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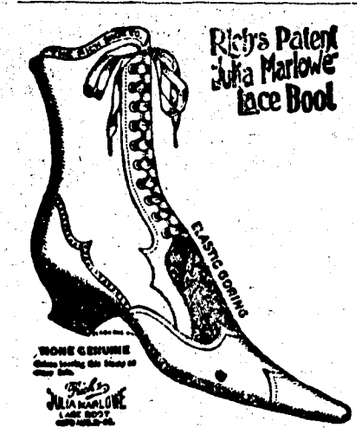

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WITH THE INVADERS.

GENERAL SHAFTER ANNOUNCES THE ARRIVAL OF REINFORCEMENTS.

The Yale Arrived Safely.—Shafter Comes to Jaragua and Sees the Cuban Generals.—Consultation With the Other Generals.

Washington, June 28.—The war department late this afternoon posted the following bulletin:

Baiquiri, June 27, via Playa del Este, June 28.—To the Secretary of War, Washington:

The Yale arrived this morning all right and the troops are now disembarking. Your son, who has been at the front as a volunteer has been assigned to duty on the staff of General Duffield.

(Signed) SHAFTER, Major General.

Juragua, Province of Santiago de Cuba, Monday, June 27, on Board the Associated Press Boat Wanda, via Kingston, Jamaica, June 28, 10 a. m. —At 2 o'clock this afternoon Major General Shater, in command of the United States army of invasion, arrived here on board the transport Seguranca from Baiquiri with Colonel John Jacob Astor, accompanied also by Captain Stewart Brice and Lieutenants Millay and Noble and other members of the staff. General Shafter was met by General Bates, who was superintending the landing of the commissary and supplies through the surf.

General Shafter rode through the town, surveying the scene of the landing operations and the camps of the troops. He halted for a moment before the cottage which serves as headquarters of the Cuban insurgents, where Generals Garcia and Castillo paid their respects to the American commander. About an hour later General Shafter struck out on the road to the front in order to consult with General Wheeler and the divisional commanders and to look over the field of operations before Santiago de Cuba. The general said he would probably return to Juragua headquarters tonight. Permanent hospital arrangements are to be provided at Jaragua at once.

At the Front, on the Rio Guamo, Monday, June 27, per Associated Press Despatch Boat Wanda, via Kingston, Jamaica, June 28.—The American front has been advanced beyond the first crossing of the Rio Guamo, about a mile, and a tug is three and a half miles from the Spanish entrenchments. General Lanton's brigade rests on the road to Santiago de Cuba. The third brigade under General Chaffer holds the trench with his command lying across the road and river. The first brigade under General Clarke lies on the left flank slightly in the rear, and the second brigade occupies the opposite position on the right flank. General Wheeler with the cavalry is in the rear between Sevilla hills and the Rio Guamo. A strong line of outposts is maintained ahead of General Chaffer's brigade with 3000 Cubans under General Augurina and several hundred under Colonel Gonzales were skirmishing towards the city. This morning the Cubans had several slight skirmishes with the Spaniards stationed on the hills on the American right flank, and the auxiliaries occupied the blockhouses in the vicinity which were evacuated before daybreak by the Spaniards. The latter retreated towards Santiago de Cuba. No fatalities are reported.

Generals Chaffer, Wheeler and Lanton have thoroughly reconnoitered the Spanish position and with the aid of information furnished by the Cubans have very good maps of the roads and of the defenses of the city. Much information has also been obtained from Spanish pacificos who have slipped out of the city and given themselves up in the hope of getting food. They report great starvation and distress in Santiago de Cuba. They say the Spanish troops are on short rations and that all the supplies are being held for their use. The sick in the hospitals, the pacificos also say, are suffering from want of food and they report that 77 Spaniards were killed and 189 wounded as the result of the engagement on Friday last with Colonels Wood and Young's command.

The most startling information obtained from the pacificos is that since the advance began almost 20,000 Spanish soldiers have arrived at Santiago de Cuba. This statement is made on the authority of General Lanton and he is also of the opinion that General Pando may be able to effect a junction with General Linares at Santiago de Cuba. There are two forts of considerable importance within the Spanish lines. Punta Blanco, at the southern end of the bay, and Santa Urzula, at the south corner on the road to Cavey. To the north is another fort, and about 450 men in each of the fortifications, and stretching around the whole city are nine barbed wire fences 50 yards apart, while just inside of these are lines of rifle pits. Outside of the last and about two miles beyond the American outposts is a line of entrenchments extending from the northern extremity of the city to Morro Castle. A little west of south at a distance of about seven miles from General Lanton's headquarters lies Morro Castle. The road to within a few hundred yards of the batteries at the rear of Morro Castle was reconnoitered yesterday afternoon by General Chaffer and several members of his staff. The Cubans believe that if the water supply of the city can be cut off Santiago will have to yield at once. They say that Admiral Cerveras entire fleet, except the torpedo fleet, except the torpedo boat destroyer Terror is in the harbor. General Lawton is inclined to discredit the reports that guns have been taken from the ships to strengthen the defenses on land. He says it would be impossible for Admiral Cevera to reach the position of the American army with his big guns from where the Spanish ships lie. No aggressive move by the Americans is anticipated for several days. The road to the base of supplies must be greatly improved before the onward movement can be safely made. There is no high ground in the present position where Hotchkiss guns or gatling guns could be put in position, but a little further on is ground where guns can be mounted and from which an effective fire can be directed at the Spanish entrenchments. There were no alarms last night. The ground over which the Americans have traveled could easily have been defended, but the Spanish have steadily retired, not attempting to harrass their flanks as the columns moved on the rough natural ambuscading country. Apparently General Luis preferred to place his faith in the defenses of the city and intends to make a "last ditch fight" of it.

