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MAFEKING

Persistent Rumors In London Of the Relief of That City.

Reports of Olivier's Victory Over Gatacre are Not Believed.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

London, March 23.—(4 a. m.)—Again there is a persistent rumor here that Mafeking has been relieved. It is even asserted that the War Office has received a dispatch positively announcing the relief, but that publication of it is held back because the form of the message admits the possibility of a mistake. The War Office, however, declares that there is no confirmation of the rumor and that no further news on the subject is at hand.

No attention is paid in any quarter to the wild Boer rumors, of Commandant Olivier's victory over General Gatacre, which are only designed to relieve the drooping spirits of the burghers. It seems certain that Mafeking's only chances lie in relief by the columns supposed to be advancing from the south or in the possibility that Colonel Baden-Powell was strong enough to attempt a sortie with a view of capturing the Boer guns at a time when Commandant Symons withdrew his men to oppose Colonel Plumer's advance. All the reports regarding the British operations in the Free State continue to be satisfactory. Nothing has developed regarding General Buller's intentions, but it seems hard to believe that he is again embarking General Warren's divisions. It is reported from Lorenzo Marquez that Pretoria is prepared to stand a seige of two years, and the Boer women, frantic at the reverses to the Boer arms, are entreating to be allowed to shoot the British officers imprisoned at Pretoria. It is also announced from the Transvaal capital that the Italian Government has declined to interfere.

Warrenton, March 22.—The Boers have vacated Klip Dam and Windsorton. Their wives and families have fled with them. They sank the ponts or ferry boats at Riverton and Windsorton. The Valley can only be crossed by swimming. The country this side of the river is well patrolled by the British.

London, March 23.—The Standard in its principal editorial today indulges the hope that many Boers may yet become British soldiers. It says: "The Boers are proved to have a remarkable turn for soldiering and there must be many young Boers who will be reluctant to return to a dull pastoral life after the excitements of the campaign. If they are willing to adopt a military career, we can find room for them in safer and more satisfactory enterprises than armed rebellion. We may yet hope to see some future Cronje or Joubert leading British troops on the battlefield, side by side with generals of Irish, Canadian and Australian origin. Army commissions are to be given to Australians and similar privilieges must be granted to the other Colonies including those of Southern Africa."

London, March 23.—A dispatch to The Daily News from Springfontein, dated Wednesday morning, March 21, says: "General Gatacre and his staff are still here. He is most strict regarding the private property of the Boers. Some officers who had looted Boer farms, have been tried and punished to the great astonishment and gratification of the Boers."

London, March 23.—Mr. Winston Churchill, telegraphing from Ladysmith, Thursday, pleads for mercy in dealing with the rebels. He says: "We must not try for our "pound of flesh." No real conquerer ever lost by clemency, either in this world or in the next."

London, March 23.—A dispatch to The Times from Kimberley, dated Thursday, says: "The date of the departure of the Mafeking column from here has not yet been fixed."

London, March 23.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the general field of operations in the Morning Post says: The rumors of Boer victories are not worth much but they may serve to remind us that for a day or two there has been no specific account of General Gatacre's movements. It is probable that his force is moving northward on the east side of the railway. Interest in Mafeking increases in acuteness. Commandant Salman evidently writes highly colored dispatches, which seems a pity for his tactics are sound. Lord Roberts is not likely to let the Boer army escape him and he is pausing so as to ensure, when he next moves, the mobility and handiness of all his columns. By this time, he has taken the measure of all his generals and troops and there is not likely to be any such failure of execution as occurred during the march on Bloemfontein. He will be directing the movements of two if not three armies and the result will probably greatly astonish the Boers. A dispatch to the Morning Post, from Bloemfontein, dated Wednesday, says: "A deserter reports that the enemy after repeated dissentions has withdrawn from Brandfort northward." He thinks it unlikely that the Boers will make a stand anywhere south of the Vaal. I cannot personally share such optimisms."

London, March 22.—The report from Kronstadt, Orange Free State, via Pretoria, that the Boers under command of General Olivier, had defeated the British troops under command of General Gatacre, in the vicinity of Bethulie, is not believed here. A dispatch to The Daily News from Springfontein, dated Tuesday, March 20, says that General Gatacre was "All Well" and adds that he and General Brabant had not lost a dozen men in a fortnight. The last advices also placed General Gatacre about thirty miles north of Bethulie, where the Boer report says the defeat was inflicted. This, combined with the fact that no mention of the affair was made by Lord Roberts in his dispatch of March 21, confirms the belief that the Kroonstadt report is erroneous. The reports of skirmishing near Lobatsi while apparently not inflicting any serious loss to Colonel Plumer's column caused grave anxiety in regard to his ability to reach Mafeking. Further news from that quarter is anxiously awaited, for in the six days that have elapsed since the last message was sent off, serious enagements have occurred, though not of Colonel Plumer's seeking. The Boers seem determined not to give up their prey at Mafeking, without a fierce struggle. In reply to the mayor of Cape Town's request to make "Mafeking Relief Day" a public holiday, Premier Schriener wrote: "May the holiday come soon and may a spirit of general good will and kindly censure prevail at one later."

The Times in its second edition, publishes a dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, which quotes President Steyn as saying at Kroonstadt that the Boers could continue the struggle for six months longer.

While the Boers and British in the Orange Free State are taking advantage of the period of inactivity to entirely rest, those on the borders of Natal are beginning to show activity. A special dispatch from Durban says the town of Pomeroy, thirty miles east of Ladysmith, has been burned by the Boers. A British detachment arriving at Pomeroy as the Boers vacated the place, shelled the burghers, but they succeeded in taking up a strong position in the hills with a force estimated to number 5,000.

