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GERMANY'S NEUTRALITY

Prominent Official Explains Her Attitude.

A MISUNDERSTANDING

The Irene Incident Had Been Disto ted. Tone of the Press Changing—Some Recent Press Comments.

Berlin, Aug. 13.—The Associated Press correspondent has had an interesting interview on the subject of the Spanish American war, with a gentleman, who, in the absence of Baron Von Bulow, is acting as chief of the foreign office, and who may be recorded as voicing in this conversation the general official view of the subject discussed. The gentleman began by saying Baron Von Bulow cautioned me on leaving that no expression of opinion contrary to Germany's policy of neutrality was to be promulgated. That we mean to observe a neutrality of this description, I think the world knows. From the start the foreign office has made it an invariable rule to say nothing that could be interpreted as offensive to either side, and we have in no way tried to influence the German press in favor of the United States except on a single occasion. At first there was so much hostility on the part of the German press towards the United States that we took an early opportunity to arrange for the appearance of articles of a different one. Almost the only affinity existing between Germany and Spain is found in the monarchical institutions, while the bonds uniting Germany and the United States are numerous.

It is true that at the commencement of the war Germans were much influenced by the fact that a powerful nation was attacking a weak one. This was a strong strain upon German idealism and the sense of justice which characterizes the German people. The mere fact that you were the aggressors in this case somewhat prejudiced the German mind against you, quite irrespective of the merit of the controversy. Besides it must not be forgotten that Germans in the matter of political education are somewhat unripe. It is not long since they became a homogeneous political unity. It is partly due to this fact that Germans are given to reaching hasty conclusions in questions of politics. Hence, sprang a great amount of public comment in favor of Spain in the early stages of the war. Such talk, however, ought not to be quoted against the German government in regard to which there has been, I think, no just cause of complaint by Americans. As a matter of fact during the past fortnight the tone of the German press has been much more favorable to the United States and hardly anything hostile has been appeared in any of the important papers, while the number of journals openly friendly has considerably increased. The papers now point out that authorities at Madrid and Manila and the Spanish press were largely responsible for the excitement arising out of the Irene incident, as they misconstrued this and preceding incidents, in a manner that necessarily aroused suspicion in the United States.

A good sample of the average editorial articles now-a-days is furnished by the Lokal Anzeiger, until recently, one of the most violent anti-American sheets in Berlin.

In an article printed today the Journal draws a parallel between the Turko-Grecian and the Spanish American war, and says that the difference between the two cases lies mainly in the fact that Greece was the attacking and not like Spain the attacked party. This the Lokal-Anzeiger goes on to say, was only a formal difference. For Spain after annoying, injuring and provoking a powerful neighbor for a long time had finally engaged in a war in which she had not the necessary strength to defend her possessions, and had only imposed sacrifices upon herself as she was bound to lose. If on the other hand she had sold these colonies, she would have realized a large sum.

"By her unreasonable attitude," the Lokal-Anzeiger continues, "Spain assumes as large a measure of responsibility as Greece. Both the Spaniards and Greeks are blind, and are full of conceit and vanity."

The newspapers here today discuss elaborately the new situation and the changed conditions growing out of the war. The conclusion reached is that the United States, must hereafter be reckoned as a great naval power and that Germany will be obliged once more to increase her navy in order to hold her own with other powers. The Deutsche-Zeitung discussing the annexation of Hawaii and the plans of the United States as regards the Archipelago says:

This means a change in the balance of power in the South seas regarding which Germany cannot afford to be silent.

Admiral Von Knorr, commander-in-chief of the navy informs the correspondent of the Associated Press that during the approaching autumn and winter the German navy will be more strongly represented in American waters that at any time since 1891 when Germany took a leading part in the settlement of the Chilian trouble. Five warships, the Gier, Hela, Moltke, Sophia and Nixe, carrying 57 guns and 1534 men will be kept there.

MILES STOPS FIGHTING.

Washington, Aug. 13.—General Miles has cabled the war department that he is in receipt of Secretary Alger's orders to suspend hostilities in Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Probable Personnel of the Peace Commission.

