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## PEACE

### The Two Presidents' Fervid Appeal to Lord Salisbury.

### Her Majesty's Government Declines to Consider It at All.

(SPECIAL TO THE MINER.)

New York, March 13.—That the eyes of the world are turned to the United States as the only power that will at least make an effort to mediate between Great Britain and the South African Republics is evidenced by the many specials to the morning papers. A correspondent declares positively that the first step has already been taken by President McKinley. He says upon the receipt yesterday of a dispatch from Consul Hay concerning the Boer appeal it was immediately communicated to London, and it is anticipated that the British Government, which has been expecting such proposals, will be able to give an immediate answer. The Administration has been stating that it would decline to use its good offices in the interest of peace unless asked by both powers to mediate but it has changed its attitude to the extent of laying before the British Government the proposals which United States Consul Hay received from Presidents Kruger and Steyn. It is understood that Mr. Hay reports having attended the conference when Presidents Kruger and Seyn appealed to all nations to use their good offices in the interest of peace, but it is stated that he received a special communication to the proposals that should be made, the Transaval well understanding that the United States, as the next best friend of England, would be the best channel through which to appeal for peace. It is believed, however, that the Administration did not commit itself, leaving to Great Britain to determine without representation on the part of the President, whether it should accept or reject the proposal of the Transvaal in the interests of peace.

Montague White, in a signed Washington telegram to The World, says: "I have already expressed the desirability of a friendly neutral, preferably the United States, mediating in order to bring this deplorable South African tragedy to a peaceful termination. It is absolutely indespensible that a third power should be a party to a settlement in order to give a basis of permanency thereto. There is so much jingoism in conflict with local patriotism and there has been so much treaty breaking in the past, that South Africa needs, more than anything else, a lasting peace. There is also the danger of the destruction of Jchannesburg, which will involve the loss of $150,000,000, or the entire amount of the British war loan. This will be a strategic necessity, as the Boers could not defend it nor could they allow it to remain as a base for military operations against Pretoria. The London correspondent of The World said that he learns on trustworthy authority that the appeal sent last Saturday to England by President Kruger was remarkable in both manner and matter. The language of the document fairly pulsates with religious fervor and the appeal for peace is made in solemn phrases such as "In the name of the true God." It is not improbable that the Ministers are awaiting the occupation of Bloemfontein before stating the conditions under which proposals for peace will be considered and the regulation of a policy, when published, is more likely to describe the conditions under which peace cannot be made than to formulate a settlement of the South African complication.

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Paris, March 13.—A representative of the Associated Press has secured from a responsible mouthpiece of the French Government the following exposition of France's attitude, in the matter of intervention in the Anglo-Transvaal war, which is said to have been solicited by President Kruger. The official in question said: "We believe it is true the Transvaal has sent a request to the powers for their intervention, though up to this morning President Kruger's message has not reached us. As far as France is concerned, she certainly will not [illegible] the initiative in offering Eng[illegible] mediation, nor will Russia, f[illegible] dual alliance is naturally work[illegible] together in this question. We f[illegible] that in the present excited state of public feeling in England, and especially as regards ourselves, any step taken by the French Government would defeat its own object, and instead of opening a way to honorable peace, would act as oil on flames and probably only create fresh complications. We consider that overtures of mediation can only come from a power whose cordial relations with England prevent such a suggestion being construed as an unfriendly act. The Emperor of Germany, for instance, might take the initiative, or President McKinley, without fear of creating friction which stands in the way of any such action on our part and after this is done, full reliance can be placed on the unqualified support of France and Russia, whose only desire is to see the end of blood shed, and who are eager to lend their good offices in bringing about this end."

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(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

London, March 13.—A Parliamentary paper, containing the telegrams sent to the British Government by the Presidents of the South African Republics and the Orange Free State and Great Britian's reply thereto, was issued this afternoon. It first gives the telegram sent by the two Presidents to the Marquis of Salisbury as follows:

Bloemfontein, March 5, 1900.—The blood and the tears of thousands who have suffered by this war and the prospect of all moral and economic ruin wherewith South Africa is now threatened, make it necessary for both belligerents to ask themselves dispassionately, and as in the sight of the living God, for what are they fighting and whether the will of each justifies all this appalling misery and devastation. With this object, and in view of the assertions of various British statesmen to the effect that this war was begun and is being carried on with the set purpose of undermining Her Majesty's authority in South Africa, and of setting up an Administration over all of South Africa independent of Her Majesty's Government, we consider it our duty to solemnly declare that this war was undertaken solely as a defensive measure to maintain the threatened independence of the South African Republic and is only continued in order to secure and maintain the incontestable independence of both Republics as sovereign international states and to obtain the assurance that those of Her Majesty's subjects who have taken part with us in this war shall suffer no harm whatever, in person or property. On these conditions, but on these conditions alone, are we now, as in the past, desirous of seeing peace re-established in South Africa. While if Her Majesty's Government is determined to destroy the independence of the Republics, there is nothing left to us and to our people, but to persevere to the second course already begun. In spite of the overwhelming prominence of the British Empire, we are confident that God, who lighted the unextinguishable fire of love of freedom in the hearts of ourselves and of our fathers, will not forsake us and will accomplish His work in us and in our dependents. We hesitated to make this declaration earlier to Your Excellency as we feared that as long as the advantage was always on our side and as long as our forces held defensive positions far within Her Majesty's colonies, such a declaration might hurt the feelings and honor of the British people. But now that the prestige of the British Empire may be considered to be assured by the capture of one of our forces by Her Majesty's troops and that we have thereby been forced to evacuate other positions which our forces had occupied, that difficulty is over and we can no longer hesitate to clearly inform your Government and people, in the sight of the whole civilized world, why we are fighting and on what conditions we are ready to restore peace.