London, March 22.—Replying in the House of Commons today to a series of questions on the subject of General Lord Methuen and his alleged disagreements with the officers of his column, which have caused considerable comment, the Parliamentary Secretary for the War Office, Mr. George Wyndham, declared that no charges had been brought against General Methuen by Colonel Gough, or any other officer. Colonel Gough, he added, has been informed that an inquiry would be held in his case. Colonel Gough is alleged to have been ordered home by General Methuen after declining to obey a command issued by the latter, and the colonel demanded a trial by court martial.

It has been learned that no peace overtures have been made to Lord Salisbury, nor any expected at present by Great Britain. The telegraphic correspondence has been confined to the treatment of prisoners. Lord Salisbury, as already cabled, is holding the Presidents of the South African Republics responsible for the welfare of the British prisoners. The question of the safety of Johannesburg and the gold mines there has not been raised. The correspondence exchanged between Lord Salisbury and President Kruger will shortly be given to Parliament.

Lobatsi, Friday, March 16.—The Boers under Commandant Snyman are advancing in force from Mafeking towards Lobatso. Colonel Bodle made a reconnaissance on March 13 and found Pitgani and Pothluge occupied by the Boers. He returned to Goode siding and made a demonstration on March 14. He found the Boers in strong positions at a sharp curve on the railway. They had mounted a gun on the line and were lying in wait for the construction train. A brisk firing occurred a few miles south of Lobatsi on the morning of the 15th. The Boer Maxim was freely used. Colonel Bodle came in touch with the Boers just in time to prevent the camp being surprised. The Boers attacked the advance party and captured a few boxes of ammunition and nearly secured a Maxim. Lieut. Tyler was killed, and Lieut. Chapman captured. Colonel Bodle coming up, put the Boers to flight with heavy loss. The Boers yesterday were within a few miles of Lobatsi. Yesterday afternoon they pressed closely on Colonel Plumer's main camp, and kept up a hot fire with a Maxim, killing one white man and one native. They placed the Maxim and a twelve and a half pounder on the hill on the east side of the line, four thousand yards from the camp.

The British right is protected by Chief Bathen who has warned the Boers not to enter his territory. Col. Plumer's present endeavor is to insure the safety of the railway north of Lobatsi, and to watch well the left flank. It is probable that before the Boers retire towards Pretoria they will tackle the Rhodesians in force. It is reported that the burghers are abandoning the environs of Mafeking, leaving only sufficient number of artillerists to man the big guns. There are none at Ramatalabama, where they were sup-

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HUTTON

Correspondence Between Dr. Borden, Gen. Hutton and Col. Hughes.

Minister of Militia Forwards All These Letters to Parliament.

(SPECIAL TO THE MINER.)

Ottawa, March 22.—The correspondence between Lieut.-Col. Hughes and General Hutton and Dr. Borden was presented to Parliament tonight by the Minister of Militia. This correspondence opens with a letter from Col. Hughes to the Minister of Militia, offering to enroll and lead in active service abroad, a regiment or brigade of Canadians either under the "flag of Canada or what he deemed better the flag of the Empire." On July 25 last, Dr. Borden replied that he sent the offer of Col. Hughes to the War Office through the regular channel. On July 31, General Hutton wrote the Minister that, while Hughes' application spoke well for his military spirit, there were officers of greater experience than Col. Hughes, who had made application without the approval of his commanding officer and the General notified Col. Hughes of this irregularity, and the breach of military procedure. On August 10, Col. Montizambert, D. O. C. of Districts 3 and 4, sent Hughes' application to the Chief Staff officer in the regular way and marked it "forwarded and strongly recommended." Gen. Hutton had Col. Hughes written to, calling attention to the military regulations, whereupon the latter replied that he had not violated the Queen's regulations, with which he was thoroughly conversant. He had yet to learn of anything which deprived a citizen soldier from addressing the Minister of Militia on that or any other subject. Further he made a direct offer to the Imperial authorities as well, so that delays might be avoided. He was competent to command his corps and wanted to know the paragraphs of the Queen's regulations that he had violated. Besides he considered the letter of the staff officer uncalled for. The sequel of Col. Hughes' offer to the Imperial authorities was shown in a letter from the Governor-General's secretary to General Hutton, stating that Lord Minto had received from the Hon. Jos. Chamberlain a dispatch, informing him of that offer, and asking General Hutton to inform Hughes that Chamberlain had requested that an expression of his high appreciation of the loyal and patriotic spirit shown by Hughes, and those who have volunteered to serve with him, be conveyed to that officer. This letter was accompanied by a note from His Excellency's secretary stating that the application was quite irregular. General Hutton in forwarding this to Hughes asked for his reasons for the irregularity spoken of. Hughes in reply maintained that as a citizen of the Empire he had a right to do what he did. An officer of the Canadian militia was not to be regarded in the same way as an officer of the permanent service. To this Colonel Foster wrote privately asking Hughes to withdraw his letter before the General had taken official notice of it. If not it might result in making his "military position here untenable." Colonel Hughes answered that even if he were straining military etiquette, no matter what was done he should not ask the letter back. General Hutton instructed Col. Foster to say that Hughes' letter was "highly improper and insubordinate" and that "unless it was withdrawn with a complete apology it will be the duty of the general to submit the correspondence in question to the Minister of Militia for reference to his Excellency the Governor-General. Col. Hughes wrote unofficially to the general, severely criticizing the ability of Colonel Buchanan to command, and criticized the predecessors of the general, pointing to their failures and permitting themselves to be influenced by a few in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. "In all love and brotherhood" said Hughes, "I know you allow yourself to be meddling here and there in small matters.