THE FORCES REDUCED

Preparations Being Made to Carry Out the Peace Conditions—Wildman May Charter a Boat.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The sudden transition from war to peace was reflected today in a complete dullness and stagnation in official circles. Instead of the bustle and activity which have prevailed for months through the corridors of the war department and navy, there was a calmness not apparent since the midsummer vacations of last year. Most of the officials went home early in the day. There will be a large amount of details to be worked out from this time forward, the gradual reduction of the army and navy to a peace footing; the establishment of temporary and permanent administrations for our new colonial possessions, caring for the wounded and prisoners, and the relief of distress in Cuba.

The question which demands immediate attention is the appointment of the peace commission which is to meet at Paris and the military commissions to meet at Havana and San Juan. The president conferred with Secretary Day during the day relative to the peace commission but it was said at the state department late in the day that the announcement of the commissioners appointed might be deferred for some days. It is understood that the president has fully determined upon the personnel of the commission. Several of the public men who saw him today were satisfied that the commission would be made up of Secretary Day, Senators Allison and Gorman, either Joseph H. Choate of New York or Elihu Rott, and probably a prominent army officer. General Corbin is spoken favorably of in connection with the appointment of the commission. The military commissioners for Cuba and Porto Rico are not receiving any attention from the state department as the military authorities will have entire charge of these branches of the peace settlements.

During the day the state department received a call from M. Thiebault, secretary of the French embassy for the purpose of leaving a letter explaining the authority given by cable to the French ambassador to sign the protocol. These assurances had already been given verbally and in the course of a few days the complete written authorization from Madrid will be filed with the state department. Many congratulations keep coming into the state department and to the White House on the establishment of peace.

It is expected that the occupation of Manila under the terms of the protocol will occur within the next few hours. It was at first thought that the navy department had a despatch boat at Hong Kong ready to carry forward the orders to Admiral Dewey and General Merritt, but the department declared today that there was no despatch boat at Hong Kong, although one was likely to reach there or tomorrow. Meanwhile it is possible that Consul Wildman may charter a steamer and send the order forward. He has general instructions as despatch agent and it was said at the state department today that these instructions were given in the present case.

General Greely is satisfied that no use can be made of the cable connecting Hong Kong with Manila as there are no cable operators at the Manila end.

Acting Secretary Alton said today that the matter of establishing coaling stations, the disposition of Admiral Cervera and other Spanish prisoners, and like questions brought up by the peace settlement, would receive consideration in due time but there was no immediate necessity for passing upon them. Preparations are being made to receive the battleships and armored cruisers now under orders to come north. The war department was busy all day with matters pertaining to the cessation of hostilities. Secretary Alger consulted the president for some time but when he returned he said that the military commissioners for Cuba and Porto Rico would not be announced today. There was no need for haste, he said, as by the terms of the protocol ten days were allowed for the selection of the commission. There has been some speculation as to who will be commissioners, and nearly all the more prominent officers of the army have been canvassed, both volunteer and regular, and it seems to be generally conceded that General Lee will be one of the commissioners for Cuba on account of his knowledge of he conditions in this island.

General Brooke and General Henry are mentioned as probable commissioners for Porto Rico. The subject of mustering out a part of the volunteer forces has been considered, and it is probable the total force will be reduced to 15,000 men. This mustering out will begin at once. Garrisons of both regular and volunteer soldiers will remain in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. Manila and Porto Rico will be governed through the army at present, and probably the authority which the United States exerts in Cuba will be by the same method. This state of affairs is likely to continue until congress mets. It is the understanding of the war department that the Spanish soldiers in all places over which the United States exercises authority will be virtually prisoners of war, and under the orders of the United States officers in command. The war department is now exercising every effort in the direction of the care of the sick and wounded soldiers and is pushing forward plans to make the troops more comfortable.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

Russia is Intriguing for the Removal of Sir Robert Hart.

London, Aug. 13.—A special despatch received here today says:

The China Gazette that states the Russian government has Li Hung Chang's promise, made during his visit to St. Petersburg, that China would place the Imperial customs under Russian control whenever the interests of the two countries demanded the change. Li Hung Chang is said to favor M. Pavloff, the Russian charge d'affaires superseding Sir Robert Hart, a inspector general of Chinese customs. The emperor has issued several striking decrees ordering the viceroys and Tartar generals to concert measures for the formation of a new navy under foreign instructors, and urging the provincial governors to abandon their time-honored Chinese ideas in favor of western methods, and to encourage the development of the country on European lines. The Russians have obtained control of large tracts of land along the route of the proposed Nu-Chwang railway.

