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LOOKS LIKE REVERSE AT DECISIVE POINT

Speculation as to Leaving Spoin Kop.

THE SILENCE CONTINUES

London Has no News from the Front. Reported That Mafeking Has Been Relieved.

London, Jan. 28.—Mr. Spensor Wilkinson, whose articles on the war situation have attracted much attention here and abroad, wrote the following review of the situation for the Associated Press at midnight and after the War Office had given out a telegram from Lord Roberts, dated at Capetown Saturday, saying there was no change in the situation

"The affair of Spion Kop appears very much like a reverse at the decisive point of battle. According to General Buller's telegram, General Warren determined to take the hill because it commanded the enemy's other positions. Having taken it Tuesday night, he abandoned it Wednesday night, presumably because he was unable to hold it. The published words of General Buller's telegram have the tone of a reverse as announced. Whether the mishap can be made good, it is impossible to say. A general attacking has, to some extent, the power of making his own decisive point. General Warren may yet best the enemy by success at some other point or he may retake Spion Kop and keep it. But unless in one way or another the battle now going on can be won, there is no possibility of Ladysmith being relieved. General Buller's army, unless successful, will be in a critical position, for its retreat would be a difficult operation. The main Boer force is as near to any point on the railway as is General Warren's wing of Buller's army; and the Boers have the advantage of speed. For this reason, as well as because of the importance of purpose to relieve General White, we may expect General Buller to do his very utmost before giving up the attempt, and in this necessity lies the best hope of success. The American civil war showed how rifle fire arms, by rendering assault difficult, the battles lasting several days, and as since then the range and rate of fire have been greatly increased, the prolongation of duration of battles was to be expected, but without a fuller knowledge than the telegrams as yet afford, it is not possible clearly to interpret this episode of an unfinished fight. The report from Boer sources, that Mafeking has been relieved, is credible, for Colonel Plumer has been persistently working in that direction and there has been time since he was last heard of near Gaberones for him to cover the intervening distance. Moreover, the Boers have wisely been concentrating their forces at more decisive points, but it requires a report."

London, Jan. 28.—(4:30 a. m.)—The only news issued by the War Office during the night is a dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Capetown, Saturday, stating the situation is unchanged and that General French report a reconnaissance of the enemy's position on Thursday when he found the Boers strongly posted at Pietton tein. The maps do not show any such place in the region of General French's operations and it is probable that Reinfontein, 10 miles north of Colesburg, is the place meant.

A special dispatch from Colenso, dated Wednesday, Jan. 24, says that Commandant Lucas Meyers' command surprised and surrounded a strong body of General Methuen's infantry, killing or wounding 23 and capturing 15.

The absence of news from the front is causing public attention to turn to the opening of Parliament, and speculation as to how the Government will meet the attacks on it with regard to the causes and conduct of the war, a foretaste of which has already been given in the speeches of Mr. John Morley, and others during the past week. The Government defense is perhaps foreshadowed by the speeches made at Birmingham last evening by Mr. J. Collings and Mr. J. Austin Chamberlain.

London, Jan. 27.—Though criticism of the Government and its way of handling the war is unabated, it is safe to say that when Parliament meets Tuesday next, nothing serious will result. There will be the usual motions of censure, with perhaps more than usually impassioned denunciations of the various departments of the Administrative, especially the War and Colonial offices. But, such is the patriotism of the average Englishman, and such is the strength of the Conservative organization, that it will be surprising if Lord Salisbury's majority is even appreciably weakened. This mere tally of votes, however, must be construed as a real index of national feeling for many a man will go to the Government lobby, who outside has privately declared someone ought to be hanged for maladministration and that if Lord Salisbury did not disassociate himself from the system or culprits responsible for the national humiliation he must eventually take the consequences. The inner circles of the Government are perfectly well aware of such an eventuality, but they have no fears for the immediate future, implicitly believing in a successful climax of the war and trusting it will offset the initial blunders.

London, Jan. 27.—An eminent British General, reviewing the South African affairs of the past and present, summed it up: "First of all, we underestimate the enemy; secondly, we knew nothing of the power of modern weapons when opposed to each other in the hands of tolerably equal forces; thirdly we deserted strategy to satisfy sentiment. By that I mean Ladysmith and Kimberley appealed to us and we answered as quickly and as unthinkingly as does an electric receiver to a transmitter. We have learned many things but chief of them we have learned that long guns and rifles minimize tremendously the advantage which formerly accrued to the agressor. Yet, I thoroughly believe, and I am not speaking without experience, that had any continental nation undertaken the same task with the same force, it would by this time have been wiped out. But the appreciation of our shortcomings only makes us the more determined. It may be six months, and it may be a year, but we shall achieve our object.

London, Jan. 27.—Mr Joseph Chamberlain, who expected to attend the banquet of the Birmingham jewelers and silversmiths this evening, was unable to be present owing to the holding of a meeting of the defense committee. His place was taken by the Right Hon. Joseph Colliugs, Under Secretary of State for the Home Office, and Mr. Austin Chamberlain, Civil Lord of the Admiralty.

The former, replying to a toast to "Her Majesty's Ministers," deplored the attitude of the press in regard to the war in South Africa. He said there had been no muddle in its conduct and the facts, when known, would show there had been no war in which more foresight, skill and care had been displayed by the Government than by the present one. The reverses, he declared, only increased the determination to prosecute work to the end. They involved the question whether Great Britain should maintain her position or sink into an insignificant third rate power.