The Marquis of Salisbury to the Presidents of the South African Republic and Orange Free State:

Foreign Office, March 11, 1900.—I have the honor to acknowledge Your Honors' telegram dated March 5, from Bloemfontein, of which the purport is principally to demand that Her Majesty's Government shall recognize the "incontestable independence" of the South African Republic and Free State "as sovereign international states" and to offer on those terms to bring the war to a conclusion. In the beginning of October last peace existed between Her Majesty and the two Republics under conventions which then were in existence. A discussion had been proceeding for some months between Her Majesty's Government and the South African Republic of which the object was to obtain redress of certain very serious grievances under which the British residents in South Africa were suffering. In the course of these negotiations the South African Republic had, to the knowledge of Her Majesty's Government, made considerable armaments and the latter had, consequently, taken steps to provide corresponding reinforcements of the British garrison at Capetown and in Natal. No infringement of the rights guaranteed by the conventions and up to that period taken place on the British side. Suddenly in two days notice, the South African Republic, after issuing an insulting ultimatum, declared war upon Her Majesty, and the Orange Free State, with whom there had not even been any discussion, took a similar step. Her Majesty's dominions were immediately invaded by the two Republics.

Siege was laid to three towns within the British frontier; a portion of two colonies were overrun with great destruction of property and life, and the Republics claimed to treat the inhabitants of extensive portions of Her Majesty's dominions as if those dominions had been annexed to one or the other of them. In anticipation of these operations the South African Republic had been accumulating for many years past military stores on an enormous scale which, by their character, could only have been intended for use against Great Britain. Your Honors make some observations of a negative character upon the object with which these preparations were made. I do not think it necessary to discuss the questions you have raised, but the result of these preparations, carried on with great secrecy, has been that the British Empire has been compelled to confront an invasion which has entailed upon the Empire a costly warfare and the loss of thousands of precious lives. This great calamity is the penalty Great Britain has suffered for having in recent years acquiesced in the existence of the two Republics. In view of the use to which the two Republics have put the position which was given them and the calamities their unprovoked attack has inflicted on Her Majesty's dominions. Her Majesty's Government can only answer Your Honors' telegram by saying they are not prepared to assent to the independence either of the South African Republic or the Orange Free State.

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Washington, D. C., March 13.—Up to the time the Cabinet meeting adjourned today the answer of the British Government to the representations made through Mr. Choate, touching the restoration of peace in South Africa, had not been received. Not a single proposition to serve as a basis of a peace agreement between Great Britain and the Boer Republics was set out in the communication to Lord Salisbury. All that was ventured in this first overture was an enquiry as to what Great Britain was likely to demand as the price of stopping the war. To have gone further and have proposed terms on our own account might have placed the United States in the position of an uninvited mediator. The Cabinet also discussed the resolution of Senator Allen calling for information as to what steps had been taken to bring about peace in South Africa. No statement to the public will be issued.

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Halifax, N. S., March 13.—There is considerable curiosity here as to just what changes are to be made in the arrangement for garrisoning Halifax, what it means and what it will lead to. The Canadian regiment, which is to replace the Leinesters, is being mobilized but so far as can be learned in official circles, the latter has not yet received definite orders to leave. There was an order some time ago, but since nothing farther is announced a change, far reaching in character, is anticipated. Another cause for considerable speculation is the suggestion that the position of Commander of Canadian Militia as held by Major-General Hutton, will be abolished and an arrangement made to give the charge to a general commanding Her Majesty's forces in British South Africa, who is to reside at Ottawa. Lord William Seymour is going to England in May, probably with a view of discussing those changes with officials.

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Halifax, N. S., March 13.—Michael Young fell between two cars at Sydney mines today. His body was mangled almost beyond recognition.

## NOT YET IN

### Lord Roberts' Forces on the Outskirts of Free State Capital.

### Reports from Mafeking State That the Garrison Is in a Bad Way.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

London, March 14.—(430 a. m.)—Nothing can be said of the advance upon Bloemfontein beyond Lord Roberts' own dispatch. Nothing more has been permitted to come through. Doubtless Lord Roberts himself is fully employed with important military operations. The dispatch from Cape Town saying that "General French has arrived at Bloemfontein," probably does not mean that he has entered the city.

Lord Roberts' movement may mean either that the Boers have cut the railway to the north or that the British cavalry have done so. If the former, then it may be assumed that no rolling stock has been seized but the general assumption that it is the latter is interpreted as correct. This would greatly facilitate obtaining supplies from Orange River, an important matter, as Lord Roberts' line of communication with Modder bridge is now one hundred and ten miles long. The Boers may make another fight but there is little doubt that Lord Roberts will occupy Bloemfontein today (Wednesday). The Boer retiring from Orange River will find themselves between two British armies and their guns are almost bound to fall in the hands of the British while the occupation of the capital of the Free State will strain the alliance of the two republics to the utmost. The Government will not allow the Kruger-Steyn matter to influence in any way their determination not to spare any effort to prosecute the war. There will be no diminuation of the measures calculated to maintain the full efficiency of the field force and whatever reinforements were previously considered advisable will still be sent out.