Even if your suggestions be approved it must not be forgotten that we in Canada know of British ways in many things. We are not in love with her because of her barnacles and her creatures fastened upon her noble body. We have no love for these British remittance men, chance offspring and others sent out to these Colonies and too often placed in positions which they are incapable of filling." This letter and next one which was dated the 28th of August was marked confidential. In the last letter Hughes said that he had yet to learn of any British officer of note who had been promoted to a high command on his merits, Lord Roberts alone excepted. On October 28, after the declaration of war, Colonel Hughes wrote a personal letter to Hutton telling him that he (Hutton) had published slander against him as an officer and a citizen and as far as his statements concerned him, they were untrue and his attempt to connect him with insubordination, laughable and sneeringly vindictive. On October 10, Colonel Foster wrote Colonel Montizambert saying that

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WAGES

Mulock Introduces His Fair Pay Resolution in Commons.

He Speaks at Length—News From All Parts of Canada.

(SPECIALS TO THE MINER.)

Ottawa, March 22.—In the House today the Postmaster-General, in reply to a question concerning The Montreal Star being franked by the carload by George Taylor, said he had knowledge that large quantities of The Star were franked through the mails by Taylor and other Conservative members. He had no knowledge of the precise quantities. In the interest of his hon. friend he hoped he has assistance in having them franked, seeing the quantities were so large. He was aware Taylor used stamps for franking. As to the opposite lines of policy The Star, Le Journal, the one being said to blame the Government for not doing enough in regard to contingents, while the other accused the Government for doing anything at all, he did not know anything about, because he did not read either. As to whether the Government intended to take steps to prevent the said George Taylor from using the mails at public expense, no amendment of the statute in regard to the franking privilege was in contemplation.

Hon. Mr. Mulock moved his fair wage resolution which is as follows:

"That it be resolved that all Government contracts should contain such conditions as will prevent abuses, which may arise from the sub-letting of such contracts, and that every effort should be made to secure the payment of such wages as are generally accepted as current in each, for competent workmen in the district where the work is carried out and that this House cordially concurs in such a policy and deems it the duty of the Government to take immediate steps to give effect thereto. It is hereby declared that the work to which the foregoing policy shall apply includes not only work undertaken by the Government itself but also all works aided by grant of Dominion public funds."

He said that the first time that a resolution of this kind was moved in the Imperial Parliament in 1891. Not only did the resolution he was proposing deal with Government works, but other works of public character. Canada had the experience of the Mother Country in this matter. It would be necessary to frame regulations for the proper carrying out of the resolution. The resolution in the Imperial House was adopted in 1898 and a committee was appointed in 1896 to see how it was working. This committee reported in 1897. Mr. Mulock read from the report of this committee which took evidence in regard to the working of the system. It testified that the law was working in the right direction although complaints were made against it. Whilst the first attempts to utilize this resolution might not accomplish what was expected of it, still it could be improved from time to time, when it was shown that such improvements were necessary. The first two propositions dealt with expenditure of public money to those who supplied material and labor. As to the question of sub-contracts, the enforcement of what he proposed in his resolution, would be most desirable. The contractor would have to be responsible for his agents and it would not be possible for any contractor to defraud his workmen out of their just rights. Then, as to that part of the resolution which referred to fair wages, it ought to have general support. Contractors frequently moved around and pulled down the labor market in this way. His resolution would put it beyond contractors' interest to seek to interfere with labor markets Contractors will naturally utilize all labor before applying to the outside. What the country was interested in was to see that workmen got a fair day's wage for a fair day's work. Apart from the humane point of view it was in the interest of the country and Government to see workmen get a fair wage. If the House adopted the resolution it would be the duty of every Minister of the Crown to live up to it and see that the principle which it declared for was maintained.

Sproule—How could you enforce the fair wages part of your resolution against a railway company that was drawing a subsidy from the Dominion Government?

Mulock—It is not advisable perhaps at the present moment to go into how the law is to be enforced, but I see no difficulty in doing so in the case which was pointed out to me. Before the Dominion paid the subsidy, it could be arranged that the company would have to show that their workmen were getting current wages of the district in which they were employed. The resolution would have the effect and would soon be adopted by Provincial Legislatures and all municipalities.

Clark Wallace, who followed, characterized the resolution as bumcombe. It did not mean anything. He said that the heart of Mulock was not in it and accused the Postmaster-General of having only recently raised the salary of some of his postoffice employees.

Victoria, B. C., March 22.—The Colonist suggests tomorrow that monster mass meetings should be held throughout the Province, denouncing the action of the Lieutenant-Governor, in permitting Martin to hold office under the present conditions. The Mainland cities will be asked to co-operate in the movement and when the resolutions are passed at the Victoria meeting, the electors will proceed in a body to Government House and insist upon Governor McInnes giving an answer to those resolutions. In the event of his refusing to receive the petitioners, strong resolutions asking for his recall by Federal authorities will be forwarded to Ottawa. Outside the above there is nothing new in the political situation. Feeling is growing that the Lieutenant-Governor cannot long delay action.