THE CUBAN ATTITUDE.

The Provisional Government Has Accepted the Armistice.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Senor Palma, the head of the Cuban Juana has sent the following cable by way of Santiago:

Bartolomeo Masso,
President of the Cuban Republic.
Santiago, Cuba.

I have this 13th day of August, 1898, accepted in the name of the Cuban provisional government the armistice proclaimed by the United States. You should give immediate orders to the army throughout Cuba, suspending all hostilities. The preliminary terms of peace signed by the representatives of Spain and the United States, provided that Spain will relinquish all claim over and titled to Cuba.

(Signed) T. ESTRADO PALMA.

PORTO RICAN SUCCESSES.

American Artillery is Successful at Acomanta.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Adjutant General Corbin tonight received the following telegram:

Ponce, Aug. 13, 1898.

Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

General Wilson reports that Major Lancaster with Pott's battery at 10:30 p. m. 12th inst., quickly silenced the enemy's batteries at Acomanta, near Aibonto and drove him from his position and rifle pits. There was no infantry fire on our part, Lieutenant John P. Haynes, 4th artillery was struck by a stray Mauser bullet, but was not seriously wounded. A shell from the enemy's guns burst just over one of our pickets, killing and wounding four.

(Signed) MILES.

MANZANILO SHELLED.

Spanish and American Commanders Did Not Know of the Peace.

Santiago de Cuba, Aug. 13.—5 p. m.—Advices were received by General Shafter this morning to the effect that Manzanillo was bombarded yesterday, day and night, and again this morning. General Shafter at once cabled to the Spanish commander at Manzanilo that peace had been declared and requested him to advise the American commander of the fact under a flag of truce, which he did, and the shelling of the town ceased.

A FATAL CLOUDBURST.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 13.—A special to the Banner from Knoxville says: News has just reached here that a cloudburst has occurred at Beach creek, a remote locality in Hawkins county, nearly 20 miles from Rogersville. Seventeen persons lost their lives, 13 of the bodies have been recovered.

BLANCO HAS ESCAPED

Sensational Rumor Reached the Blockaders

TOOK THE MONSERRAT

Arrangements to Intercept Him—The Dixie and Yankee Go to Bahama Channel—Goes to Jamaica.

Playa del Este, Aug. 13, 3 p. m.—The American warships New York, Brooklyn, Oregon, Indiana, Iowa and Massachusetts will sail tomorrow for Tompkinsville unless the navy department decides that they shall wait for the troops from Santiago de Cuba. On Thursday evening the Scorpion conveyed to Admiral Sampson Washington despatches from Playa del Este that it was rumored that Captain General Blanco had escaped from Havana, possibly on the steamer Monserrat. Commodore Watson was communicated with and the Dixie and Yankee were sent to Bahama channel to head off Blanco. Admiral Sampson at once decided to go to the western extremity of Jamacia to intercept Blanco, should he attempt to escape in that direction. The flagship made 16 knots an hour despite the foulness of her bottom and arrived off Jamaica yesterday morning and cruised around.

On Thursday evening Commodore Watson instructed Commodore Schley to go to the southern blockading line and warn them of the rumored escape of Blanco. While leaving the harbor the Brooklyn in endeavoring to get out of the way of a transport went hard aground and did not get off until yesterday afternoon, when she was hauled off by the Oregon. No damage was done, but it was too late for her to perform in the mission on which she was sent. The Vixen was sent after the New York but returned in the afternoon.

A SPEEDY RETREAT.

The San Francisco Goes Too Close and Gets Hit.

Key West, Fla, Aug. 13.—9 p. m.—The flagship San Francisco and the monitor Miantonmah and the auxiliary yacht Ziloia were fired upn by the Havana batteries shortly before five yesterday morning. One ten or twelve inch shell struck the San Francisco's stem as she turned to get out of range and tore a hole about one foot in diameter, completely wrecking Commodore Howell's quarters, and smashing his book case to fragments.

Nobody was injured, and, being under orders not to attack the batteries the ships retreated as fast as their engines could carry them.

ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Argonats Start for Winnipeg—Their Record.