Lord Salisbury's reply meets with universal appreciation among Conservatives and it is the universal opinion that the Boers by their extravagant and canting tone, mean to influence foreign powers, have again overreached themselves as they did by the ultimatum.

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London, March 14.—The Daily Mail has the following dispatch from Kimberley, dated Tuesday, March 13: "Lord Methuen occupied Poshof, on Sunday, without opposition. He left a garrison there and returned here. The railway and telegarph lines have been repaired 4 miles north of Slyp Klip. It is understood that the line between Foaurteen Streams and Vryburg is not badly damaged."

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London, March 14.—Winston Churchill wires the Morning Post from Durban, protesting against the ceremonious treatment of General Cronje, and adds: "The stern decision not to exchange prisoners will undoubtedly accelerate the end of the war but will prove very hard, and perhaps, even dangerous, for the British prisoners in Pretoria. There is abundant evidence that the Boers are becoming cruel, and that the war will wear a darker phase. It is very doubtful if the Boer Government will be able to control the wild passions of the exasperated ruffians, forming the noisy part of the Boer forces in the event of a siege of Pretoria and the position of British prisoners would become precarious. I have visited the dam which the Boers began on Klip River below Ladysmith. If it had been completed it would have submerged Intombi camp, where there were 2,000 sick."

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Cape Town, March 14.—(Wednesday).—The Canadians from Victoria West, proceeded to the Treiska districts. A Kimberley farmer who has just returned from a trip to Barkley West, reports that the country is almost deserted. He covered a distance of 75 miles. Boers are said to be missing a strong force on the Vaal River, in the neighborhood of Klip dam.

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Pretoria, Saturday, March 10, via Lorenzo Marquez, March 13.—General Joubert has arrived here to consult with the Government. Rumors of peace overtures are in the air. All attention is directed toward the British advance upon Bloemfontein but the Federals are still confident of being able to check it.

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London, March 13.—(10:05 a. m.)—The War Office has received the following additional dispatch from Lord Roberts at Venters Vlei, dated March 12, 9:30 p. m.: Our march was again unopposed. We are now about 18 miles from Bloemfontein. The cavalry divison is astride the railway six miles south of Bloemfontein. There were 321 men wounded, and about 60 or 70 killed or missing. Colonel Umpholy has died of his wounds. Lieutenant Pratt, of the Essex Regiment, was wounded severely. The wounds are as a rule more serious than usual owing to the expanding bullets, which are freely used by the Boers. I directed General French if it was dark to seize the railway at Bloemfontein and thus secure the rolling stock. At midnight I received a report from him that after considerable opposition he had been able to occupy two hills close to the railway station which commands Bloemfontein. A brother of President Steyn has been made a prisoner. The telegraph line leading northward has been cut and the railway broken up. I am now starting the third cavalry brigade, which I called up from the seventh division near Petersburg yesterday, and the Mounted Infantry to reinforce the cavalry division. The rest of the force will follow as quickly as possible.

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Ladysmith, March 12.—The main body of the enemy is in position at Kiggarsburg. General Joubert is at Glencoe. There is reason to believe that few Boers are at Dundee though the place is well fortified.

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London, March 13.—A dispatch received by a South African firm in London, dated Tuesday, March 6, from Mafeking, says: "All well, but the town is still besieged."

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Durban, March 12.—General Sir George Stewart White has arrived here and embarked upon a transport for East London.

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London, March 13.—A dispatch to The Times from Mafeking, dated Monday, March 5, says the garrison at that place are feeling acutely the stress of the seige. They are reduced to the use of horse flesh, and bread made from horse fodder, while the water is parasitically contaminated. Typhoid, dysentry and diphtheria are epidemic but it is impossible to isolate the victims. Sufferings of the women and children are terrible and there are deaths in the women's laager daily. The natives are starving. The military opposition progress severely. They have been extended to the brick fields whence the enemy have been completely expelled.

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London, March, 13.—(2:47 p. m.)—Lord Roberts' actual entry into the Orange Free State capital seems likely to be delayed until tomorrow, or late today, as his statement that he is going to reinforce General French implies that opposition is being encountered on the outskirts of the town, though the definite statement that the British cavalry leader has positions which command the situation leaves no doubt that the occupation will speedily be affected and with it, the London critics believe, will accrue to the British important captures of supplies, if not of prisoners. However, the Boers may make a strenuous resistance until Lord Roberts' main army could join the cavalry, whose leader has once more been afforded the opportunity of reaping glory in first reaching the goal. The stragetic importance of what is taken by the capture of one of the enemy's seats of Government has created little enthusiasm in London as for days it had been regarded as certain that Lord Roberts would soon be at Bloemfontein. The rumors of the relief of Mafeking became more circumstantial today but they say lacked official confirmation.

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Toronto, Ont., March 13.—Edmund Morton, aged 28, a Balmoral man, committed suicide by hanging this morning at the home of his uncle, J. W. Collins. He used a valise strap, hanging to a waste pipe in the bath room. Morton was a well to do farmer and intended to leave this afternoon for his home. No cause was assigned.

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Winnipeg, Man., March 13.—Rev. H. Hall, of Portage la Prarie, has declined a call to Nelson, B. C.