Mr. Austin Chamberlain, in the course of his remarks, said that if Great Britain had shirked her responsibility the price paid would have been the loss in the near future of South Africa, and her separation is not remote in the future from those great branches of the Anglo-Saxons—great branches of the Anglo-Saxon stock whose loyalty, which is due to their care in Great Britain's power to see right done her subjects in every portion of the world—was so dear to Great Britain.

Lord Dunraven, who is chairman of the committee having in charge the raising of a force of mounted sharpshooters for service with the Yeomanry in South Africa, has appealed to the public for subscriptions in aid of that object. He says he has already four hundred applications, whose shooting records are high and many of whom have had experience in the bush. The amount needed is £20,000 of which £2000 has already been subscribed.

London, Jan. 27.—The defence committee of the Cabinet met at the War Office this afternoon, Lord Salisbury presiding. There are reiterated rumors that the gravest kind of news from Natal is being concealed by the War Office It is even said that General Buller's forces are in retreat. Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief of the forces, was also present at the meeting of the committee. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, came to London purposely to attend. Mr. J. Chamerlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, gave up other engagements for the same reason.

The officials maintain silence and say they have nothing for publication, but it is evident from the War Office announcements, to the effect that the casualties reported by General Buller, occurred in General Lyttleton's brigade, which apparently was not engaged at Spion Kop, that there has been severe fighting not yet reported.

London, Jan. 27.—(1:15 p. m.)—The War Office has no news of the catastrophe to General Buller's force reported from Berlin and discredits the story. Neither has the War Office any explanation, at least for publication, of the abandonment of Spion Kop, and there are no advices in this connection from independent sources The disposition today is to regard the evacuation as not so serious as at first thought and commentators are abusing the military authorities, both at home and at the front, for publishing hasty accounts of an incomplete, half understood operation, thus alternately thrilling and depressing to the nation.

London, Jan. 27.—There are signs of important movements developing in the north of Cape Colony, General French has succeeded in getting in touch with General Gatacre, possibly presaging a combination of the two columns and the commencing of a concentration of the forces, which is believed to be the ground work of Lord Roberts' plan of campaign.

London, Jan. 27.—The War Office announces that the casualties reported by General Buller yesterday occurred in the battalion of General Lyttleton's brigade which, so far as known at the War Office, was not engaged in the capture or defence of Spion Kop. It appears, therefore, that they are additional to the considerable causalties which General Buller has reported as having occurred at Spion Kop.

THE WAR OFFICE TO DEAL WITH B. C.'S 100

Acceptance Is Conditional Upon Its Decision.

THE ROUGH RIDERS SAIL

Enthusiastic Send Off Given the Stalwart Canadians at Halifax—A Peerless Body of Men.

(Special Dispatches to The Miner.)

Ottawa, Jan 27.—The Government of British Columbia has been notified that the acceptance of the Province's offer of 100 men for South Africa is conditional upon the decision of the War Office.

Halifax, Jan. 27.—The Canadian troopship Pomeranian hauled out in the stream shortly after 2 p. m., and sailed at 5:30 p. m.

s The Mounted Police and North West volunteers were given a grand send off. From the armory, through the streets to the point of embarkation, the march of the men was a triumphant one. Flags flew from many house tops. From high buildings were suspended hundreds of strings of flags. A surging and excited crowd took possession of the streets. Traffic was supended and there was a tie up of vehicles generally. Electric cars were "side tracked" and the mob held sway. The scene when the procession was approaching the railway bridge at the intersection of Upper Water street and Campbell Road, was an inspiring spectacle, the sight of a lifetime. Before the men departed they were addressed by the Lieutenant-Governor as follows: "I am very glad that my position as Lieutenant-Governor of this Province gives me the privilege of addressing a few parting words to you before you embark on your long and trying voyage. You represent here today an embodiment of loyal and patriotic sentiment that prevades the whole of the British Empire. It is that noble and lofty spirit that has impelled you, freely and generously, to leave your homes and take up arms in support of our country's cause in the distant part of the Empire. You have earned distinction by so doing and you have also merited your country's gratitude. Canada is indeed proud of her volunteers and has every reason to be so. We look forward with an assured confidence that when the opportunity is given to you, your valor, and courage under all circumstances will give additional reason for that pride. While you have taken upon yourselves the responsibility of upholding the honor and fair name of your country, which I feel assured, you never will forget, those who remain behind must assume the charge of those near and dear to you, all whom your are parting from and whose care must be ours until you return. Colonel Herchmer, I congratulate you upon having under your command such a splendid body of men as I have seen here before me today. They appear to have been drawn from the flower of our most vigorous and active Canadian manhood and such a battalion would do honor and be a credit to any army in the world. In conclusion, I shall not say good bye, but I most heartily wish you the best of good fortune in every way. May you have a propitious voyage, a brilliant and victorious campaign and a joyous return to your Canadian homes. God speed you."

The troops embarked in squads to the music of "Far Away" and "Auld Lang Syne." The men of the Leinster Regiment, and the Royal Canadian Dragoons, under Major Williams, cheered lustily as the vessel left the dock.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—A special from Halifax says that Deputy Surgeon General Oliver, who has seen British troops in all parts of the world, expressed the opinion, after the inspection of the Major-General yesterday, that the western men were about as fine a lot of fighting men as he had ever seen. The force had created a great impression in Halifax, where the mounted rifles are regarded as the finest corps ever seen in the city.