General Calixto Garcia with 300 men who landed yesterday is expected to reach the front today. Thus far the water supply has been good and there has been no bad effects from the change except a few cases of dysentery.

At noon today Major Coolige received orders to close the road beyond the front, where the stream doubles back across it, for the advance of the artillery. A dynamite gun and a Hotchkiss gun will be put in position.

MANILA EXPEDITIONS.

Five Expeditions Will Be Sent, the Last on August 1.

Washington, June 28.—The understanding at the war department is that the total number of regulars and volunteers which will be sent to Manila in command of General Merritt will approximate 21,000 men. Of these 10,000 already have left San Francicso in separate expeditions. With the troops now at San Francisco and those on the way to that city, the remainder of the Eighth corps will be made up. The fourth expedition to the Philippines is scheduled to start somewhere between the 6th and 10th of July, and arrangements for it are being made at Washington and San Francisco.

The fifth and probably the last of the series of expeditions the officials now hope to see launched on its way by the 1st of August.

CAMARA'S SHIPS ROTTEN.

A Distinguished Naval Officer Says They Could Never Reach Manila.

London, June 29.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Port Said says:

A distinguished naval officer, who has examined Admiral Camera's ships carefully, laughs at the idea of Admiral Camara attempting to reach Manila. The Spaniards, he says, are wise to keep the fleet out of the Americans' way. The battleship Pelayo and the armored cruiser Emperor Carlos V are in a scandalous state of repair. Indeed, they are hardly seaworthy, while it will be impossible for the torpedo boat destroyers to get far. The Spaniards cannot keep the engines trimmed.

MINISTERS DEPARTING.

Barely a Quorum at the Dominion Capital.

Ottawa, June 28.—The governor general returned to the capital last night and the first minister today. Barely a quorum of ministers are here for the transaction of pressing business, after which both Hon. David Mills and Hon. Clifford Sifton will be added to the list of absentees. Hon. Messrs. Tarte, Fielding and Schreiber, deputy minister of railways and canals, have gone to Levis to arrange for increased accommodations at the intercolonial depot there.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL.

June 28.—At Pittsburg—Pittsburg 5, Boston 6.

At Cleveland—First game, Cleveland 0, New York 4; second game, Cleveland 6, New York 4.

At St. Louis—First game, St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 3; second game, St. Louis 0, Cincinnti 5.

At Louisville—Louisville 3, Philadelphia 8.

BLOCKADE ENLARGED.

TO STOP SUPPLIES GOING INTO HAVANA AT UNGUARDED POINTS.

Demand on Ships Will be Proportionately Lighter.—Batabano to be Blockaded.—Patrol Fleet Withdrawn for This Object.

Washington, June 28.—By proclamation issued today the president gives notice of the intention of the government to assume the task of blockading about 500 miles of Cuban coast line in addition to the sections already blockaded. This increases the extent of the blockade fully fourtold, it having been confined heretofore to a stretch of a little more than 100 miles on the north and the single port of Cienfuegos on the south coast of the island. The demands upon the navy in the way of ships to patrol the coast, however, will not be nearly so heavy in proportion to the territory to be cared for as in the case of the initial blockade, for the reason that the newly blockaded coast line lies entirely within the Great Light on the south Cuban coast in which the water is generally shallow, but the ports are few into which a vessel of any draft could enter.

The most important ports are Manzanillo, Trinidad and Tirnsas. West of Trinidad is Cienfuegos, which is already blockaded effectually. From that point westward for nearly 140 miles there is no point to be blockaded until Batabano is reached. This port is only about forty miles from Havana by rail, and is believed to have been the principal source of food supplies for the Spanish capital. The prupose of extending the blockade westward to Cape Frances is to command the channel between the west side of the Isle of Pinar and Cape Frances, and this renders much easier the task of the blockading vessels. The food supply of Havana is believed to lie between the two extremities, and while supplies of a certain character are very scarce in Havana there is no lack of other kinds of food.