Toronto, Aug. 13.—The champion Argonaut four left this evening for Winnipeg taking the 1 o'clock C. P. R., train for Owen Sound, thence they go by boat to Port Arthur. The crew is accompanied by Trainer Skippot and will row on Red river next week. They will meet the Winnipeg four and the James Bay four from British Columbia, a crew which has attained a great reputation on the Pacific coast. The Argonauts go to the Northwest with an unequalled record for they have won this season four championships, the international and national at Philadelphia, and the Canadian and Northwestern this week on Toronto bay. The Winnipegers and James Bay will row a mile and a half straightaway on Wednesday and the winners will meet the Argonauts on Thursday. The course for this race will be three-quarters of a mile and return.

M'DUFFIE WON.

New York, Aug. 13.—An uneventful 25 mile unpaced race took place this afternoon at Manhattan Beach cycle track between Eddie McDuffie of Boston and Edward Taylor, the French middle distance rider, and the former won by 50 yards after a splendid spurt in the last three miles.

A CHOLERA EPIDEMIC.

Madras, Aug. 13.—Cholera is epidemic here. Between Monday morning and Friday night 55 deaths occurred from the disease, the fatalities prior to the day first mentioned having been 117.

PRICE OF SILVER.

New York, Aug. 13.—Bar silver, 59⅝; Mexican dollars, 46.

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FOSTER ON GRIT RULE.

The Hon. George Foster's address, delivered on Saturday night at the Fire Hall, was well worth listening to, and that for many reasons. Mr. Foster is a very able man, a fluent and entertaining speaker and a past master in that art of juggling with figures which some politicians mistake for statesmanship and able finance. He performed some peculiarly daring feats in that particular form of acrobatics on Saturday evening thinking, presumably, that living so far away from Ottawa the people of Nelson had neither heard nor read of the complete way those statements had been refuted by Mr. Fielding.

Mr. Foster trotted out for inspection and review several of the pet grievences which the conservatives cherish against the liberals. The chief of these is the able way the Laurier government is handling the tariff question. The liberals, during the last Dominion election campaign, announced their intention of treating the matter of the tariffs on quite a different principle from that on which the conservatives had acted. Free trade they said was their goal, and in the meantime tariffs should, so far as possible, be maintained for revenue purposes only. On the accession of Sir Wilfred Laurier to power, the conservatives hoped and apparently expected, that the liberals would be foolish enough to sweep away the whole system of tariffs at one fell swoop, and anticipated a great accession of strength to themselves as the result of the consequent general dislocation of business The liberals, however, most unfeelingly declined to play into the hands of their opponents. They knew that great and radical changes must be effected slowly, if them are to be beneficial, and they refused to produce by a violent upheaval of the economic conditions of the country those results which could be more wisely obtained by gradual and systematic even though changes, the operation should occupy some years before fully consummated. The preferential duties in favor of British merchandise a are step in the right direction, as are also the substantial reductions to be found in many other sections of the tariff. It is true that the duty on certain articles has been raised, but they are articles of luxury, such as tobaccoand, the increase is for revenue purposes, and not for the protection of any particular industry, and the pre-election pledges have consequently not been violated either in the letter or in the spirit.

Mr. Foster complained also of the increased revenue derived by the present administration. It must be very mortifying to the honorable gentleman to see his successor dealing in surpluses where he had been accustomed to contemplate deficits, and he has our deepest sympathy in the matter, but surely a surplus is a queer kind of an argument to use against a government! Throughout his address Mr. Foster, though undoubtedly entertaining, was the reverse of candid. What could be disingenuous than his statement that the liberals had introduced the American spoils system? While we do not intend to discuss the system itself, the facts in this particular case are well known. For eighteen long years the conservatives were in power, and for eighteen long years all liberals were debarred from all posts in the gift of the government. The conservatives had rigidly adhered to the rule of making partisan appointments for eighteen years, and with what degree of justice can they blame the liberls, when they at last obtained office, for removing the ban that had lain for so long upon their followers? It was but a righteous retribution, and the logical result of the actions of the conservatives themselves.

Mr. Foster referred to the bonus granted by his government for the smelting of silver-lead ore, and said that they had paid out nothing under the grant because there were no smelters then in operation. He pointed to the Trail and Hall Mines smelters now in full blast and scored the liberals for not having paid out any money under the grant, and said that they had consistently refused to consider any claims for the bonus. He also implied that those smelters had started up in consequence of this bonus, which will be news to Mr. Heinze and the Hall Mines Co. It may interest Mr. Foster to know that the Trail smelter has never yet treated silver-lead ores, neither has the Hall Mines smelter (with the exception of 700 tons smelted this spring) and thus his story of the liberal government persistently refusing to pay the bonus is palpably untrue, while his claiming the credit for the establishment of copper smelters by the grant of a bonus for smelting silver-lead is ridiculous. If this is the way Mr. Foster perverts facts, intelligent persons may be pardoned for the incredulity with which they received his extravagant statements on Saturday night.