## CANADA

### War Resolution by French Member of the House of Commons.

### Lt.-Governor McInnes Says Election Will Be Held Before June 30th.

(SPECIALS TO THE MINER.)

Ottawa, Ont., March 13.—In the House of Commons today Sir Charles Tupper asked if the Government could give any information in regard to what arrangements were made for representation at the Paris Exposition. Sir Wilfrid Laurier regretted that Mr. Fisher was not present to give full information but he (Laurier) might tell the leader of the Opposition that Mr. Tarte had been appointed chief commissioner for Canada at the exposition. The Minister of Public Works would get no salary. This conclusion was reached by the Government rather reluctantly, because the Government did not wish to lose his services during the present session. It was well known, however, that Tarte was not well and his friends hoped that the trip to Paris and change of labor would benefit his health.

On motion to go into supply Bourassa made a speech on the constitutional aspect of sending troops to South Africa without first consulting Parliament. Mr. Bourassa dealt at length with his own action in insisting that Parliament should have been called before it had been decided that Canada should take part in the war. That, in his opinion, would have been the constitutional course to have pursued. Mr. Bourassa was particularly severe on the part taken by Mr. Chamberlain in the Transvaal war, who, he said, had gone back on his old leader, Mr. Gladstone, in the case of the Transvaal. Mr. Chamberlain refused to submit the case to arbitration. Was it fair, he asked, that abritration should be refused to a small country like the Transvaal, and granted to a large country? He condemned the right of any Government taking the power of the sovereign and Parliament into its own hands. There was in the present case neither the urgency nor the necessity for the Government acting so hastily. Britain did not require Canadian soldiers. Britain was well able to defend the Transvaal without Canada. That disposed of the urgency and necessity and therefore Parliament should have been called. To permit of this going on without opposition meant endangering the existence of the farming community and labor classes of the country, which was now crushing the hearts blood out of the people of Europe. He took up Lord Minto's speech at Quebec, when he spoke of "the quibbles of colonial responsibility" and also declared himself in favor of an unwritten constitution. He denied that public opinion in Canada was in favor of participation in the war and pointed to The Toronto Weekly Sun and trade labor unions of the same city. A large section of the press while not opposed to sending troops to Transvaal were strongly against doing so without the consent of Parliament. Bourassa quoted from a speech of Sir Charles Tupper when he was High Commissioner, and when he said that Great Britain did not keep its army for the advancement of Canada. No British or Canadian statesman, except Mr. Morley, said Mr. Bourassa, had so strongly opposed the new movement as did Sir Charles Tupper. Sir Charles was then High Commissioner for Canada, but now he was looking for votes for a wrecked party. He argued that his amendment was not a want of confidence in the Government. It merely asserted well established constitutional principles which now existed and ought to continue to exist. In conclusion he moved in amendment: "That this House insists on the principle of the sovereignty and the independence of Parliament as the basis of British institutions and the safeguard of the civil and political liberties of British citizens and refuses consequently to consider the action of the Government in relation to the South African war as a precedent which should commit this country to any action in the future. That the House further declares that

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## THE MUNICIPAL MONOPOLY.

There is danger of the town getting itself into a state of mind over the action of the Tramway Company in endeavoring to introduce electric power from Bonnington Falls works. The Mayor did his best to begin an agitation at the meeting of Council on Monday night. There is no occasion for excitement, and we hope that the citizens will refuse to grow hot over the matter. Such trouble as there is began with the present Mayor. He was the principal of a company of speculators who established an apology for electric works in the City, and who succeeded in unloading them on the incorporation at several times their value. The transaction is believed to have been a swindle in more respects than one. We do not know that Mr. Houston is ashamed of his part in it, but his extreme anxiety to protect the works against competition, in order that the ratepayers might get some return for their investment, leads us to hope that he is not entirely insensibly to remorse.

The electric light has always been unsatisfactory. When the works were transferred to the City it was simply wretched, and although the municipality has expended many thousands of dollars since in the effort to improve it the light is still very indifferent and very costly. How indifferent it is we have realised more than ever since the introduction of gas. The plant has never been able to supply the necessary power. This was so painfully apparent last year that, in submitting a by-law to raise money for its improvement, the Council imposed conditions of a very extraordinary nature. There should be no electric power brought in from the outside, and the Gas Company should not be allowed to charge rates so low that their light should come into competition with the electric light. A more complete monopoly was never established, and the curious thing is it was established by the representatives of the people against the people themselves, with the hearty approval, if not at the instigation, of the present Mayor. A monopoly is not a whit more defensible because it is a municipal one. The act of a municipal Council in preventing a citizen from getting the article that he desires at the lowest cost is quite as objectionable, and as opposed to right principle, as if committed by a private Trust.

It is now sought to relax this monopoly to the extent of obtaining a limited quantity of horse-power from Bonnington Falls, the contention being made, and quite truthfully, that the corporation works are utterly unable to supply it. From the standpoint of the citizen there can be no objection to this, as it would be an unquestionable advantage to the public interest if the monopoly were destroyed. There is one interest, however, that would be prejudically affected, and that is entitled to consideration. The Gas Company were no parties to the monopoly; the conditions referred to were not of their making or seeking. But encouraged by them, and, as they have believed, protected by them, they have esablished works at great cost. It becomes a very grave question whether the City can repudiate its tacit obligation to stand between them and outside competition, without laying itself open to the charge of bad faith. That is the only difficulty that presents itself; the question of protection to the City itself is not worth a moment's thought.