Colonel Steele, who was in Montreal today en route to Ottawa, said: "I will try to get west as soon as possible I think we will be able to leave for South Africa in about a month."

The Bank of Nova Scotia has subscribed $5,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—The Globe correspondent, writing from Belmont, December 22, says. "It looks more like war on the line of communication The journey from Belmont up, 30 odd miles, to Modder River, looked warlike enough. Abundant evidence exists, and a careful lookout is being kept up. The entire force of the Canadians, also the Australians, are keen to get up to the front. From their eyries on kopjes, they saw, with wild impatience, the Magersfontein fight.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Lieutenant-Colonel Otter sends a report to the Militia Department, which covers the doings of the first contingent from December 4 to December 17. Reference is made to the death of Private Chappell, one of New Brunswick Company, who died after two days' illness. The report also refers to one of the New Brunswick Company being courtmartialed for having in his possession stolen property, knowing it to be stolen. He got 30 days. The stolen property consisted of a revolver. Colonel Otter says that the members of the contingent had been working very hard for the period which his report covered. They were frequently on duty at 3 o'clock in the morning. In one instance they had all their camps taken down and everything on the train ready to start at 4 a. m. Notwithstanding the hard work the men are in excellent spirits and doing well.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—A dispatch has been received from London announcing the death of Captain Cortland Gordon MacKenzie, R. A., native of this city at De Aar Junction, South Africa, from typhoid fever. MacKenzie was in charge of the British remount establishment at De Aar, having been sent there last summer by the British authorities when hostilities were pending.

Quebec, Jan. 27.—At last night's meeting of the City Council, a resolution was unanimously adopted expressing the deep sympathy of the citizens of Quebec with Marquis of Dufferin in the death of his son, Lord Ava.

Winnipeg, Jan. 27.—A petition was filed this morning against S. A. Bertrand, as member for St. Boniface. The petitioners are Napoleon Burube, printer, of St. Boniface, and Joseph Champagne, of St. Norbert The petition alleges the usual charges of bribery and corruption and also asks that Bertrand be disqualified for eight years.

It is understood that a meeting of Liberals of South Winnipeg will be held on Monday, when a final decision will be arrived at as to the placing of a candidate in the field in opposition to Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, in the approaching by-election, which takes place a week from next Tuesday.

C. A. Young, Liberal member for Deloraine, has placed his resignation in the hands of the Liberal Association as a result of exposures made of ex Premier Greenway's dealing with the railways.

Montreal, Jan 27.—Daniel Walker, brakeman, employed by the Grand Trunk Railway was killed this morning at St. Henri. He fell between two cars, the wheels of one car passing over his body.

Halifax, Jan. 27.—The mail steamer Lake Ontario, from Liverpool, while coming in the harbor last night, ran down and sank the Dominion Coal Company's barge Al Taylor. The barge had 500 tons of coal on board. Her crew escaped The Lake Ontario passed a steamer at 6 o'clock last night and which is supposed to be the overdue steamer Ashanti.

Montreal, Jan 27.—McLeod Stewart, of Ottawa, promoter of the Georgian Bay Canal scheme, is in town today. He announces he has received word that several members of the syndicate, which is to build the canal, left Liverpool today en route to this country accompanied by Consulting Engineer Kenneth McKenzie, son of Sir James McKenzie. The first sod will be official turned on Dominion Day, but before that time considerable money may be expended by the syndicate, so Stewart says.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—It is officially announced that the Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph will erect one of the most up to date telegraph buildings in the Dominion on the site of their present headquarters in this city. The building will be equipped with all the latest improvements as regards facilities for handling their rapidly increasing business.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Geo. Burns, of London, Ont., has been appointed Collector of Customs at that point in place of Mr. Reid, deceased. The position is worth $2,200.

London, Jan. 27.—C. Stan Allan, a well known Western Ontario journalist, and popular in bicycle circles, died at Loraine, Ohio.

Halifax, Jan. 27.—E. P. Flynn, ex-M. P., or Richmond, N. S., is dead.

DR. LEYDS IN BERLIN.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—The North German Gazette this afternoon says that Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, who has arrived here for the celebration of the Emperor's birthday, was received by Count Von Buelow, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, today.

The local Anzeiger publishes a report of an interview with Dr. Leyds in which he is quoted as saying his presence in Berlin has nothing to do with politics but due merely to the invitation to the diplomatic dinner, which he has received from the Imperial Chancellor. Regarding mediation Dr. Leyds said that the Boers had no occasion to appeal to any one Everything was going splendidly. As to the conclusion of peace, his personal opinion was that Great Britain would have to return a large portion of the territory she had seized from the Boers, and the Federal Republics would, of course, obtain every guarantee that not a hair of their kinsmen would suffer. No words, he continued, need be wasted about the absolute independence of the Republics. Ladysmith, Mafeking, and Kimberley, Dr. Leyds continued, were simply prisons, with the sole difference that the British had to consume their own provisions.

WHAT IS JUST NOW DISCUSSED IN PARIS

An Interesting Cable Letter From French Capital.

