matter of self-advertising. The Mayor of that city cabled congratulations on the relief of Kimberley to Lord Wolseley, and the Commander in Chief, with that unfailing courtesy of his, cabled a pretty little response. There is not much to envy in this, but it is better occupation than shystering over wharf tenders.

We very gladly give space to the letter from Mr. Bowes, published elsewhere. On the face of it, there is no apparent reason why a dozen or so men out of almost as many score should have been refused in the payment of wages, and it requires a violent stretch of the imagination to suppose that they were.

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PAYS THE BET

Mr. A. H. Buchanan Dines the Curlers of Nelson at the Phair Hotel.

Tamblyn and Rae Rinks Guests of Honor—Prizes from Rossland on Display.

There was a grand jollification among the curlers at the Phair Hotel last night. Presdient Buchanan, of the Nelson Curling Club, gave a dinner to the vice-president's rinks and also in honor of the Nelson curlers who so successfull defended Nelson's colors in the Rossland Bonspiel. There were about forty gentlemen present who were seated at four long tables which were arranged in a hollow square and decorated with palms and flowers. In the centre of the room on a large table were arranged the prizes, grouped around the New York Life Cup. In a corner of the room was an orchestra which furnished music for the evening. Speeches were given by Mayor Houston, F. W. Peters, President Buchanan, W. W. Beers, W. A. Galliher and others. The "Gunner from Galway," sang several of his favorite songs. Mr. Rae and Mr. James Lawrence also sang. Mr. W. F. Anderson, T. P. A. of the C. P. R., gave a reading from the "Tramp Poet of the West," entitled "Like Kelly Can," and a quartette sang several selections. During the evening Mr. F. W. Peters read several war bulletins which were received with great enthusiasm and cheers for the Queen.

Among those present were: T. Lillie, W. A. Galliher, F. J. Bradley, John G. Devlin, R. S. Kinghorn, D. G. Porter, W. W. Beer, E. C. Arthur, J. H. Walker, S. P. Shaw, John Rae, F. Fletcher, A. G. Gamble, H. E. Couron, J. F. Weir, Robert Weir, F. L. Irvine, S. Neelands, P. Lamont, W. Richardson, P. E. Wilson, F. A. Tamblyn, N. F. McLeod, Geo. A. B. Hall, J. F. Thompson, A. T. Walley, C. D. J. Christie, C. Archibald, A. A. Perrier, A. H. Buchanan, John Houston, W. F. Anderson, F. W. Peters, C. J. Wilson, J. A. Armstiong, Alex Carrie, C. H. Hall, J. H. Fox and R. P. Hedley.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Magistrate Crease had a rest yesterday as no cases came up in the Police Court.

Mr. R. W. Day, who has been ill for several weeks, is much better and is now able to be around the house.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Macdonell returned to the City last evening, after a two months visit in California.

W. S. Doyle transferred to Joseph Sturgeon a one-eighth interest in the Minnie claim for a nominal consideration.

The Tremont Hotel barber shop, which has been closed for two days, will be opened in a few days by J. B. Beauvais.

A half interest in the Surprise claim on West Fork of Kokanee Creek was transferred to Hiram W. Purdy, from Thomas Moran for $275.

James Lawrence, of the Lawrence Hardware Company, left Nelson last night for Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal. Mr. Lawrence will be absent several weeks.

Charles Lindeman transferred to W. S. Doyle on February 19 a one-eighth interest in the mineral claim known as the Minnie, and situated on Hall Creek, for a nominal consideration.

H. J. Evans & Co., on Monday, sent to the quarantined people aboard the Moyie a case of Teacher's Scotch whiskey. With it went an injunction to use regularly as a preventive of smallpox.

Mr. J. H. Bowes received a telegram yesterday from Trooper Wragge, of Strathcona's Horse. The telegram was sent from Ottawa, and said that all of the local contingent were well and happy.

A one-third interest in the claims known as North Star, Morning Star and Alberta located on Fern Mountain was yesterday transferred from John H. Schenck to Joseph Sturgeon for a consideration of $1.

T. J. Sims wishes to acknowledge the receipt of packages of clothing from J. F Weir and Charles Burt, and an anonymous contribution of $10, received in response to an appeal from the Nelson charity organization.

The ladies of the Nelson Public Library Association wish to thank all those who donated prizes for the carnival on Monday night and also those who assisted in any way toward the success of the affair. Over $100 will be realized for the library fund.