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A correspondent of a Victoria paper suggests that the Mayor should invite all citizens to wear the shamrock on Saturday next, the 17th, as a mark of "appreciation and gratitude for the heroic and valiant services of the Irish generals and soldiers who have taken so prominent a part in maintaining British supremacy in South Africa." All the Queen's soldiers have fought valiantly in South Africa, and the Canadians by no means least of all. But it is not invidious to say that the gallantry of the Irish regiments stands out conspicuously, and the compliment of the suggestion is no more than they deserve. They fought and died with a courage that was admirable and with a devotion that has compelled the gratitude of the nation. All honor to them, whether in the wearing of the shamrock or in the silent respect and appreciation of the heart.

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We see in the report of the proceedings at the Council meeting on Monday night that Mr. Houston's monthly salary as Mayor was ordered to be paid. We understand from this that Mr. Houston is a salaried servant of the people, and being such he is expected to behave with sufficient courtesy that respectable citizens having business with the Council can appear before it without being insulted. It may be well to point out that other members of the Council are involved in the disgrace which the Mayor's conduct brings on that body. The Mayor is not the Council, nor even the greater part of it; and when he displays those manners that are peculiar to him it becomes the duty of the Aldermen present, if they wish to preserve the dignity and self-respect of the Council, to check His Worship in a manner he will understand.

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With today will close Mr. Martin's second week in his effort to form a Government. The situation is growing more and more scandalous. With two colleagues only, this new Premier presumes to administer the affairs of the Province. Mr. Semlin had four, and there was but the one vacancy in his Cabinet, yet the Lieutenant-Governor made the incompleted state of it a principal reason for dismissing him. Unless all the established practices in connection with our system of government are to be violated or turned into ridicule, His Honor will require very soon to insist that Mr. Martin shall immediately complete his task or step aside and allow some other person to undertake it.

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It should be possible for Messrs. P. Burns & Co. to seek to obtain power enough from Bonnington Falls to operate their cold-storage plant, without subjecting themselves to such a violent and unreasonable attack as that which appeared in Mr. Houston's paper yesterday. They are not asking for anything unlawful, or anything improper; their desire is a perfectly legitimate and businesslike one, and for pressing it they deserve somehing better than to be treated as highwaymen. But Mr. Houston cannot brook contradiction, and those who oppose him must take his abuse. The wonder is that men of spirit endure him at all.

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Local anglers are no doubt anticipating with delight that the close season for trout will end on Thursday next. The season for big baskets is not at hand, it is true, but there is pleasure in feeling that one is at liberty to wield his rod without rebuke from his conscience.


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# HOSPITAL

Association Has Its Annual Meeting and Elects a New Board of Directors.

Reports of the Officers Read and the Work of the Year Mapped Out.

The annual meeting of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital Association was held at the Court House yesterday afternoon. Among those present were: T. J. Sims, W. W. Beer, E. C. Traves, N. F. McLeod, F. W. Swannell, C. E. Miller, S. M. Brydges, Mrs. Stocks, E. A. Crease, Mrs. Roderick Robertson, Judge Forin, Mrs. H. Bird, D. McArthur, Chas. Wilson and A. G. Shaw.

The Secretary's report, showing the assets in sight as against the known liabilities with a deficit of about $160, was read and adopted.

The medical officer's report was read. This showed that 208 cases had been treated with a total of four deaths. One of these was the death of a man who was in a dying condition when he was brought into the hospital. This report was adopted.

The election of new directors to replace the six retiring directors was then proceeded with. The new directors are: Aldermen Irvine and Morrison N. T. McLeod J. M. Law, F. W. Swannell, and Charles Wilson. The Association then passed votes of thanks to the retiring directors, the president and secretary; and to Mesdames Stocks and Robertson for their valuable services in raising the funds necessary to complete the new building, they having collected about $1,500 during the year.

A vote of thanks and confidence was tendered to the surgeon in charge and staff of the hospital.

A sincere vote of thanks was also tendered to the Ladies' Hospital Aid for their valuable assitance and cooperation during the year. These proceedings closed the general meeting.

The directors' meeting followed. The first order of business was the election of officers.

Judge Forin was unanimously re-elected President. Mrs. J. Laing Stocks was elected Vice-President; Mr. W. W. Beer was re-elected treasurer and F. W. Swannell was re-elected secretary—these two elections were unanimous also.

Judge Forin vacated the chair for a short while and gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the directors he would move that the name of the Hospital be changed from the "Kootenay Lake General Hospital" to the "Nelson General Hospital."

The current monthly accounts of the Hospital, amounting to $707.92, were passed.

Committees were appointed to consider the management of various departments of the hospital.

The question of a successor to Dr. Rose, whose term will expire in July, was not gone into with any definite understanding as to when the appointment will be made. Dr. Rose's resignation which has been handed in will take effect at the pleasure of the Board. The Association was greatly gratified at the grant made by the City Council on Monday and it is estimated that this fund with the amount now on hand will about clear the indebtedness of the Hospital.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Men were at work yesterday laying a new crossing at the corner of Ward and Hall streets.

Mr. T. R. Robertson, of London, Eng., who arrived in Nelson last night, will take charge of the cyanide plant at the Granite Mine.

T. J. Sims, secretary of the Nelson Charity Organization, desires to acknowledge, through The Miner, receipt of handsome cash donations from J. H. Bowes and the Knights of Pythias.