ASSUMPTIONIST'S TRIAL

It Is Now the Political Fire Brand—Significant Movement of French Troops.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The trial of the Assumptionist Fathers has interjected some life into an otherwise prosaic political week. The prosecution of the Fathers is believed to be the beginning of a Government campaign against the reactionary clericalism, which recently has too openly entered the political arena.

The Order of the Assumptionists is remarkable for the ascetic life of its members, which, with its large revenues, has permitted the accumulation of great wealth, which, according to the Government supporters, has been mainly used to undermine the Republic. They have not accepted defeat and have decided to appeal against their convictions.

An outburst of protests in the Radical press has been caused by what looks like the apparent lack of tact on the part of Cardinal Richard, the Archbishop of Paris, in visiting the Fathers and expressing his sorrow at their conviction, and thus openly encouraging them. The Radicals demand that the Government take some action against Cardinal Richard for his over identification with so-called illegal associations. Some newspapers even use the incident as a lever in favor of separation of Church and State. The first fruit of this agitation has already been borne in the shape of an official demand upon the Cardinal for an explanation of his conduct. The private secretary of the Archbishop of Paris says the prelate's reply to the Premier, M. Waldeck Rousseau, on the subject of the comments on the Cardinal's visit to the Assumptionist Fathers after the Correctional tribunal had pronounced the dissolution of the Order, was very simple. The Cardinal said he had no thought that his action had any significance. He simply wished to sympatnize with the Fathers on passing through a painful event. He did not wish to protest against the verdict, and the words attributed to the Cardinal, he added, were a garbled summary without official characters.

A special dispatch to The Temps, from Rome, says: "According to information from the best source, the Vatican, though regretting the conviction of the Assumptionists, would have preferred that Cardinal Richards had not made the visit by which the enemies of religion might profit. Had Pope Leo been consulted, Cardinal Richard would not have made the visit which was kind, but not politic."

The Nationalist organ denounces the Government for its prosecution of political opponents which they declare was the sole motive of the trial. The result of the trial furnished the most exciting session of the Chamber of Deputies since its reopening. A string of Deputies rose for the purpose of repudiating the statements of the public prosecutor, that they were aided at their election by the Assumptionists. Scarrillons anathemas were launched at the head of the public prosecutor and the unfortunate Minister of Public Worship, M. Monis, which resulted in the spectacular expulsion of M. Bernard. Though there have been many exciting scenes in the Chamber, this was the first time since the Dreyfus agitation that the military has been summoned to expel a Deputy. If this succession of indignant disclaimers was intended to create a wave of feeling against the Government in the Chamber, it failed utterly and only elicited vote which gave fresh proof of the strength of the Government.

Repeated affirmations by a large section of the French press, that the British jingoes and the Chamberlain clique in the Cabinet had determined to pick a quarrel with France in order to recover the prestige Great Britain has lost in Europe, by her reverses in South Africa and that Madagascar would be the first point of attack, have received what is regarded here as confirmation in the announcement that the Government has decided to dispatch 5,000 troops there and to form a fortified camp and arsenal at Diego Suia. The Government explains that the move had no special significance, but is merely a part of the already announced plan of fortifying the Colonies. It is denied that it has any connection whatever with Great Britain. English designs in Madagascar and her rumored intention to provoke war sooner or later is not merely a constant cry of "wolf" in Anglopoobia papers, but undoubtedly becoming an article of faith with the mass of French people.

The hatred of Dreyfus has not yet subsided in some quarters The Nationalists press has been attacking the Government for having suppressed illegally, it is alleged, the publication of the judgment of the Rennes court martial. Marquis De Gallifat, the man of war, has yielded by having the sentence posted at Rennes this week in the foreign form, "Dreyfus, Alfred, volunteer as captain, proaticner on the general staff, high treason, ten years detention, and military degradation without interdiction of residence." The Dreyfusards are very angry at the form of the announcement. The Aurore calls it an upright forgery, because it omits all mention of the extenuating circumstances, found by court martial and the pardon.

Enlivening scenes have been occasioned by the annual drawing to select conscripts from Paris which began this week. Parties of young conscripts have been parading the Boulevards, wearing tri-color rosettes in their button holes and with highly colored patriotic pictures, bearing their army numbers stuck in the front of their hats. Each Arrondissement has its own day of drawing at the town hall in the presence of military officials. The young fellows celebrate the day as a holiday and the streets of the Arrondissements nightly resound with their jollifications.

NOT A SATISFACTORY WEEK.

England Was Not Cheered By the Latest War Developments.

(Special Dispatch to The Miner.)

London, Jan. 27.—The week which opened full of high hopes, is closing gloomily. The result of General Warren's Spion Kop action has had at most, a more deep resting effect than would an out and out reverse, so keen is the revulsion of feeling after the short lived jubilation. Death, too, has been very busy in high places at home. It is said that one week adds such names as John Ruskin, the Duke of Teck, and Richard B. Blackmore to the list. From the English point of view there is nothing in the state of international relations. The war is far too engrossing to permit people to pause and consider the effect on Great Britain of the apparent change of regime in China, while Congress calculating on the Nicaragua canal or the proposed increase in the armament of the United States, scarcely cause a ripple of interest. The Foreign Office apparently has not the slightest belief that the Clayton Bulwer treat is in danger of violation and so far, has taken no steps in that matter. Neither do the pro-Boers or their meetings in the United States any longer attract attention or comment, for the majority of the British have made up their minds that the United States is friendly to them, and they put aside any manifestations to the contrary as due to local political causes, which cannot be taken as in any way representing national opinion. A curious exception to the general patriotism, which prevails among the nobility of all classes, occurred the other day, when the Gloucestershire volunteers respectfully asked Lord Sherbourne for a rifle range on his estates. They received the reply that if the people of England wanted rifle ranges they must pay for them.