The new Boundary Creek rates on the C. P. R. will go into effect March 1. Word to this effect was received at the C. P. R. offices here yesterday. What the rates are have not yet been made public, but it is understood that a great reduction is contemplated.

The liquor license commissioners, Dr. E. C. Arthur and P. E. Wilson, met yesterday at the Provincial police office. There was only one application to be considered, that of J. C. Long, of Creston, to move his license to the Queen's Hotel at Creston, As Mr. Long did not appear the application was rejected. As there were no other applications to be considered the Board adjourned sine die. There is a probability that a great many applications will be made for hotel and bar licenses, for the sections along the new Balfour extension.

The Miner inadvertently stated yesterday morning that the annual meeting of the Public Library Association would be held last evening. The meeting will be held this evening in St. Saviour's Church school, and it is desired that the attendance be as large as possible. Officers will be elected and many matters of importance discussed.

J. W. Stewart left yesterday afternoon to establish camps at Ten Mile Point and the old saw mill, at which points work will begin on the Balfour extension Friday or Saturday. Subcontractor McMartin is preparing to put in his camps and will also be at work in a few days. McMartin's camps are at Five Mile Point and up the first two miles of the right-of-way.

The Fire Hall rink and the Richardson-Hume aggregationn contested yesterday for the 100 Roseberry cigars donated by the makers. The latter rink won, but the members of both enjoyed the cigars. At the close of the 12 ends the Richardson-Hume rink led by five points. It was then suggested that another end be played and in this end the fire boys tied the score. Another end gave the Richardson-Hume rink the game and the cigars.

Since the Kootenay Cigar Manufacturing Co. undertook to do business on the main line of the C. P. R. success has attended every effort. The various brands put into these new markets have met with instant favor and if the new business continues to grow as it has grown during the past few weeks larger quarters in Nelson will be required. The local business of the company is also increasing with rapid strides. Nelson has proven itself to be a good cigar manufacturing centre.

The following letter, which explains itself, was received by The Miner yesterday: "In reference to the paragraph in today's Miner relating to the claim for wages of certain workmen against the Hall Mines, allow me to say as solicitor for the company that these claims would have been paid on the 12th instant, when all the other wages were paid, had the amounts claimed been correct. The haste that these men showed in issuing writs simply delayed payment and involved them as well as the Hall Mines in unnecessary costs. J. H. Bowes."

CONSOLIDATION.

Deal on Among Boundary Creek Mining Companies.

Greenwood, B. C., Feb. 20.—The Times today says: "'Another important consolidation of two Boundary Creek mining companies is in process of consummation. Last night the following brief telegram was sent to the presidents of each of the mining stock exchanges in Montreal, Toronto and Rossland, by Duncan McIntosh, president and general manager of the Winnipeg Mining & Smelting Co: "Winnipeg mine closed down today pending consolidation with the Brandon and Golden Crown." By the same gentleman The Times was informed that while all the details of the consolidation have not yet been perfected it might be announced that Montreal and Toronto capital were behind the new company. The idea of consolidating the two mines has been on the tapis for some time. It is proposed to use the main shaft of the Brandon & Golden Crown Co, for the output of the two properties. Both mines are developed by shaft to a depth of 00 feet. Within the past three weeks the Winnipeg mine has shipped nine carloads of ore to the Trail smelter. The returns from the earlier shipments have been most satisfactory. A fraction over $20 to the ton was the net profits. By the consolidation of the companies both properties can be worked on a much more economical and profitable scale."

AT THE HOTELS.

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Hume—W. Kelly, J. B. Brown, Ainsworth; C. F. Caldwell, Kaslo; J. Twidley, Toronto; G. A. Mitchell Rossland; H. W. Lancaster, Windsor; H. Stevenson, Ainsworth; Thomas E. Burnett, Granite; P. Clarkson, Hamilton; P. M. Glass, Granby; W. T. Parsons, Trail.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying Electric Bitters; and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement, I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." None should fail to try them. Only 50 cents guaranteed at Canada Drug & Book Store.

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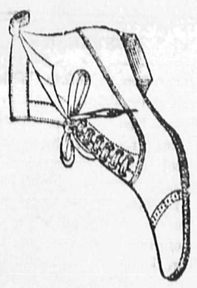

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Public Library Meeting

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Nelson Library Association will be held in the schoolroom of St. Saviour's Episcopal Church on Wednesday 21st Feburary a 8 p. m. for the purpose of receiving reports of officers and electing new directors for ensuing year. A full attendance of all interested in the Library work is particularly requested.