The Federal estimates for 1900-1 provide $20,000 for the Government building in Nelson, and a similar sum for the Rossland public building, the $15,000 voted last session being included in both cases.

Assistant Engineer H. Sinclair, who was scalded in the accident on the tug Ymir and is now at the General Hospital, was resting more comfortably last night and will recover unless complications ensue.

Surveying by the City Engineer Department was done at the corner of Victoria and Stanely streets, preliminary to building the new sidewalk on the east side of Stanley Street between Victoria and Baker streets.

There is a handsome three panel, scroll-work screen on exhibition in Kerr & Co.'s window, which is to be raffled at the Phair Hotel on the 21st of March. Tickets can be procured at the Canada Book & Drug Co.'s store.

Work was commenced yesterday on the paving of Front Street. A foot or two of mud will be drawn away and then planks will be laid. Wholesalers and others who have occasion to use the road are thankful that relief is near at hand.

When Mr. J. A. Gilker has completed the improvements to his Baker Street store he will move in a stock of sping goods which are now at the C. P. R. depot. The store will be made about eight feet wider and will have new show windows in the front. Mr. Gilker expects to get through with the rebuilding by the end of the week.

Herr Steiner is now contemplating the organization of a singing festival to be held at Nelson on the Queen's Birthday. If he succeeds in getting up the entertainment it will be a musical treat. There will be a two nights' programme. It is the intention to invite the neighboring cities to organize concert clubs and send them to Nelson to take part in the festival. On the first night there will be a contest among all the clubs for prizes. The second night will be devoted to a grand production of the Messiah by the united voices of all the different clubs who will attend.

J. E. Halton, a scenic artist of known capability, being temporarily in Nelson, has been engaged by the "Pinafore" company to get up their stage setting in proper style. It is the intention of the management to make the opera a success in every way as far as appropriate scenery, singing and wardrobe display can do.

At the meeting of the parishoners of St. Saviour's Church last night, it was decided to take steps to secure the appointment of a Bishop for the Diocese of the Kootenays. A committee was appointed to ascertain the cost and method of securing a residence suitable for the Bishop if one should be appointed. A ladies committee was appointed to arrange for the entertainment of the delegates to the Synod to be held here in May next.

The Nelson Minstrels met with a very hearty reception in New Denver, playing to a $150 house. During the recital of "Pay, Pay, Pay," $30 was added to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The citizens of New Denver entertained the minstrels to a dance and supper after the entertainment and the visit to the beautiful little town was much enjoyed. Harry Marshall's stump speech made a decided hit. The Minstrels played in Sandon last night and will appear in Kaslo tonight, returning home tomorrow.

Mr. J. W. Stewart who has the contract for the Balfour extension, was seen by a Miner representative last night and expressed the opinion that the road would be finished and in working order by June 1st. About 1,200 men will be employed on the work, 600 being now at work and new men are being taken on every day. There are now 12 camps in active operation and more will be established shortly. A hospital is now under way at 9-Mile Point and will be completed in a few days. Pay day will be on the 20th of the month and the men will be paid by check on a bank in Nelson. All men who work for a short term, even only for a day, will be paid as soon as they quit in the same way, so they can get their money at once. This is a great improvement over the time check system. Only about five miles of the contract is sublet, the subcontractors being Messrs. McMartin, J. V. Welch, Victor Stone and E. F. Burns. Mr. Stewart will construct the balance himself.

### AT THE HOTELS.

Hume.—J. R. N. Robertson, Glasgow, Scotland; R. Machin, Victoria; E. A. Baker, Vancouver; W. T. Parsons, Nelson; Thomas E. Burnett, Granite; R. J. Stevenson, Kaslo; Alex Crawford, Sandon; Mrs. J. E. Harris, A. T. Garland, Kaslo; Peter Smith, Vancouver; W. H. Campbell, T. A Corley, Montreal, G. A. Ball Spokane.

Phair.—W. H. D. Arcy, Winnipeg; N. W. Cochrane, Rossland; J. W. Stewart, Trail; E. F. Burns, Greenwood; H. M. Stevenson, Ainsworth; Miss A. B. Gallup, Balfour; T. A. Cambell, Rossland; G. H. Winter, Victoria; E. Charles, Rossland; T. J. McMaster, Trail; E. K. Steele, E. Nelson Fell, City; R. W. McFarlane, Ymir; G. Alexander, Kaslo; F. Smith, Toronto; Thos. Allice, Victoria; P. Messer, Chicago.

Waverley—W. K. Ferguson, wife and children, Montreal; E. A. Hodge, Vancouver; J. C. Shook, Slocan City; W. Jameson, W. Ashcroft, Rossland; S. Allen, City; C. E. Frost, Rossland; G. Bell, Spokane.

### 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." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at Canada Book & Drug Store.