Only a very few of the regulars are left in England, and these are bitterly disappointed because they are unable to go out to South Africa. The shipment of raw Yeomanery to South Africa and keeping the seamen home has given rise to further sharp criticism in military circles.

A 14-pound semi-automatic rapid fire gun, made by the Vikes-Maxim Company, for the Navy Department, was tested this week in the presence of the United States naval attache Lieutenant Commander Colfell and the Admiralty officials. Twelve rounds were fired satisfactorily and 25 hundred feet initial velocity was secured with 17 tons pressure. The weapon will now be shipped to the United States.

London, Jan. 27.—The War Office has decided to embody two additional militia battalions and another battery of artillery.

London, Jan. 27.—From the field of party strife and military criticism it is a relief to turn to an extract from a letter of an officer at the front, who writes: "An orderly was bringing stew water to a wounded man, dying in the ground near me, shot through the abdomen. He could hardly speak owing to the drygings of his mouth, but he said, "Take it to my pal first, he's worse hit than me.'" After reading this, one can understand that General Buller did not stop over when he wired, "The men are splendid."

Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, Jan. 26.—It is reported on good Transvaal authority that Mafeking was relieved on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

London, Jan. 27.—The departure of the infantry section of the London volunteers, numbering 134 men, were entrained this morning for Southampton where they were to embark today for Africa.

Boer Camp, Modder Spruit, Upper Tugela River, Tuesday, Jan. 23.—The British are now endeavoring to force, with 40,000 troops, the Spion Kop route to Ladysmith. The firing on General Botha's position yesterday was terrific. The grass was fired, rocks dislodged and trenches pierced, but the battle was practically one sided, the Federals only firing 30 shots. The firing ceased at dark, but was resumed this morning in the vicinity of Ladysmith and here.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Some of the papers here claim to have a telegram from Pretoria saying that General Warren was enticed into Spion Kop, where the Boers fell upon him, that 17 of his cannon were captured and that Buller's hasty retreat over the Tugela River alone can save him.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—It is said that the German Foreign Office has confirmation of the report that General Warren's division has been defeated.

LITTLE JAPAN MAY CAUSE MUCH TROUBLE

Navy Will Soon Be More Powerful Than Russia's.

ALL SORTS OF RUMORS

It is Said That the Japanese Meditate a Movement Against Russia in the Far East.

London, Jan. 27.—Some of the afternoon newspapers associate the departure today of the new Japanese battleship Shikishima with possible complications in regard to the situation in China, especially as it is announced that she will endeavor to traverse the Suez canal by divesting herself of her armament. Up to the present no such ship of her size has passed the canal.

London, Jan. 27.—The intention that the departure of the Shikishima was directly due to the situation in China is incorrect, as the Associated Press learns today that the date set for sailing was decided on many weeks ago, and a farewell party was held on board her previous to the deposition of the Emperor of China. But though this incident was given exaggerated importance in the afternoon newspapers, the Associated Press is able to say that those in England most cognizant of the secret aims of Japan, especially those who are fulfilling her naval contracts, have for some time past thoroughly believed she mediated striking a blow at Russia.

If this impression is correct, and there is highest and most conservative authority on which to base it, it is not unlikely that Japan's hands may be forced and the much intended coup will be attempted before her plans are completed. It may be that Japan only meditates for the present a demonstration to prevent Russia from accomplishing the designs which various correspondents have credited her with since the change in China's Emperor.

Two powerful war vessels, built for Japan on the Clyde, will soon be ready to sail, while others are under course of construction. The strength has not attracted much attention but their importance as international factors may be judged from a statement made to a reporter of the Associated Press by one of England's greatest ship builders, who declared the vessels building for Japan were the most powerful in the world. Several of the Japanese vessels in course of construction would have been completed before now had not Japan encountered financial difficulties. The British builders would not let the vessels sail until everything was paid for in cash To acomplish this Japan induced a syndicate of English bankers to advance the money and their action has been the subject of a good deal of private criticism in the inner admiralty circles, when it was realized what tremendous naval power Japan was accumulating and though Great Britain's strength was not impaired, it was thought inadvisable for British capitalists to so materially assist Japan to become a dangerous rival.

A well known naval expert tells a reporter of the Associated Press that if Japan puts in commission the ships scheduled for service in the near future, she will be ready for war within six months and can then defy Russia, and as the Japanese and Russian ships, at present in the Far East, compare, Japan's fleet will have an excellent chance of controlling the situation.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—The Herald publishes a pointed article discussing the recent experimental transfer of Russian troops to Kushk, and says plainly: "Russia is obliged to take precautionary measures owing to the disturbance of the balance of power in consequence of recent events. It is unjust, therefore, to blame Russia if she is making preparations regarding the long trip between Persia and Afghanistan."

SWIPED THE WHOLE BANQUET.

A Most Extraordinary Robbery Reported From Ottawa.

(Special Dispatch to The Miner.)