It is now nearly four months since Mr. A. E. Hodgins was empowered to organize an volunteer company in Nelson. A mess room has been secured, the company roll is full and the men drill regularly and enthusiastically. Everybody in Nelson connected with the South Kootenay Rifles has done his duty, and the remissness of the militia department is consequently the more to be deplored. It was only the other day that the officers' commissions were gazetted, and the Miner learns that neither uniforms nor rifles have yet been supplied. A stand of arms was recently sent to the coast, but the authorities there have refused to send any to Nelson, and up to the present no more have been forthcoming from headquarters. If a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well, and how can the authorities expect the men to keep up the necessary interest in the company if they do not possess the most rudimentary equipments. Moreover, the men are prevented from becoming efficient. How can a man learn to become the master of his weapons, if he is not supplied with the arms? Whether it is red tape or forgetfulness that has caused the delay The Miner is not in a position to say, but if the department wishes the volunteer movement in this part of the country to be a success, it had better wake up before it is too late.

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FRENCH UP TO DATE.

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HE WAS RIGHT.

"Speaking of peace," said the Queen Regent, "let us hesitate before we embark—" "Alas, your majesty," interrupted the wise Sagasta, "if we hesitate we surely will have nothing left to embark in.,"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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G. L. LENNOX, Secretary.

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WM. HODSON, Secretary.

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

GENERAL LOCAL NEWS.

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND NELSON.

Brief Mention of Happenings in the District During the Past Few Days.

P. H. Morrissey of Peoria, Ill., is at the Hume.

A. C. Mesker and R. J. McGover of Nakusp are in the city.

W. Bowman and W. W. Webster of Vancouver, are at the Phair.

E. J. Matthews, manager for Braden Bros., of Pilot Bay, is in the city.

J. W. Young and D. A. McKenzie, two mining men of Ymir are at the Phair.

The Nelson public schools will reopen today, after the midsummer holidays.

R. W. Brock and W. W. Leach of the Dominion Geological survey are at the Phair.

Mrs. Frank Woodman, F. M. Dodd and John Hayward of Spokane, are registered at the Hume.

George Jachetta of the firm of Jachetta & Welsh contractors on the Crow's Nest Pass railway is in the city.

C. W. McMillan, representing the Calgary Brewing and Malting company, registered at the Hume on Saturday night.

Fred Stevenson met with a very painful accident while coming from Nakusp on Saturday and is suffering from a dislocated shoulder.

Rev. Dr. Spencer, of Brantford, has received an urgent invitation to the superintendency of the Baptist missions in British Columbia.

After October 1 of this year the Postmaster-General has decided that no postage stamps will be redeemed by the post office department.

Wanted—Twenty good axemen at Slocan Junction camp, to clear right of way for H. W. Simpson & Co. Apply to foreman at the camp.

His Honor Judge Macdougall of Toronto, County Court Judge for York county, Ontario, spent yesterday in the city and left last night for the east, via the C. P. R.

D. McLeod, Brooklyn, purchasing agent for Mann, Foley Bros. & Larsne, contractors on the Robson-Penticton branch, spent Saturday in the city procuring supplies for the camps.

Mayor Houston left yesterday evening for Victoria, in connection with the protest against the legality of the Electric Light by-law, recently submitted to the ratepayers of Nelson.

Chas. Heath, Goat River; Arthur H. Boulton, Trail; Mr and Mrs. Charles Irish, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hall, Macleod; A. R. Shewan, Montreal; James Jones, Vancouver, were registered at the Queens yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Madden, Mr. and Mrs. Sturgeon, Master Sturgeon, Miss Nixon and Miss Mooney returned on Saturday evening from Slocan Junction, where they have been rusticating for a few days.

Arrangements are being made for the celebration of Labor day, Sept. 5, by the working men of Nelson. The celebration will likely take the form of a procession followed by games on the recreation grounds.