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COLENSO

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It is to be hoped that Lord Roberts will overcome General Cronje before the latter is reinforced. Otherwise the British commander may find himself facing a Boer army equal in strength to his own as all the Boers appear to be hurrying toward Cronje. The British commanders ought soon to be able to free both Natal and Cape Colony from the enemy. The actions now in progress are the decisive battles of the war and effort must be made to reinforce Lord Roberts."

London, Feb. 20.—The Queen through her Private Secretary, Sir Arthur John Bigge, has sent the following letter to the Commander-in Chief of the forces, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley: "Osborne, Feb. 17. My dear Lord Wolseley. As so large a proportion of the army is now in South Africa, the Queen fully realizes that necessary measures must be adopted for home defence. Her Majesty is advised that it would be possible to raise for a year an efficient force from her old soldiers who have already served as officers, non-commissioned officers and privates, and confident in their devotion to their country and loyalty to her throne the Queen appeals to them to serve her once more in place of those who for a time, side by side with the peoples of her Colonies, are nobly resisting the invasion of the South African possessions. Her Majesty has signified her pleasure that these battalions shall be designated the Royal Reserve battalions of the army. (Sgd.) Arthur Bigge."

Durban, Feb. 19.—There was continuous fighting yesterday from the British positions on Gun Hill and Hussar Hill. The troops advanced from the former towards Monte Christo. There was a heavy bombardment with three 4.7-inch guns and the one hundred-pounder seige gun, supported by infantry against the Boer position on Hlangwana Hill which adjoins Monte Christo and is regarded as the key to Grobler's Kloof. The firing was particularly active from Hussar Hill, on the strong Boer entrenchments at the extreme end of Hlangwana Hill. These entrenchments were strengthened with sand bags. The firing still continued at 6 o'clock yesterday evening. During the day the gun "Lady Randolph" came on an armored train from the direction of Colenso. It is reported that we have captured over 100 prisoners. The naval gun knocked out the Long Tom on Hlangwana Hill at the first shot, for which General Buller especially complimented the gunners. Hlangwana Hill lies between two bends of the Tugela River. The Boers have built a bridge between Hlangwana and the northern bank of the river.

Craddock, Cape Colony, Feb. 20.—Details have arrived here with respect to the character of the British convoy at Reit river. It appears that wagons were laagered near the drift and that the convoy was attacked by 1,800 Boers with four guns. The shelling continued all day. One hundred and eighty wagons were captured, containing provisions and forage. Half the drivers and leaders were killed or are missing.

Durban, Feb. 19.—Evening.—While General Buller is continuing his movement on the extreme right and has made every disposition for the defense of his position to the left and south of the Tugela by maintaining there a force full for that purpose, isolated parts of the Boer forces sometime cross the river. There is much sniping.

Buluwayo, Feb. 12.—(Monday.)—Colonel Plummer sent Major Bird with two hundred colonials to attempt the capture of the Boers 12 pounder on a kopje near Crocodile Pools. Major Bird met with such a terriffic rifle and shell fire that he considered the position too strong and ordered a retirement. Colonel F. W. White was slightly wounded, Major Straker was severely wounded. Nineteen privates were also wounded and Captain Samson French and nine men are missing.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—The Militaire Werchenblatt, in the course of an article by a high officer of the general staff attempting to disprove the view that the Boer successes have been due to their tactical defensive, says: "On the contrary, the recent Boer success prove the inefficiency of their defensive, since an energetic offensive would in like circumstances have released the Boer corps, guarding the defeated corps of General Buller, Lord Methuen and General White, for delivering a crushing blow to the British. Without such a bold offensive the Boers will never again win a decisive victory or accomplish more than a half measure." The writer then reviews in detail the engagements in South Africa and makes out a strong case for his contentions.

SHIPMENTS OF THE WEEK.

Grand Forks, B. C., Feb. 20.—Fourteen carloads of ore from the B. C. mine at Summit camp were shipped to the Trail smelter during the week ending yesterday.

INQUIRY

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did not desire to shield any one in the Colonial office.