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—There is consternation and anger in the Bell Street Methodist Church at a mysterious occurrence there Thursday night. There was to have been a church social in the school room and the ladies of the congregation worked hard all afternoon, decorating fourteen tables in the room. Shortly after 5 o'clock everything was in readiness and the ladies retired to prepare for the evening entertainment, which was to commence at 7:30 o'clock. About 7 o'clock, the first of the ladies returned and were astounded at finding that the entire feast had disappeared. All the viands, knives, plates, forks, dishes, spoons, table cloths—everything, had vanished and the fourteen tables were bare. At first it was supposed that someone had perpetuated what was intended as a practical joke, but soon it became apparent that there was no joke about the matter and the social was indefinitely postponed. The case has been placed in the hands of the police, but nothing so far has been discovered as to who are the perpetrators of the outrage.

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SHOP TALK.

Mr. Houston's paper is very angry. A simple satement of fact in The Miner concerning itself has thrown it into a violent passion. The statement was innocent and inoffensive, and quite usual with other enterprising newspapers under like circumstances; but it *was the spark to explode* Mr. Houston's jealousy and vindictiveness. These it was not necessary to expose in order to introduce the following very truthful remark: "They (the citizens) reason that Nelson is not large enough to support two daily newspapers, and they give their patronage to the one that comes nearest voicing their views on questions that concern Nelson's future welfare." They do; they do, indeed. Yesterday there appeared in Mr. Houston's paper 238 inches of what purported to be paid advertising; in The Miner of the same date there were 265 inches, every line of which is paid for. In today's Miner there are 353 inches. These figures show that the patronage goes to the newspaper that is appreciated purely on its merits as a Nelson enterprise.

While engaged in comparisons it may be pointed out that Mr. Houston's paper yesterday printed 123 inches of telegraphic news, set in coarse type; in yesterday's Miner there were 204 inches in fine type. Mr. Houston will doubtless be rejoiced to learn that the circulation of The Daily Miner has increased by over one hundred and fifty copies since last New Year's day. From time to time, if he desires it, we shall be glad to tell Mr. Houston many other things it will tickle him to know.

THE SLOCAN MEMBER.

Mr. Green was late to rise in the debate on the Address, but he managed to distinguish himself notwithstanding. He was speaking of the mining development in the Slocan and of the year's business. A Government paper quoted him as saying: "Even for the present year $2,000,000 would probably represent the profits of the Slocan, whose total output would probably reach $7,000,000 for the year 1899." This is too much for The Kootenaian. It would be only too glad if it were true, but its oldfashioned ideas of honesty will not permit such misleading statements to go unchallenged. Accordingly it pays its respects to the Slocan member, who appears to be in a condition of happiest ignorance of the situation in that district, in the following racy and polished manner:

"The Kootenaian has published the Custom's House figures of ore shipments from the Slocan month by month during the year, and in issue of the 11th instant, there appears the totals for the year, viz. 34,436,258 pounds of ore, worth $1,497,468. This is one-fifth the amount stated by Mr. Green, but of this the shipments made prior to the first of June, when the Eight-Hour law came into force, amounted to $1,133,514, leaving for the seven months that has elapsed since a pitiable showing of $363,954. In fairness we may note that there was a small amount of ore shipped through Slocan City to Nelson which is not included in the custom returns, but we are unable to give the exact figures, although it will not come anywhere near making the total value of the ore $2,000,000.

"We do not think that Mr. Green intentionally misled the House. We have an idea as to where Mr. Green got his figures. He has heard at some festive function the figures of seven millions of dollars quoted as the value of the total output for the whole of West Kootenay in one of its boom years, and secure in the consciousness that the rest of the members were even more ignorant than himself of Kootenay statistics he grappled up from the depths of his memory this mystic multiplication of millions as proof triumphant that the Eight-Hour law had doubled the output of the Slocan over its best previous year.

"The incident is a sad commentary upon the intelligence of the Legislature of British Columbia. In the course of the debate Mr. Booth, one of the best men in the House, stated that he supposed that he had voted for the Eight Hour law, but that he did not know at the time that he was doing so. A law destined to create greater disturbance than any other ever put on the statute books of the Province was in the session of 1899 passed at midnight, with stealth and secrecy, and of the 38 men to whose keeping we have entrusted our interests not one was on watch to challenge it to ask a question or to call attention to its meaning. The same members came up again to the House in 1900, resenting their folly and seriously inclined to reconsider their hasty action. They spend 16 days in discussion and finally came to a vote with an authoritative statement from the representative of the district chiefly affected ringing in their ears. A statement wildly and grotesquely false, and again there is not a man out of the 38 with knowledge enough to correct the mistake, or wit enough to question it or ask for proof."

The London, B. C., Review says: "The trouble in British Columbia today is that the men are led by the nose by delegates whose action is determined by a lot of half-baked social theories and by political ambition, instead of being governed by commonsense business considerations. Sooner or later the men will get very tired of their leaders. A working man will fight for higher wages or better hours; these things he understands and appreciates But for vague theories regarding mythical effects of the contract system and such like he will fight neither long nor heartily. There is every likelihood that stable relations between labor and capital in the mining industry will be arrived at shortly."

A nearby Ministerial print says: "The objection to Thomas Forster is that he will not allow D. M. Eberts or any other member of the Legislature to bulldoze him." No, that is not the objection. The objection is that he is too obtuse to understand that a Speaker is not supposed to be a partisan, and too ignorant of parliamentary procedure to be fitted for the position. He appears to be another Mayor of Nelson.