Jacob Dover, jeweler, leaves tomorrow for Toronto, Montreal and New York on a purchasing trip. He says that on his return he will have a large stock of the best goods on the market, to show the people of Nelson.

There was no service in the Methodist church yesterday, owing to the illness of the pastor Rev. John Robson, B.A. Mr. Robson has been indisposed for several days, but it was not until Saturday that he gave up his usual work.

A largely attended provincial convention of Temperance Workers was held at Vancouver last week at which a resolution was adopted for the raising of $5,000 for the carrying on of the prohibition campaign in the province.

The hotel at the Halcyon Hot Springs is crowded with guests, and promises to become in the future the most popular, resort in British Columbia. The medicinal qualities of the waters have only to be tried to be appreciated.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen concluded their western farewell tour at the end of last week and then went to New Richmond for salmon fishing. They will visit Quebec during the sittings of the International Conference and leave for Britain on November 12.

While engaged in loading railroad iron at Arrowhead on Saturday a deckhand named Tipping met with a severe accident. A steel rail fell on his foot, crushing the big toe of his right foot. The unfortunate man was brought to Nelson last night and taken to the hospital.

In future the steamer Nelson will leave here daily except Sunday for Goat river at 7 o'clock a. m. The Nelson makes outward connection at Pilot Bay with the Kokanee, but inward the connection is not guaranteed. The steamer calls at way ports in both directions when signalled.

The board have engaged the services of Miss Mooney, of Mattawa, Ont., who has been in the city for the past few months to act as a substitute for Miss Rath until the return of the latter from her trip to Ontario. Miss Mooney is an experienced teacher and will have charge of the Victoria street school.

Since being taken over by the city, the electric light service has not been satisfactory to users of the light. The light is dim and is shut off before daylight in the morning, thus causing great inconvenience to institutions which are open all night. Wherever the cause lies it should be remedied at once.

The annual report of the Vancouver board of trade has just been issued in neat pamphlet form and a handsomely lithographed cover from the presses of the Province Publishing company. A great deal of interesting information is compressed within the 126 pages of the book. A map of the Canadian Yukon accompanies it.

The last issue to hand of the Glenora News contained the following: Hamlin Garland, of the staff of McClures Magazine, the author of the interesting chapter in the life of U. S. Grant that were published in the McClures last year, is in Glenora. He came in over the Ashcroft trail, to write it up for McClure's. It is not probable that he will recommend it to the readers of McClures.

M. D. Smith of Sprague, Wash., who, for the past ten days, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Anderson of Nelson, leaves for home on this morning's train. Mr. Smith is a prominent business man of Sprague and has greatly enjoyed his holiday visit to our city. Before leaving he expressed his pleasure and surprise at the evidences of progress and prosperity to be seen in the city and predicts a bright future for Nelson.

The service at the Presbyterian church yesterday morning consisted of an offering of flowers by the children of the Sunday school and a sermon to the children by the Rev. R. Frew. The flowers were sent to the sick in the different hospitals of the city. In the evening a service of song was held at which a high class service of sacred music was rendered by the choir and the congregation. There were large congregations at both services.

THE FIRE LIMIT BY-LAW.

H. R. Cameron was one of those who was prevented from building on his property by the above by-law, so he undertook to fight it. Mr. Cameron informs The Miner that about a year ago he took legal steps to quash the by-law. Innumerable delays delays have intervened, and he has only now learned that a judgment has at last been given in his favor. In the meantime, the old by-law was repealed, and another one passed in its place, so Mr. Cameron has won a barren victory. He intends, however, to enter an action for damages against the city.

ATTEMPTED RAPE.

Tom Kane of Erie had a preliminary hearing before A. B. Buckworth, J. P. at Erie on Friday last. He was accused of attempted rape, and set up an alibi by way of defense. The justice of the peace said he did not feel justified in dismissing such an important case, so the accused was committed for trial. In the meantime he has been released on bail. J. F. Burne appeared for the prosecution and W. A. Galliher for the defense.

THOUGHTFUL TO THE LAST.

"Didn't your absconding cashier leave you any message?"

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BASEBALL EXCURSION.

A Pleasant Outing and a Successful Game of Ball.