Winnipeg, March 22.—A Regina dispatch published here says: "Hon. J. H. Ross, Territorial Treasurer, has made a startling discovery. The townsite trustees at various points have always enjoyed 75 per cent. exemption from taxation on the idea that the C. P. R. and Government owned three-quarters of the townsites. It is now discovered that they do not own any portion but are only entitled to a share of the proceeds. The townsite trustees are the owners. Full taxes ought therefore to have been paid and not only 25 per cent. It may be impossible to collect the arrears but the full hundred per cent. will be demanded in future." Several towns are affected among them Regina, Moosejaw, Quappelle and Virden.

Ottawa, Ont., March 22.—The Militia Department received the following cable today: "Cape Town, March 21.—Transport Milwaukee arrived at Cape Town today all well, 38 horses dead. (Sgd.) Col. Gordon."

The Milwaukee sailed from Halifax on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 21, with men and horses of "A" and "B" squadrons, of Mounted Rifles, and the men horses and guns of "C" battery, R. C. A., in all 700 men.

Halifax, N. S., March 22.—A cable from St. Pierre says the dwelling of Jacques Lerasse, on Rue Nielley, St. Pierre, was burned with its contents this morning. The loss will reach $8,000.

Sydney, B. C., March 22.—James Brekham, Chief of Police here, was fatally stabbed today by an Italian laborer. Beckham came from Halifax to take the position of chief of police.

ROSSLAND

Hon. Smith Curtis Addresses the Liberal Association.

Rossland, B. C., March 22.—Hon. Smith Curtis, by invitation of the Liberal Association, attended their meeting tonight and addressed them on the present political situation. He was cordially received and individually the members, who were present in large numbers, expressed their intention of supporting him should he stand for this riding. Hon. Joseph Martin was not approved or opposed and as a body the association took no divided action except to pass a resolution calling on the Liberal Executive of the Province to summon a convention to decide what attitude should be taken by the party. The question of drawing party lines was not discussed.

AT ODDS.

Bitter Feeling Between Transvaal and Free State.

London, March 23.—A special correspondent of The Times at Bloemfontein telegraphing Thursday says: "Yesterday Mr. Kruger issued a proclamation annexing the Free State to the Transvaal. Mr. Steyn immediately issued a counter proclamation declaring the Free State intact."

London, March 22.—The Daily News has the following from Bloemfontein, dated Wednesday: "It is rumored that Mr. Kruger and Mr. Steyn will meet at Kroonstadt in the Orange Free State on April 4 to discuss the future progamme. The feeling between the Transvaal and the Free State is very bitter."

London, March 22.—Lord Roberts telegraphs from Bloemfontein, dated March 21, as follows: "So many burghers have expressed a desire to surrender under the terms of the last proclamation that I have sent small columns in various directions to register their names and take over their arms.

A cavalry brigade has gone to the eastward to Tabanchu and a detachment from Springfontein has occupied Smithfield, where some Transvaalers and a wagon with arms and ammunition were captured. The Scots Guards are at Edenburg and Reddersburg. General Clements' brigade is marching hither by way of Philippolis and Fauresmith.

Kroonstadt, Orange Free State, Tuesday, March 20, via Pretoria, March 22.—The Boers commanded by General Olivier have engaged the British troops under General Gatacre in the vicinity of Bethulie, repulsing the British with heavy loss and capturing many of them. Burghers are arriving here in great numbers. General Dewet arrived here today. Desultory fighting with Colonel Plumer's column has occurred near Gaberones.

RELIEF

Kuskanook Sufferers Supplied With Provisions and Clothes.

Nelson's Generous Response To the Appeal for the Destitute.

The Miner's appeal yesterday morning for provisions, clothing and cash for the relief of those who lost their homes and all their personal belongings in the fire which wiped out Kuskanook early Wednesday morning was spontaneous and reflects great credit on the generosity of the citizens of Nelson. Early in the morning bundles of clothing, parcels of provisions and contributions of cash commenced to arrive at The Miner office and up to a late hour last night the donations still came in. There was everything from needles to a side of beef and when the steamer Moyie pulled out last midnight it had on board a couple of tons of clothing and provisions for the unfortunates who are sorely in need of them. A member of The Miner staff accompanied the shipment, which, through the thoughtfulness of Mr. F. W. Peters, of the C. P. R. freight department, was carried to Kuskanook free of charge. The Miner man will open a supply depot in Kuskanook early this morning before The Miner reaches its readers and the supply will be made to go as far as possible.

There is no doubt that a great many articles not sent last night are essential to the comfort of the fire sufferers and this morning The Miner will receive a telegram from Kuskanook stating what the inhabitants of the burnt-out town are most in need of. This telegram will be posted at The Miner office and those who did not contribute yesterday will do well to wait this morning to see what is most urgently needed. Of the destitution of the inhabitants of the town there is no doubt and considerable aid will be yet required.