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Dr. LaBau has distinguished himself again. The occurrence was not premeditated by him, but as the other fellows started it he entered into the spirit of the occasion and carried off the chief honors.

It was in the very early hours yesterday morning, that Mrs. LaBau became aware, or thought she did, that some one was moving in the house. She was all attention in a moment and her suspicions were rewarded by unmistakeable sounds of someone moving in the dining room, and a most audible squeak from the door leading from the dining room to the kitchen. She aroused the doctor who proceeded to quietly become attached to the proper end of his revolver and commenced the advance on the enemy, who by that time were entrenched in the kitchen. The attacking force advanced quietly across the veldt of the dining room floor, no shots having been given in the house, and were not fired until the position of the enemy was fully revealed. The doctor's advance was so well executed that he out-manouvered the enemy by crossing the open plain in the full rays of a search light hanging from a chandelier above. But he had no harassing shell fire to contend with and the movement was accomplished in good order. Reaching the drift between his position in the dining room and the enemy's entrenchment in the kitchen the doctor heliographed that they had better capitulate to avoid bloodshed and he offered to hold them as prisoners of war until the police arrived. These terms were not received with favor and the enemy, being paralysed by the suddenness of the attack, were not able to bring their guns into action and prepared to retire to a neighboring kopje. The attacking force endeavored to outflank this movement, but the enemy, being more mobile, made good their retreat. But the doctor managed to drop two well directed shells into the retreating force and as no sign of bullets can be found in the walls, it is evident the enemy carried them off. They made a slight stand for a movement on the veranda, but the attacking force moved into a new position at the door. By this time the enemy was in full retreat across the veldt to the back gate. While attempting to escape the doctor again brought his gun into position and poured three volleys after them. But the two men got clear, and the enemy having been driven off, general LaBau dispatched an official report to the Police Department, giving details of the engagement, and stating that the list of casualties would be ascertained later.

The Police Department were early on the field but all efforts to locate the enemy were for the time unsuccessful. There were also reports yesterday of two looting sorties being performed, evidently by the same force that met defeat in the night attack on the LaBau Laager. Prosser's second hand store and the Old Curiosity Shop were entered and a large amount of stuff carried off. The police have every confidence that the culprits will speedily be behind the bars. Dr. LaBau is sure that one bullet, and perhaps two, took effect, out of the five that he fired. The two men disappeared before he could get a good look at them. Nothing was missing from his house.

In the meantime three men have been arrested on suspicion, and the police are confident of having all the offenders and their accomplices safe in prison within 24 hours.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. G. O. Buchanan, of Kaslo, paid a visit to Nelson yesterday.

Geo. Bell & Co., W. P. Tierney and J. J. Walker have new advertisements in today's paper.

Assistant City Clerk Wasson was able to return to the office yesterday. He had been laid up for two or three days with an attack of la grippe.

The C. P. R. authorities are now negotiating for a site for their uptown offices which will be all under one roof. Several eligible sites are now under consideration.

Although there will be no skating at the rink till tomorrow, their is excellent skating near the C. P. R. wharf of which several enthusiasts took advantage last evening.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. O. M. Rosendale had on display fine specimens of galena ore and carbonates from his claim on Coffee Creek near Ainsworth, the Fourth of July.

The Fire Department was called out about 7 o'clock yesterday evening to the Kootenay Hotel, where a chimney was on fire. The brigade responded with its usual promptitude, but their services were not after all required.

In the advertisement of Neeland's Shoe Emporium yesterday the value of the stock they are selling was stated at $10,000. It should have read $12,000. The sale yesterday was largely attended. Extra clerks have been engaged for Monday.

Mr. H. G. McCulloch left yesterday for Comaplix with a force of men and eight horses who will be employed in rawhiding the ore from the Beatrice mineral which has hitherto been done by contract. The company will then have a dozen horses employed on this work.

Mr. E. G. Lee starts for South Africa, via London, on Tuesday evening. He is engaged to superintend a mining property in Rhodesia, which is not at present being operated on account of the war. In the meanwhile he intends to take service in a body of Irregular Horse.

Mrs. J. R. Robertson wishes to acknowledge the receipt of four pairs of socks from Mrs. Hodge, and six pairs from Mrs. McKay, for the use of the British soldiers in South Africa. Mrs. Robertson has had many other promises of gifts which will be duly acknowledged on their receipt.

The C. P. R. will start fencing in the land set aside for the erection of their depot, divisional works and buildings as soon as they get a deed from the City streets running through the land. The City has already entered into an agreement to this effect with the C. P. R., but the deed has not yet been executed.

The Kootenay Cigar Manufacturing Company have more orders for cigars of their manufacture than they can fill. One trouble the company has to contend with is lack of help to strip the necessary tobacco, and today they are advertising for boys and girls to help them at this work.

All members of the Canadian Order of Foresters who reside in or are visiting Nelson are cordially invited to meet the High Chief Ranger at the installation of officers of Court Kootenay Belle at Fraternity Hall, next Wednesday night, Jan. 31, at 8 p. m., and to remain to the banquet which follows.

Everything points to the great success of the annual banquet of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, of Nelson, at the Queen's Hotel tomorrow night. Arrangements have been completed, and, although it is the initial effort in this line of the young association, the personnel of the committee of management is sufficient to guarantee a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. H. B. Smith and his party of surveyors, whose mission has aroused some curiosity in Nelson, are engaged in surveying the line from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard depot to Five Mile Point, and thence to the end of Cottonwood Lake. The present track is not altogether truly laid, and when the surveyors' task is through, the track will be relaid to their measurements.