About 150 people attended the excursion held yesterday under the auspices of the Nelson baseball team to Marcus, Washington. A special train was run over the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway consisting of an engine and two passenger coaches. The train left the depot shortly after 7 o'clock and arrived at Marcus at 11 a. m. Every one on board greatly enjoyed the beautiful scenery along the route, and were enthusiastic in their praise of the arrangements made for their comfort by the railway officials. On arrival at Marcus the visitors were met at the depot by a committee of the citizens and were very hospitably entertained. In the afternoon a baseball match was played between the Nelson and Marcus teams, which resulted in a victory for the visiting team. The following is the batting order and runs scored:

Nelson.	Marcus.
Houston, 2	Kirk, 1
Dolan, 1	Doc Harvey, 1
Partridge, 3	W. W. Rush, 3
Kennedy, 2	Ehoen, 2
Campbell, 1	Ed Jessop, 2
Smith, 3	R. Bromlete, 1
Neelands, 2	J. Young, 1
Mills, 2	Allingburg, 0
Wright, 0	Morehead, 0

The score by innings:

Nelson	5 0 3 0 2 4 0 1 1—16
Marcus	2 0 4 1 0 0 0 0 4—11

The Nelson battery, Houston and Dolan were at their best and did good work in their respective positions. A feature of the game was S. Neelands two pick-ups on third base, by which he probably saved the game for his team. The Marcus team are said to have had a professional battery from Spokane.

The excursionists arrived home about 11 o'clock last night, well pleased with their days outing and all expressing their satisfaction and pleasure at the way in which they had been received and entertained by the citizens of Marcus. Especial mention was made of Mr. Campbell of the Eureka hotel whose hospitality will not soon be forgotten by the visitors. On the return trip attached to the front of the engine was a broom, placed there by the Marcus baseball team and at the rear was the America flag across the stars of which was painted the Union Jack, crosses of St. George, St. Andrew and St. Patrick. The Marcus team have expressed their intention of having an excursion to Nelson shortly if suitable arrangements can be made for a train service.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

At the conclusion of the address of Hon. George E. Foster on Saturday evening the chairman invited all those interested in the formation of a Liberal Conservative Association in Nelson to remain. A meeting was afterwards held at which John Elliott presided and Fred Starkey acted as secretary. About 40 conservatives were present and it was decided to form an association. A committee consisting of W. A. Macdonald, Q. C., A. S. Gamble, George McFarland, H. R. Cameron, John A. Kirkpatrick, T. G. Proctor, the chairman and secretary was appointed to arrange for a future meeting for organization and election of officers to be held in a couple of weeks.

Hon. Mr. Foster, W. A. Macdonald and others addressed the meeting pointing out the great advantages of organizations such as this in a political campaign. Mr. Foster assured the meeting that the prospects for victory for the conservative party at the next general election were bright and that the party organizations in the eastern provinces at the present time was very complete.

THE "AYE" OF THE PRESIDENT.

It Merely Alters, But Does Not Destroy the Pretty Fable.

If it is true that there exists any serious disagreemenet in the cabinet over the policy of taking to ourselves definitely the Philippines, Abraham Lincoln's manner of dealing with a debated question supplies the model for procedure now, says the New York Sun. According to the late Ben Holliday, he, Holliday, was invited by the president to be present while the cabinet considered a certain important measure. The discussion was long, thorough and very earnest, and at its conclusion it was plain that the cabinet was a unit. At the proper time the president said: "Gentlemen, we will vote. Those in favor say Aye."

"Aye!" said the president.

"Those opposed say No," continued the Lincoln, and every member of the cabinet voted No.

"The Ayes have it," asid Lincoln; and he lived to facilitate himself upon the firmness of his judgment.

If upon the question of the keeping of the Philippines the entire cabinet of the present day should vote No, it would be the duty of President McKinley to have his "Aye" prevail.—Spokesman-Review.

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HON. GEORGE E. FOSTER

Ex-Minister of Finance Discusses Political Questions.

THE POLICY CRITICIZED

Mr. Foster States That the Liberals Have Not Fulfilled Their Ante-Election Promises.

Hon. George E. Foster, minister of finance in the late Dominion Federal cabinet, arrived in the city on Saturday after a visit to mining properties in the Slocan country, in which he is interested.

On Saturday evening Hon. Mr. Foster addressed a public meeting in the Fire Hall, which although hastily called was well attended. He is one of the leaders of the conservative party in Dominion politics and is a very fluent and logical speaker and an able debater. His discussion of the issues of the day was listened to with interest and attention. Mr. John Elliott was appointed chairman and introduced the speaker as one of the leading statesmen of Canada.