The following is a list of those who contributed yesterday. Some sent parcels with no names attached and others requested that their names should not be mentioned:

Vancouver Hardware, plates; R. M. Macdonald, clothing; Mrs. Ernst, clothing; Mr. Waldie, tent, stove, etc.; A. Ferland, shoes; Turner, Beeton & Co., provisions; Lillie Bros., shoes; J. Cholditch & Co., provisions; Mrs. H. Bird, clothing; Mrs. R. M. Bird, clothing; S. Neelands, shoes; Wallace & Miller, shoes; M. O'Reilly hosiery; Hudson Bay, provisions; Mrs. A. H. Buchanan, clothing; Crickmay Hospital, clothing; Hume Hotel, clothing; W. M. G., ham and bacon; J. A. Gilker, hose; J. A. Irving, provisions; Brackman & Ker, flour and oatmeal; Kootenay Coffee Co., 80 pounds oatmeal; the Beatons, clothing; W. A. Macdonald, clothing; Mrs. Jameson, clothing; Fred Irvine, dry goods; Mrs. F. W. Peters, clothing; Mrs. G. Frank Beer, clothing; Mrs. W. W. Beer, clothing; Kootenay Supply Co., provisions; A. McDonald & Co., provisions; Morrison & Caldwell, provisions; J. Y. Griffin & Co., provisions; Mrs. Eskrigge, clothing; P. Burns, meat; Kirkpatrick & Wilson, provisions; Capt. Duncan, clothing; Mrs. A. D. Emory clothing; Lawrence Hardware, tin plates, etc.; J. B. Tuttle, shoes; J. J. Campbell, clothing; Mrs. J. Roderick Robertson, clothing; West Kootenay Butcher Co., meat; Mrs. Bannerman, clothing; Mrs. D. Kelly, clothing.

Cash contributions were receive as follows: Mrs. Fred Burnett, $5; cash 25 cents; Mr. McAllister, $1; Dr. Stoddart, $2; cash, 25 cts.; John McLatchie, $2; Friend, $1.50; J. T. Yates, $1.

CAPE NOME.

No Discrimination Will Be Employed in Issuing Licenses.

Washington, D. C., March 22.—Secretary Root made a brief statement to the press, at the War Department today, in regard to the action of the Department in granting licenses to prospectors to prospect the water front of Cape Nome in the search for gold. He admitted that one or two such licenses had been issued, but to whom he did not remember as it was in the regular routine of the department. There were about a dozen applications of the kind on file and they will be all granted. The Secretary explained that his authority in the matter was based upon the statute giving the War Department jurisdiction over the navigable waters of the United States. Although he did not go into details Secretary Root made it clear that the privileges in question were free to all responsible persons and no discrimination had been intended in the cases that had been acted upon.

Quebec, March 22.—A verdict of wilful but unpremeditated murder has been rendered by the jury, which was out five minutes, against Joseph Decesne, alias Grospelit, at St. Aubert, for the killing of Albana Bourgeoult. The prisoner was transferred to the Montmagny jail.

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THE INDIAN FAMINE.

We have been too absorbed in the South African war to take note of what is happening in India. Millions of our fellow subjects in that ancient Empire are starving to death. We need not cite evidence of the destitution, or go into details. The Viceroy says that they "are face to face with famine of water and food and cattle which, in particular areas affected, is unprecedented in character and intensity." And further: "The crisis is one which not less than an Imperial war demands the loyal and enthusiastic co-operation of all who love India. To that co-operation in the months of trial that lie before us, on behalf of the Government of India, I unhesitatingly appeal."

It has been decided to raise a Famine Fund in Nelson. Let us not be discouraged by the immensity of the destitution. The small sum of one dollar will sustain life in one of those starving Indians for a month. Nelson, then, small as it is, and stupendous as the calamity may be, can make its sympathy felt to an appreciable extent. Mr. Kydd, of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, has kindly consented to act as treasurer of the Fund. All contributions will be acknowledged through The Miner, and after remittance will be acknowledged a second time in The Indian Standard, published at Rutlam, Central India. The good work of assisting to provide relief for those starving millions is progressing at numerous places throughout the Dominion; happy, prosperous, and generous Nelson should not be behind.

OF SINSTER PORTENT.

There has been, and is yet, rivalry between Vancouver and Victoria, although for shame's sake both endeavor to hide it. This rivalry is at the root of that sectional feeling which more than once has almost openly arrayed Island and Mainland in a struggle for supremacy. We believe it is true that the over-reaching ambition and the consuming selfishness of Vancouver have been mainly responsible for this condition of things, and although of the Mainland the Interior has been disposed to give its sympathy to Victoria. There is danger that this favor is about to be withdrawn, and that at no distant day a united Mainland will assume control of public affairs, with slight regard for the wishes and in absolute defiance of the power of the Island.

The circumstances have been suspicous from the very beginning of this latest phase of the crisis. The suspicion is deepened by the following, from The Vancouver Province: "There is very good reason to believe that the Dunsmuir interests will actively support Mr. Martin in the coming contest, even to the extent of contributing substantially towards the expenses of the Government side. Moreover, the few seats in which they have a controlling influence are to be thrown, if possible, to Mr. Martin's support." A combination between Mr. Dunsmuir and Mr. Martin would be an unnatural one, and could only be effected for a sinster purpose. It would be impossible to find two men more opposed in training, disposition, and sentiment. There is nothing in common between them, unless it be a selfishness that could be turned to their mutual advantage. Mr. Dunsmuir has been credited with having controlled past Legislatures, and it is believed that he and The Colonist newspaper, which he owns and whose policy he directs, are so strenuously opposing the adoption of Federal party lines through fear that control will be lost to him. His power can only be preserved by maintaining the system of personal government that has prevailed in the past. It is in the hope of perpetuating that system that Mr. Dunsmuir is throwing his support to Mr. Martin.

The Miner has had very little sympathy with the frequent attacks on "the Dunsmuirs," but it confesses that it could only view with alarm a combination so fraught with danger to the general public interests. It could only mean that Mr. Dunsmuir and Mr. Martin had united on the common ground of plunder. If the Dunsmuir influence for evil, as that would be, can only be destroyed by arraying Mainland against Island, we believe the spectacle of those two linked arms in a political contest would be aggravation enough to drive the people to it.