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## CANADA

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it opposes any change in political and military relations which exist at the present time between Canada and Great Britain unless such change is initiated by the sovereign will of Parliament and sanctioned by the people of Canada."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in reply, said that he listened to every word from Bourassa with close attention and he regretted to have to differ with one for whom he had for years a close, warm, personal friendship. His friend, however, was a young man who stuck to cherished theories, which sometimes lacked in practical effect. Mr. Bourassa told him that he was going to move such a resolution and he (Laurier) suggested to him that if he was determined to do so as a duty to himself and his constituents, he should do so *on the Address or on the resolutions of* the Finance Minister, when it could have been amended or dealt with in the proper way. It was not the matter in the resolution which was to be objected to, but the language in which it was arranged and the opportunity which was taken for presenting it. That being the case it was necessary for him to oppose it. Besides this he objected to the arguments which were being used by Bourassa in support of his resolution. For instance Bourassa had said that the course which the Government was taking was in violation of the constitution. He took issue there and then with Bourassa. He quoted from Todd to show that the Government had a right to make such an expenditure as was done in this case so long as they were willing to assure responsibility. He cited Disraeli in buying up the stock of the Suez Canal as a case in point. Public opinion in Canada was with the Government in sending troops to South Africa. What would be the result if troops were not sent? (Cheers). Why there would be racial war in Canada. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) As for himself, his whole efforts were directed towards the union of the people of Canada. As long as his friends behind him supported him, he would continue to pursue that policy; even if they would go back on him, he still would continue to advocate such. (Loud cheers).

The motion was lost by 10 to 119, French members being the only ones who voted with Mr. Bourassa.

Victoria, B. C., March 13.—A deputation of Victoria business men, headed by D. R. Ker and William Wilson, waited on Lieutenant-Governor McInnes this afternoon and urged him to end the present abominable political situation by dissolving the House and having an immediate election. McInnes assured them that there would be a general election before June 30. Outside of that they got little satisfaction. Besides the foregoing there is absolutely nothing new in the political situation. Martin made a number of dismissals, but they are justified as the persons dismissed were only employed during the session.

Montreal, March 13.—This morning's express on the Intercolonial carried a number of men who are going to South Africa to replace those placed hors de combat in the first contingent. There were ten men from Montreal, 12 men from Ottawa, 20 from Toronto, and eight from Kingston. Dr. Borden's private car was also attached to the same train. In it were the following Members of Parliament, who are, on the Doctor's invitation, going to Halifax to see Strathcona's Horse off: R. L. Richardson, Lisgar; H. J. Logan, Cumberland; W. S. Calvert, West Middlesex; A. Morrison, British Columbia, and R. Prefontaine, Montreal.

Leamington, Ont., March 13.—Morse's pumpkin flour factory was destroyed by fire early this morning, as well as the adjoining building, owned by Kennedy Bros. The loss will reach $6,500. Officials here believe it is the work of an incendiary as no fire has been kept this winter in the premises. An investigation will be made.

Montreal, March 13.—The publishers of a weekly paper called La Petite Revue Pellitier, Fabre and Son, were today find $100 for having been found guilty of blasphemy against our Lord in the columns of their paper.

Wheatley, Ont., March 13.--Caleb Choatsworth, a customs officer at Romney, and formerly warden of Kent County, died last night aged 71.

London, Ont., March 13.—Three thousand dollars damage was caused by fire this morning in the liquor department of the store here owned by Somerville & Co. The stock in the grocery department was also damaged by smoke and water.

Ottawa, Ont., March 13.—Ottawa's portion of 100 men who go to fill up gaps in the contingent left here today for Halifax. Captain Winter, who goes as lieutenant, leaves tomorrow morning.

### H. H. BOWDEN.

Committed for Trial For Conversion of Check For $660.

H. H. Bowden came up in the Police Court yesterday morning for preliminary trial before Magistrate Crease. The case was quite a lengthy one, occupying the court until 1 p. m. Mr. P. E. Wilson appeared for defendant and S. S. Taylor, Q. C., appeared for the Crown.

Mr. Harry Wright, Collector for the Province, was first put on the stand and testified that Bowden had not paid any money into his office for the Hall Mines, since January 1st, 1900.

Mr. J. J. Campbell, acting manager for the Hall Mines, Ltd., was then sworn and gave his testimony as follows: H. H. Bowden was in the employ of the Hall Mines, Ltd., and had charge of the general cash books, kept the boarding house books, attended to the banking for the firm, and acted as paymaster for the smelter. The check in question for $660 was in Bowden's handwriting and in favor of Harry Wright, Collector, for payment of taxes. It was signed by me and countersigned by Mr. Croasdaile. After being countersigned the check was in Bowden's possession to be given to Mr. Wright. I never saw it again until it was gotten from the bank. It was payable to Mr. Wright or bearer. This was done to facilitate Mr. Wright being able to take out a commission according to Mr. Bowden. Check for the pay roll for the smelter had been made out in the same way and Mr. Bowden was in the habit of cashing same. Checks for the mines were made payable to bearer. For that reason Mr. Bowden could have cashed the check in question. Mr. Campbell also detailed the conversation over the 'phone, with Bowden at Spokane, and said he had no doubt as to his identity. Mr. Bowden has not produced any receipt from Mr. Wright to show that the check was given to him.

Mr. Bruce Heathcote, the teller at the Bank of British Columbia, then testified that Bowden had presented the check for $660 to him for payment. He remarked to Mr. Bowden that it was payable to Mr. Wright. Bowden then told him that there was a commission coming to him from Mr. Wright, and it was easier to pay the net amount to Mr. Wright than the *gross amount; that it was not in*tended to give the check to Mr. Wright. Mr. Heathcote then paid Mr. Bowden the amount of the check.

Mr. W. J. Goepel, acting Government Agent at Nelson, was put on the stand and testified that he had received no payment of Provincial revenue tax since January 1, from Hall Mines.