Mr. Foster on rising was received with applause. He began by congratulating his audience on the signs of prosperity and progress which he saw in Nelson and predicted a bright future for the commercial metropolis of the Kootenays.

He then proceeded to discuss Dominion political questions dealing with the tariff, on which issue he claimed that the liberal party on obtaining power had gone back on all their ante-election promises and had adopted the policy of protection of the conservative party. Prior to the election on June 23, 1896, the liberals had never wearied of denouncing the national policy and declared that if elected their policy would be "Free trade as they have it in England." They won the election but found that the only true tariff policy for a young country like Canada was that inaugurated and carried out by the conservatives. On the tariff and on the Manitoba school question the conservative had a well defined policy and the people of the country knew exactly where to find it. The liberals were elected entirely upon their promises and not on their past record. Since the election they had repudiated nearly every promise made previously. He was a firm believer in party politics both in Dominion and Provincial matters. Under it a better class of candidates come forward for election. For eighteen years the liberals made charges of extravagance against the conservatives government, and accused them of increasing the national debt of the country to an unnecessary extent. During the six years from 1890 to 1896 the debt had been increasd $2,600,000 per year; during the two years rule of the liberals the debt had been increased by $3,775,000 per year. Under conservative rule the annual expenditure was little over $36,000,000, while the first year of the liberal rule the expenditure was over $40,000,000, for the fiscal year 1898-9 it will reach $49,000,000. In this way he claimed that the liberals had deceived the electors of Canada and had obtained power under false pretenses. Some liberals claimed that the party should have credit for the discovery of gold in the Klondike, the good crops of Manitoba and the growth of the cattle industry in Alberta, but what had they ever done for the Kootenay country. In 1895 when the Kootenay was just coming into prominence, the conservative government passed an act granting a bonus of five cents per ton on all silver-lead ore smelted in the country and appropriated the sum of $15,000 for that purpose.

Up to June 23, 1896, no claim for the bonus was made and since that time the liberal government has not paid one cent to encourage the smelting industry in British Columbia.

Hon. Mr. Foster then proceeded to criticize the policy of the present government in regard to the fast steamship line, the Crow's Nest Pass railway contract, etc. On the former question he claimed that the liberals had utterly failed in their efforts to make a contract, although one had been almost arranged when the conservatives went out of power. With regard to the Crow's Nest Past Pass railway contract he stated that the conservative government had arranged for its construction on terms which would not have cost the Dominion more than $1,000,000, but on assuming the reins of government the liberals had repudiated the contract and the new arrangements will cost the country over $3,300,000 in a straight subsidy to the C. P. R.

The contract entered into by Mr. Sifton for the construction of the Teslin lake railway was an outrageous one, and had the senate not thrown out the bill, the choicest gold lands in the Yukon would have been granted to Messrs. MacKenzie and Mann for building a tramway which began nowhere and ended 150 miles beyond. As an evidence of the wisdom of the action of the senate, a road is now being built from Skagway to open up the country and will not cost the Dominion one cent in subsidy.

Mr. Foster then accused the liberal party of having introduced into Canada, the worst features of the old spoils system formerly practiced in the United States and which had been discarded years ago. The party having been in the cold shades of opposition for eighteen years were naturally very hungry for office. In many cases competent civil servants were dismissed for no other reason than to provide positions for Grit party heelers.

The speaker closed an address of an hour and a half with an eloquent peroration, in which he reviewed the progress which the Dominion had made since 1867, eulogized the great fathers of confederation, and stated that Canada today is the peer of any country on earth, in undeveloped natural resources, quality of her institutions and the prospects of the future.

At the conclusion of Mr. Foster's address, it was moved by John A. Turner, and seconded by A. E. Hodgins and Alderman Hillyer that the thanks of the audience be tendered to the honorable gentleman for his able address. The motion was carried unanimously after which Mr. Foster briefly replied, and the meeting dispersed, everyone being well pleased at having had the pleasure of hearing the ex-minister of finance discuss the political questions of the day in such an able manner.

SATURDAY'S BASEBALL.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Stiles, who died in Madison, Ohio, the other day, was a Union spy during the civil war. She was captured by the Confederates during the siege of Richmond and narrowly escaped with her life.

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