The civic officials are taking extreme measures in collecting the road tax from Italians. Those officials are acting under instructions, and if the proceedings taken seem harsh they are not to be blamed. And as the road tax is a reasonable and just one, it is only proper that Italians as well as others shall be made to pay it. It may be necesssry to hunt these foreigners like criminals, and when run down to take them before the Police Magistrate and have them heavily fined or cast into prison. But unless this treatment is meted out to all delinquents, the discrimination is unjust, of course, and many will think it brutal. Are there others besides Italians who are in arrears for road tax? In view of the drastic measures taken against these, we think it is the duty of the Council to make inquiry and see that all are treated alike. It may be the policy of the corporation to drive Italians out of the town, and if so it will probably be wiser, before carrying it out, to give us all an opportunity to determine whether it is a policy the town would desire to have adopted. Mayor Houston, unfortunately, is afflicted with a great many unreasonable prejudices, and it is a very grave question whether he is to be permitted to indulge them at the expense of the public interest. A respectable, industrious, law-abiding Italian is as good a citizen as any other, and is deserving of like protection and consideration.

We are told from Ottawa that the people themselves must deal with Lieutenant-Governor McInnes in the first instance. That is right enough; but what are the people to do when they are not given the opportunity to deal with him? If we had a Governor willing to observe a decent regard for the unfailing practice in such cases, he would have given Mr. Martin a week to form his Cabinet and then ordered him to the country at once. In that case the people could act. But as it is Mr. Martin is taking the summer to complete his Cabinet, and the election will be held when it pleases him to give the word. Our Governor is believed to be merely a tool of Mr. Martin's, and the people can only look on in helpless amazement. As it is out of their power to move the Governor to move Mr. Martin, they can only appeal to Ottawa to come to their relief.

A few weeks ago The Miner suggested that the forest resources of this Province, if protected from destruction, would yet prove of great value as a supply for pulpwood for the manufacture of paper. A Mr. Richardson, of the Graham Paper Company, of St. Louis, one of the largest of the kind in the world, is visiting Vancouver, and has expressed an opinion very much on the line of that of The Miner. He thinks that with our enormous water power and abundant pulp forests we should be supplying paper not only to the home market but to the whole of the Orient. Some day a man will come along with money and enterprise enough to go into the business on a large scale, and in due time British Columbia will be known as one of the largest producers of paper on the continent.

Our usually correct contemporary, The Rossland Record, is astray in saying that Mr. Potts, to whom it is rumored the portfolio of Finance in the Martin Government has been tendered, is the junior member of the law firm of Tupper, Peters & Potts. Mr. Potts ceased to be a member of that firm some time ago, and it is inconceivable that he can be considering a proposal to take office under Mr. Martin.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Captain Troup, who has been in the Boundary Country for several days, returned yesterday.

A meeting of the executive of the Nelson Liberal Association will be held in Dr. Arthur's office, on Saturday, March 24, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Samuel Brisbois has transferred to Thomas Moriarity, a quarter interest in the Smuggler Fraction claim, on Wild Horse Creek for a nominal consideration.

The mineral claim Bradford, situated on the north slope of Morning Mountain, was transferred from J. F. Holden to L. S. Merrifield for a nominal consideration.

Mr. W. J. Goepel went to Kuskanook last night to investigate the condition of the sufferers there, with a view to providing Government aid for those who are left destitute.

Gilbert Peone, of Ymir, has transferred to Owen Boyer and John Stinson, both of Ymir, the Apex claim, on the divide between Hidden and Porcupine Creeks, for a nominal consideration.

Wm. Gooding, who came up before Judge Forin for sentence for forgery and theft, on both of which charges he pleaded guilty, got off with the light sentence of six months for both offences.

Maynard H. Cowan and A. D. Hopper, of Spokane, passed through the City last night en route for East Kootenay. Mr. Hopper is one of the largest mining operators in the Coeur d'Alenes and western Washington.

The curtain will be rung up at 8:30 sharp this evening on the Nelson Minstrels' entertainment, which promises to be one of the best attractions that ever held the boards at the Opera House. The proceeds will be devoted to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and the recitations of "Pay, Pay, Pay," and "Bobs" will be features of the excellent programme. The sale of seats has been very satisfactory.

The representative of The Waterous Engine Co., of Brantford, Ont., was in Nelson yesterday and informed the City Engineer that the road making plant ordered by the City from his firm was shipped yesterday. It is now sure to arrive ere the time set in the contract, April 20. The plant will be accompanied by an operator who will be here for 30 days to put the plant in thorough operation before it is accepted by the City.

Carlo Decista, the Italian who was brought back to Nelson by Special Officer McGregor, on the charge of disregarding a summons, was before Magistrate Crease yesterday. Decista was one of the men who failed to pay the road tax and on being summonsed, absconded. He was found with some other Italians who were encamped up the Lake. He was fined $5 by the Magistrate and also taxed with all the costs of bringing him in.

The information that the trouble with the electric light in town was due to defective interior wiring was not altogether correct. The chief trouble occurs between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m., for at that time there is a greatly decreased voltage at the power house, owing to a lack of power to generate sufficient current to supply the necessary voltage. The City hopes by the use of meters to check the indiscriminate use of lights during those hours, at certain points and thus remedy the trouble.