Mr. Chamberlain explained that Mr. Rhodes was charged with two distinct offences. He was accused first, of conspiring to bring about the raid, on which he was found guilty and condemned in the strongest terms by the committee. The colonial secretary blamed him as severely as anybody. The other charge was that he acted from the sordid motives with the object of promoting speculation and raising the values of his property. This was an abominalbe charge which should not have been made and of which Mr. Rhodes was absolutely guiltless. Another ground upon which an inquiry was asked, was on account of the "precious collection of documents" published by the Independent Belge, offered for sale, etc. etc.

Mr. Chamberlain further said that the honorable members opposite did not want an enquiry. "They want an execution," he said. "Let them do their worst, I am perfectly ready. I rest upon the good sense and generosity of the House and country. The attack will recoil upon those who made it." As to the telegrams exchanged between Mr. Rhodes and his agent, Mr. Chamberlain said they were sent confidentially and he returned them saying he had objection to their publication. Since June, 1896, he had not seen the telegrams which were produced and examined by the committee. As to the letters, Mr. Chamberlain said they were stolen from Mr. Hawksley's desk and Dr. Leyds offered to pay £100 for them. They contained nothing unknown to the committee. Sir Willam Vernon Harcourt who was an old member of the Parliamentary committee which inquired into the Jameson raid followed Mr. Chamberlain. He said on the very face of it the committee's report did not find that there had been full enquiry, as indeed there had not been. The suspicions against the colonial office were not the work of political adversaries but rather of men who for their own ends stuck at no hing in the way of mendacity, forgery and fraud. The authors of these suspicions were the agents of Cecil Rhodes. They sought to assert the complicity of the colonial office to cover their own guilt. Dr. Jamson told Sir John Willoughby, a man of unquestioned honor, that the government was behind the raid and Dr. Jameson had not denied it.'

Mr. Chamberlain—"Yes he has."

Sir William Vernon Harcourt—"The insurrection was promoted by the foulest frauds. Was there ever anything so abominable as the Rhodes telegram to Jameson two days before the raid, putting it into his mouth to lie about the objects of the raid? When the colonial secretary after the raid, asked for an inspection of the telegrams, Hawksley wrote back that this was unnecessary as the colonial secretary knew all. Therefore suspicions were set afloat by the agents of Rhodes but then there was no suggestion that they were covered by the complicity of the colonial office. That is what I want to have shown up. I want the transactions of these men brought to light. Rhodes has deceived everybody. The raid was made by gold and lies.'

Mr. Evans, proceeding, said that if the investigations of the committee had been more exhaustive it might have arrived at a different conclusion. The conduct of Mr. Chamberlain previous to the inquiry, according to the speaker, aroused suspicions of complicity and ought to be explained, as ought also Mr. Chamberlain's extraordinary declarations, after the inquiry, that Mr. Rhodes' personal honor was not affected. He also said that a letter since published showed that there was something to withhold.

The House rejected the motion to reopen the inquiry by a vote of 286 against 152.

AGREEMENT IS VIOLATED.

New York, Feb. 20.—The trunk line agreement is being violated, it was stated today by a Wall Street news concern, which says: "The Lake Shore R. R. has followed the examples of the Michigan Central in violating the new joint passenger agreement and representatives of other trunk lines are doubtful regarding the future effectiveness of this agreement.

MORE ABOUT HUTTON.

London, Feb. 2.—In the House of Commons today, replying to an enquiry as to the reasons for the resignation of Major General Hutton, the commander of the Canadian miltia, Mr. George Wyndham, the Parliamentary Secretary for the war office, said that General Hutton had been given employment in South Africa for which he had long been anxious.

WHISKEY VS. BULLET.

New York, Feb. 20.—Chaplain F. M. Wells, of the First Tennessee Infantry, U. S. V., who lately returned from the Philippines, is in the city. In a talk about the bad effects of whiskey on the American soldier in Manila he said: "Whiskey has sent more of our soldiers to the grave than Philippine bullets.

LOYALTY

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place on Saturday next. Over 30,000 people wrote the Experimental Farm for grain samples this year. The trustees of the Stanley Cup have received a challenge from the Crescent Amateur Athletic Association of Halifax.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—This is convention week at Winnipeg and the city is crowded with visitors. There are meetings of the Provincial Dairy, Stock Breeders, and Horticultural Societies; the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, Orange Grand Lodge, Foresters High Court, Temperence Convention, the Manitoba poultry show, and the curling bonspiel. The weather is perfect.