Mr. F. R. C. Beer, who went to Spokane as special constable, then testified to taking $1,275.25 from Bowden in Spokane, on March 6, in the office of the Chief of Police. Found Bowden in the Owl gambling hall in Spokane. Took him to the Police station where Bowden put the money on a table, taking it from different pockets. Bowden went to the police station without objection. He was then brought to Nelson.

After hearing all the evidence for the prosecution, and on learning that the defense had no evidence to submit, Magistrate Crease committed Bowden for trial by the next court of competent jurisdiction.

On the second charge of stealing $2,065 from the Hall Mines, Bowden was remanded for two days.

### DEATH OF R. L. BROWN.

*Chief Engineer of the Ymir Died* Early Yesterday Morning.

Chief Engineer R. L. Brown, of the tug Ymir, who was severely scalded Monday by the escape of steam from a faulty escape cock, died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock at the General Hospital. When Mr. Brown was taken to the hospital he was horribly burned and in a state of collapse from shock. He was given stimulants and made as comfortable as possible. When he was brought in his condition was so serious that there was little hope for his recovery. About 3 o'clock yesterday morning he began to sink and Dr. Rose sent for his wife who came to his bedside at once. At 4 o'clock he died, having been for an hour in a semi-unconscious state.

Mr. Brown when brought in, though suffering excruciating agony, was perfectly conscious and arranged all his business affairs with a clear head, directing what should be done with his insurance and other possessions. Mr. Perry Fleming was with him at the time. He was carrying accident insurance and about $2,000 life insurance. He was a member of the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Brown was about 34 years old, and had been with the C. P. R. about a year, coming here from Fort Steele. He was married and had three children. His mother, who lives in Spokane, was telegraphed for and arrived in the city last night. The Odd Fellows will have charge of the funeral and all the C. P. R. men who can get away will attend in a body. The funeral takes place Friday at 2 p. m. from the Odd Fellows' Hall, thence to the Presbyterian Church, and from there to the Odd Fellows' plot in the cemetery.

### THE MUTUAL LIFE.

In 1899 the claims paid by the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York, arising from the death of policy-holders amounted to $15,629,979, and in addition to this the Company paid during the twelve months $10,739,057 on account of endowments, dividends, etc. The general business of The Mutual Life in 1899, when compared with the results during the previous year, is highly satisfactory. The insurance in force December 31, 1898, amounted to $971,711,997. On December 31, 1899, the business in force aggregated in amount $1,052,665,211. Since its organization, in 1843. The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York has paid to its policy-holders $514,117,946.

## THE FIELD OF POLITICS.

The Liberal-Conservative convention to be held in the Nelson Opera House Friday next, promises to be a well attended and n[illegible] successful affair. At a meeting h[illegible] in Rossland Monday night a strong delegation was named to attend the Nelson gathering, and Kaslo and New Denver are acting likewise. The other towns to be represented will send good delegations.

At the meeting Monday evening in Rossland officers were elected for the ensuing year with Dr. Bowes as president. A resolution, declaring the Rossland Conservatives to be in favor of party lines, was adopted and the speakers of the evening all pronounced themselves as "party line" men. W. A. Macdonald, of Nelson, was present at the meeting and delivered an address.

The Liberal-Conservative Association of Nelson will meet tomorrow evening to select delegates for Friday's convention. Three sessions will be held on Friday—morning, afternoon and evening. The first session will be devoted to the selection of committees and the afternoon and evening to the regular work of the convention.


## The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

RICHARD A. McCURDY, PRESIDENT

**STATEMENT**

For the Year Ending December 31, 1899,

According to the Standard of the Insurance Department of the State of New York.

INCOME

| | |
|---|---|
| Received for Premiums, | $44,524,519 22 |
| From all other Sources, | 14,365,557 99 |
| | $58,890,076 21 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| To Policy-holders for Claims by Death, - | $15,629,979 43 |
| To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc., - - - | 10,739,057 12 |
| For all other accounts, | 12,228,444 13 |
| | $38,597,480 68 |

ASSETS

| | |
|---|---|
| United States Bonds and other Securities, - | $173,185,461 74 |
| First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage, - - | 74,794,821 63 |
| Loans on Bonds and other Securities - - | 6,330,000 00 |
| Loans on Company's Policies, - - - - | 4,374,636 66 |
| Real Estate: Company's 12 Office Buildings, and other Properties, - - - - - - | 23,186,525 06 |
| Cash in Banks and Trust Companies, - - - | 13,012,455 02 |
| Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc., - - - - - - | 6,960,637 41 |
| | $301,844,537 52 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Policy Reserves, etc., - | $251,711,988 61 |
| Contingent Guarantee Fund, - - - - - | 47,952,548 91 |
| Available for Authorized Dividends, - - | 2,180,000 00 |
| | $301,844,537 52 |
| Insurance and Annuities in force, - - | $1,052,665,211 64 |

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement and find the same to be correct liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department.

CHARLES A. PRELLER, Auditor.

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Walter R. Gillette - General Manager.
*Isaac F. Lloyd - Second Vice-Pres.*
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Str. "International" leaves Kaslo for Nelson at 6 a. m, daily except Sunday. Returning, leaves Nelson at 4.30 p.m., calling at Balfour, Pilot Bay, Ainsworth and all way points. Connects with S. F. & N. train to and from Spokane at Five Mile Point.

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