The man Summers, for whom there was a warrant issued day before yesterday, at the instance of the proprietor of the Model Restaurant, returned to town yesterday and gave himself up to the police. He left town in a hurry on Wednesday, having drawn his pay from the C. P. R. A purse containing $25 disappeared at the same time and as he was suspected of taking it, and also left a board bill of $50, the warrant was sworn out for his arrest. Yesterday morning he saw an account of the warrant and the fact that he was charged with the theft in The Tribune, and at once made up his mind to return and give himself up. He will be arraigned before Magistrate Crease today.

KERR AND COMPANY.

New Dry Goods Firm Formally Opens its Store.

Yesterday Kerr & Co. formally opened their new dry goods store in the Madden Block, and added another to Nelson's list of first class business establishments. Although the weather was decidedly unfavorable for the occasion, the stream of people all day long kept the clerks busy showing and selling goods. The store was beautifully decorated and on exhibition were some of the choicest novelties of Europe and America. The firm of Kerr & Co. is composed of Mr. A. J. Kerr, who recently sold out his dry goods business in Lindsay, Ont., and W. J. Meagher, lately connected with one of Nelson's business firms. Both of the members of the firm are experienced dry goods men and promise to give to the ladies of Nelson the choicest goods on the market. The stock now on the shelves and counters speaks for itself and the new firm promises to keep it up to the highest standard. While the formal opening was held yesterday, Messrs. Kerr & Co. have been doing business for several days and during that time have enjoyed a large share of the patronage of the Nelson ladies. The millinery department of the store is to be made a prominent feature. It is in the hands of an experienced and capable milliner and the latest styles in headgear will always be kept on hand. The new dry goods firm begins with a promise of a large part of the business in its line in this City.

PRESENTATION.

Mr. E. N. Chaumette, who has been in Nelson for about a month superintending the construction of the cold storage rooms in P. Burns & Co.'s new building, left last night for Vancouver. Mr. Chaumette has made many friends during his stay here and especially among the men who have been working under him. To show his appreciation of their efforts to push the work through speedily, he invited them all last Saturday evening to the Nelson Brewery where he entertained them at a smoker and broached several kegs of beer. Yesterday before he went away he went to the store to tell the men good bye. As soon as he appeared they all quit work and headed by the foreman, Mr. Currie, presented him with a sealed package, that contained a gift from the men to show their appreciation of the kind treatment they had received from Mr. Chaumette. The presentation speech was made by Mr. Currie in behalf of the men and himself and in giving the package to Mr. Chaumette he stipulated it should not be opened until he reached Westminster. Mr. Chaumette returned thanks in a neat little speech and complimented the men on the way they had performed their work. Unknown to him the package contained a silver sugar bowl, spoon holder, a dozen spoons and a tray. In some way the men found out that Mr. Chaumette will be married in a short time and so determined to give him a useful wedding gift.

KASLO RECORDS.

The Mining Recorder of Kaslo makes the following report:

Locations—March 4, Iron Hand Fraction, on Lyle Creek, Ida N. Banting. Victor, south fork, Chas. Clancy.

Assessments—March 5, Silver Fox, Chas. Moore; Dream, R. McLeod; Dora, A. Stalberg; Mayflower, W. J. H. Holmes. March 16, Zuni, L. R. Lindsay; Alice, L. R. Lindsay. March 17, Scranton, Thos. Doyle.

Certificate of Improvements—Voyageure, to the B. C. G. F. & D. Co. Ltd.; Free Silver, to D. F. Strobeck and Jas. Russell Hardie.

Transfers—March 17, M. Stevenson to Highlander M. & M. Co., Ltd., all interest in the Eagle Fraction, con. $1; W. L. McLaughlin to Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, all interest in Hattie, con. $1.

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Mr. E. J. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected soon to die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Troubles. Regular sizes 50 cents and $1. Trial bottles free at Canada Drug & Book Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

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Lace Curtains, Regular 1.00; at	70c
Lace Curtains, Regular 1.50; at	1.00
Lace Curtains, Regular 2.00; at	1.35
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T. C. DUNCAN Secretary

DIVERS AT WORK.

Lost K. & S. Barge Located by Capt. Moore.

"I can't find any barge, but have found a box car" This was the first message ever sent from the bottom of Kootenay Lake and was written on a slate 75 feet below the surface by Captain James Moore, a submarine diver, and was sent up to Capt. A. K. Macdonald, who was in charge of the apparatus above water.