Halifax, Feb. 20.—Major Williams has been appointed second in command of the Mounted Rifles, in addition to his present duties, Colonel Evans assuming command. Troops leave on Wednesday morning.

Brantford, Feb. 20.—Because of his pro-Boer sympathies an employee of the Massey-Harris Company, was compelled to kneel on a British flag and apologize to his fellow employees yesterday.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—Phileas Desjardins of this city, is father of a baby boy aged seven months, which weighs 52 pounds. A four year old brother does not weigh as much. The child is strong and hearty. The father weighs 150, and the mother 130 pounds.

Midland, Ont., Feb. 20.—Morgan R. Gladstone, 81 years of age, collector and assessor of Scarboro township, died here today after an illness brought on by a fall he sustained a month ago.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Following the announcement of the resignation of leading officials, comes the rumor of a general shake-up in the Toronto University. The name of Dr. Osler, of Baltimore, has been suggested as president of the whole institution.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 20.—Forty five moulders of the Massey-Harris Co., went on strike today, claiming the concern had violated a previous agreement to employ only Union help.

Valleyfield, Que., Feb. 20.—The Montreal Cotton Co. closed its mills tonight because the employees of the spool room demanded an increase in wages. The department was closed two weeks ago for a similar cause but the strikers capitulated. Now the whole plant is shut down until a satisfactory settlement is reached.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—Eva Roch, the young girl who has been partially unconscious since Christmas Day, has recovered perfect consciousness and the doctors are of the opinion that she will recover.

Toronto, Feb. 200.—Sir William Meredith, chief justice of Ontario, will succeed Hon. Edward Blake, as chancellor of the Toronto University.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—Isaac Greensides, a veteran of "66," who died a few days ago, received his long expected medal on his death bed.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Hon. I. Tarte gives emphatic denial to his reported retirement from the cabinet.

Woodstock, Feb. 20.—The alleged counterfeiters were sent up for trial by the police magistrate this morning, and immediately arraigned before County Judge Finkle. They elected to be tried before him. Their trial is fixed for March 15.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—The Mail and Empire this morning hints at far-reaching changes in the Toronto University as a result of the recent resignations of the chancellor and vice-chancellor.

Halifax, Feb. 20.—The financial statement for the Province of Nova Scotia issued today shows a surplus of over $24,000. Among the items of revenue received was $319,150 from royalties on mines, the largest amount ever received from that source in the history of the Province.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The Supreme Court opened today. The proceedings were devoted to the hearing of Maritime Province cases.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—The Hon. James McShane, better known as the "People's Jimmie," has been appointed harbor master of this port.

SPOKE AGAINST RETENTION.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Discussion of the Philippines question was resumed for a time in the Senate today Mr. Kenny speaking against the retention by the United States of the islands and urging that the Filipinos be accorded the right to govern themselves. The consideration of the Hawaii government bill was resumed. Some amendments were agreed to but consideration of the measure was not concluded.

There is a Clearing Out Sale in Gents' Furnishings on at O'REILLY'S.

HABERT'S DEFENSE.

Addresses High Court Before Which He is on Trial.

Paris, Feb. 2.—The Senate, sitting as a High Court, resumed today the trial of Marcel Habert, charged with inciting troops to march upon the Elysee palace at the time of the funeral of President Faure. Replying to the interrogatory of the president of the court, M. Marcel Habert protested that he had already been judged and acquitted on the same charges. He denied having conspired against the Republic and made a grand speech on the lofty motives of Nationalists, warmly defending the plebiscite, which had permitted America to plant her flag in Cuba and the Philippines, and had given the Transvaal the strength to resist foreign aggression. "With the plebiscite," he concluded, "we should not have had to suffer the humiliation of Fashoda."

TRANSVAAL COLORS.

London, Feb. 20.—A peace meeting was held this evening under the auspices of the Liberal and Radical club at Bethnal Green, London. The hall was decorated with the Transvaal colors. Thirty policemen were present. There was no interference with the proceedings. Resolutions were adopted protesting against the war in South Africa as unjust.

THAT HAVANA STRIKE.

New York, Feb. 20.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, returned from Havana today and will go to Washington on Friday. He said: "For five weeks prior to my arrival 14,000 Cuban and Spanish cigar makers have been on a strike. I helped to settle the strike to the satisfaction of all concerned. I do not care to go into the relative merits of this strike. It is too big a question."

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