Rossland has done itself proud in connection with the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The Minstrel show realized a handsome sum for the fund and this has been supplemented by the proceeds of a ball and an auction sale of mining stock, arranged by the ladies of Rossland. The sale of stock at the ball realized $1,024. Various contributions have made Rossland's total about $2,500. There is some talk of the ladies of Nelson getting up a patriotic ball to take place in the Opera House some time next month.

Mr. Simpson, of The Cranbrook Herald, and Mr. Brown, of the Spokane Review, paid a fraternal visit to the Miner office last night. Mr. Brown says more is made of the smallpox outbreak than the occasion deserves. Mr. Simpson is a rank Cranbrook man. He will not say anything ill of Fort Steele—he is too good natured for that, but he declares that the Government offices must come to the railway. He was so favorably impressed with Nelson that he expressed the belief it would yet become the Cranbrook of West Kootenay. Mr Simpson left on last night's boat for Cranbrook and Mr. Brown leaves this morning for Spokane.

For some years past the division of the conterminous mining districts of Trail Creek and Nelson, has been unsatisfactory, and several applications have been made to get the boundary between the two altered. By the last Gazette this has at last been effected. Nelson takes all that part of Trail Creek which lies east of the Columbia. Trail Creek takes all of Nelson district that lies west of the same river. This will apply to the recording of all mineral claims from this time henceforth. As a matter of revenue, Trail Creek losses more than it gains, but the gain in the facility of record to the prospector is considerable, and the boundaries are more in accord with the other political divisions.

At a meeting Friday afternoon of the Rossland minstrels, it was practically decided, should the question of transportation be satisfactorily settled, that the coons should show at Trail next Friday, and at Nelson on the following day. The entertainment here will be in aid of the Canadian Patriotic Fund and as the principals of the troupe are among the most prominent people of Rossland a full house should greet them. However, Manager Annable has already arranged for the appearance of a variety troupe here next Friday and Saturday and has wired the Rossland Minstrels that he can give them dates next week. Meanwhile nothing has been decided but the opportunity to have the excellent entertainment reproduced here will not be missed..

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Mr. Beasley has been 14 years in this country, and his departure will be viewed with universal regret, though all will join in congratulating him on his new appointment which is a promotion in every sense of the word.

The C. P. R. executive is also to be congratulated on having recognized the services of one of those able and courteous officials whose administrative and executive ability has gone far towards building up the prodigious business which the C. P. R. now enjoys in this country.

Mr. Beasley will be succeeded by Captain Troup, who will be superintendent both of the railroad and steam boat lines of this section, and under his able and experienced hands the public will be sure to receive the same excellent service as heretofore.

THE RINK OPENING.

J. K. McCulloch Will Appear Here Tomorrow Night.

At last it is almost assured that the skating and curling season has commenced. The favorable weather conditions of the past few days has encouraged the rink management to get to work at ice making and the result is that tomorrow night the rink will be open for skaters. The Smelter Band will be present.

The opening will be made auspicious by the appearance of J. K. McCulloch, of Winnipeg, the acknowledged champion skater of the world. He is the only skater of note who combines speed and fancy skating and in both he certainly excells. His fancy work is wonderful and consists of open work, which is much prettier than the close, intricate figures that are generally performed by fancy skaters. He will give an exhibition of that speed that electrified the large gathering at Montreal three years ago when he outskated the fastest men of the old world and won for Canada the championship of the world. There are many ex-Manitobans in Nelson who knew "Jack" McCulloch in his home and these have no hesitation in recommending other Nelsonites to attend the opening of the rink tomorrow night.

AN ENTHUSIATIC CURLER.

There is a gentleman in town who has been particularly anxious to indulge in curling and has said many unkind things regarding the mildness of the weaher. Yesterday he went into Frank Tamblyn's store to ascertain when, in the opinion of that enthusiastic curler, they could indulge in the roaring game. "What the deuce are those things?" asked the visitor, after a few minutes conversation. "Why, don't you know?" asked Frank. "No, never saw such freaks of looking things before. What are they for?" "Well, if you must know, they are curling stones." The gentleman is not so anxious to indulge in his favorite game now and is willing to let the weather take its course. Curlers look forward to taking possession of their sheets of ice at the rink on Tuesday night. A large number of new stones have been received and when the season opens the ice will probably be kept busy.

EVERYBODY APPRECIATES THEM

The Miner's war bulletins have become very popular and all day a crowd of interested citizens stand in front of Mr. McLean's Drug Store to learn the latest news as it is received at The Miner office fresh from the C. P. R. wires. The most important dispatch in yesterday's Tribune, that telling of the abandonment of Spion Kop by the British, was received by The Miner, the morning before and was bulletined all day Friday where he who passed might read. A Tribune man evidently passed, but, at all events, it is gratifying to know that, in common with all the citizens of Nelson, The Tribune appreciates the enterprise of The Miner in receiving a daily war news service in addition to the usual night report

Toronto, Jan. 27.—Arthur Cardinal, formerly of Ottawa, was sentenced today to 10 years in the penitentiary for the attempt to murder John Hughes, a young fellow in Central Prison.

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