Capt. Moore is an experienced submarine diver from Vancouver, who was employed by the C. P. R. to look for the K. & S. barge that was sunk off the C. P. R. pier about three months ago. The barge was about three-quarters loaded with stone and sank in about sixty feet of water, but her exact whereabouts were unknown and Capt. Moore went down to make a survey of her location and condition. The diving apparatus was put on a small scow which was anchored as near as possible to where the barge was supposed to be. After taking off his coat and waistcoat the captain put on a heavy woollen sweater, thick woollen tights and a woollen cap. Over the tights he wears heavy woollen hip stockings. The diving suit, which is made of a heavy twilled fabric interwoven with rubber was then put on. This envelopes the whole body with the exception of the hands and head. At the wrists are wide rubber cuffs which fit closely over the wrist and are made watertight by strong rubber bands. A padded collar is worn around the neck to keep the weight of the helmet off the shoulders. The neck of the diving suit is made with a wide band of half-inch rubber and to it is clamped by thumb screws a wide copper neck-piece to which is attached the helmet. Canvas boots are then put on and over these are drawn the heavy leather diving shoes with leaden soles These boots weigh about 30 pounds The headpiece is made of copper and has three openings for light and vision, these are protected by bars and covered with heavy glass. This is slipped over the head and screwed firmly on to the copper neckpiece, the visor in front being left open. At the back of the helmet is attached the pipe which is connected with the air pump. A strong knife is buckled around the waist and heavy weights fastened to the chest and back and the diver is ready for the descent. Captain Macdonald then fastened a life line around Capt. Moore's chest and started the men at the pumps. After a parting word to Captain Moore he screwed the glass visor in place and the diver stepped to the edge of the scow and dropped into the water. He sank slowly to the bottom while Captain Macdonald steadied the signal rope and kept an eye on the air pipe. As soon as he struck the bottom he moved rapidly away and commenced the search for the sunken scow. His course could be followed by the bubbles that arose from the escape valve in his helmet. After being down about a half hour Captain Moore signalled to Capt. Macdonald and a slate with a pencil attached was sent down to him. In a short while Capt. Macdonald pulled up the slate and found thereon the message which heads this column. Capt. Moore had found a box car which was lost off the slip over a year ago. In a short while he came to the surface and reported finding the car. After a rest he went down again and in about ten minutes came a signal along the line that indicated that he had found the barge. When he came up he reported that the barge was lying in about 65 feet of water and could be raised. Her cargo of stone was still on her. After making a buoy fast to a line and anchoring it over the barge operations were suspended until today.

Both Capt. Macdonald and Capt. Moore were in the Navy and are old hands at the business having done a great deal of submarine work. They will resume operations again today and the first steps towards raising the barge will be taken.

Capt. Gore, of the C. P. R., was on the barge superintending the work all afternoon.

HUTTON

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Hughes had acted illegally in calling for recruits and under the Army Act might be fined £20 or imprisonment. To this Hughes made answer to the General, that Hutton had given out a slanderous statement regarding him. He said that he had all data. He would neither be made to pay $100, go to prison nor be vindicated. "I shall await," said Hughes," a public correction and retraction." On October 27, Colonel Hughes withdrew all his letters up to date. On 15th instant General Hutton recommended that Colonel Hughes be removed from command of his regiment and placed on the retired list. On October 23, Colonel Hughes wrote, "on train," to General Hutton expressing regret at the unfortunate misunderstanding between them. "My apology," said Hughes, "for giving way to temper and displaying an independent spirit, is that I was given to believe that I was to be superseded in the Transvaal." Again on October 27, Colonel Hughes wrote what he called an ample apology for certain letters written the General under excitement. He regretted what he said about the British serivce and wished to withdraw whatever was deemed insubordination. This apology was not satifactory to Hutton and the General wrote on it that if no official apology was given Hughes would be retired. This was conveyed to Hughes, who evidently did not again apologize. On January 31, Colonel Foster cabled Colonel Hughes at Cape Town as follows: "General proposes to recommend you as captain in Strathcona's Horse. Reply if you will accept." There is no record of any reply and thus the story of the remarkable episode is incomplete.

MAFEKING

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posed to have their base. Colonel Plumer's scouts were at Ramatalabama yesterday. The usual Mafeking dispatches are overdue but no anxiety is felt on that score.

Dynamite explosions wrecking the railway are proceeding south of Lobatsi.

Aliwal, North, Cape Colony, March 22.—Commandant Olivier left Smithfield two hours before the British scouts arrived. He only succeeded in inducing about 150 men to accompany him, mostly insurgent colonists. The Free Staters refused to go with him and are returning to their farms.

PROCTER

City of Nelson Local Board of Health

GENERAL VACCINATION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all persons resident within the City of Nelson who have not been vaccinated within seven years are required within seven days from the publication of this notice to be vaccinated.

Persons requiring to be vaccinated free of charge may attend at any time during the next seven days between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock p. m., at my office on Josephine Street for the purpose of vaccination. Upon the eighth day following the day on which any person has been vaccinated, he or she shall attend the medical practioner by whom the operation was performed in order that the medical practioner may ascertain by inspection the result of the operation.

Any person failing to comply with the requirements of this notice will be liable to the penalties prescribed by the Public Health Act.

D. LABAU, M. D.,
Medical Health Officer.
Nelson, B. C., March 20th, 1900.

City of Nelson Local Board of Health

PROCLAMATION.

Notice is hereby given that the public is informed that rule No. 53 of the regulations of the Provincial Board of Health, approved by order of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, is in force in the City of Nelson, by which every person of an age to make him or her legally responsible, who has not been successfully vaccinated within seven years, or who does not hold a certificate of his or her insuscaptibility at the present time to vaccination, is required to procure the vaccination of himself or herself within seven days after pulbic notification by the Medical Health Officer directing general vaccination. D. LABAU, M. D.,
Medical Health Officer.
Nelson, B. C., March 20, 1900.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Bullion Mineral Claim, Ainsworth Mining Division.

Take notice that I, John Hirsch, agent for T. G. Procter, Free Miners' Certificate, 11361; W. A. Jowett, F. M. C., 27585; H. U. F. Pollok, F. M. C., 27608; R. Falls, F. M. C., 14785; Geo. E. C. Martin, F. M.C., 11251, intend, 60 days from date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

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PROCTER

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SNAPS IN REAL ESTATE.
BAKER STREET.

In the matter of an application for a duplicate of a certificate of title to lots eleven (11) and twelve (12), block twenty-seven (27), City of Nelson, B. C.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the publication hereof, to issue a duplicate of the certificate of title to the above lands, issued to George A. B. Hall, on the 20th day of December, 1898, and numbered 1533 K.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 19th February, 1900.

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