It is known, for instance, that while flour may be scarce, large quantities of beef have reached Havana. Only a day or two ago word reached here that 500 head of cattle were rounded up at a point on the American coast near Yucatan waiting for transportation to Batabano. There has been no running of the blockade by these cattle ships. Those that have entered Cuban ports with supplies have done so at places not included in the blockade, such as Batabano. The vessels for the additional blockade service will be supplied almost entirely from the patrol fleet under Commander Howell guarding the north Atlantic coast from Maine to North Carolina. This service has been abandoned, as the only available Spanish warships are with Admiral Camara thousands of miles away from the nearest point of the Atlantic coast.

WILL FIGHT TO THE LAST.

Augusti Though Sore Pressed Will Fight to the Last.

Madrid, June 28.—The government has received the following despatch from Captain General Augusti, dated from Manila, June 23:

The situation is grave, but I continue to maintain my position inside the line of blockhouses, but the enemy is increasing in numbers as the rebels occupy the provinces, which are surrendering. Torrents of rain are inundating the entrenchments, endangering the work and making the defence more difficult. The number of sick among the troops is increasing, making the situation very distressing and causing increased desertions of the native soldiers. It is estimated that the insurgents number 30,000 armed with rifles and 100,000 armed with swords, etc. Aguinaldo has summoned me to surrender, but I have treated his proposals with disdain, for I am resolved to maintain the sovereignty of Spain and the honor of the flag to the last extremity. There are over 1000 sick and 200 wounded.

SENSATIONAL NEWS.

Spaniards Will Attempt to Prevent Sampson Helping Shafter.

London, June 28.—The Star today prints a story from a foreign correspondent to the effect that a part of Admiral Camara's fleet left him off Algiers near Gibraltar and is now on its way to Porto Rico to join the squadron of torpedo boats which Captain Villamil has had concealed near there for three weeks past. The correspondent adds that this fleet will attack Admiral Sampson in the rear while Admiral Cervera attempts a sortie simultaneously with the commencement of the land battle. Thus Admiral Sampson will be too much preoccupied to help General Shafter.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

The Winnipeg Free Press is much exercised over the news that British Columbia would like to have some kind of direct and special representation at the international conference about to be held between Great Britain, Canada and the United States. It affects first to doubt that such is the case at all, and then, treating the matter more seriously, goes on to say that what the British Columbians are really anxious about is the sealing question, which is of importance exclusively to British Columbia, and that (this apparently as an argument against our being represented) "Canadians would not care if the last seal in the northern Pacific were being killed and skinned." Other points in dispute are the Alaskan boundary and the fishing rights at the mouth of the Fraser river. To judge from the tone of the article it would appear that this conference is to be held simply and solely for the purpose of handing over to the United States everything they want "whether British Columbia is pleased or displeased." When it is remembered that in practically all the disputes to be settled British Columbia has everything at stake, and the rest of Canada nothing, and when leading and influential papers announce beforehand that the interests of British Columbia—which in this case means all the interests of Canada which are at stake—are to be ignored, surely it is time that an agitation was set on foot for direct British Columbian representation, so as to insure that our side of the question will at any rate be mentioned before everything is settled.

The Free Press says that the Alaskan boundary dispute has nothing to do with British Columbia. It has everything to do with it, on the contrary. It is not the few square miles that matter one way or the other to anyone, but it is the means of access to the Yukon that is so important. It depends very largely on the results of this conference whether British Columbian merchants will be in a position to compete successfully with the American merchants, or whether they wll be driven from the outfitting trade by duties and impossible bonding regulations. The Fraser river fishing rights, too, are very valuable, and if everything is to be sacrificed to conciliate Uncle Sam, surely those who have to pay the piper should at least have a chance of making their voice heard and of entering a necessary protest.

With regard to the sealing question, the rights of Canadians were defined by the Paris tribunal, and British Columbia can hardly be blamed if she is anxious to protect what has been declared to be her own, and if she seeks to prevent herself being jockeyed out of those rights by men whose sympathies are avowedly enlisted on the side of her opponents.

The hostile armies near Santiago are now almost touching one another, the outposts of the opposing forces being near enough to see the whites of each other's eyes. A great battle may be expected at any moment, and for the first time during the war the Americans will not have any substantial advantage in numbers or armanent. On the contrary, the Spaniards are in a strong position, one of the features being a belt of rifle pits surrounding the whole position guarded by a treble line of barbed wire, which will prove a most effective bar to an attacking force. Complaints are being made anent the bullets used by the Spaniards, which it is claimed inflict a wound like that of an explosive bullet. The fearful wounds caused by the bullets of some of the modern flat trajectory rifles are well known, and it does not seem that there lies any serious ground for complaint.

It is not so long ago since Admiral Sampson and his officers were delirious with the delight at the blocking of the channel into Santiago harbor. A despatch from the seat of war on Monday says: "Further information develops the fact that two battleships can enter the harbor abreast, one passing each side of the Merrimac. This will be of great advantage to Sampson when the final attack on Santiago begins." Of a truth some people are easily pleased. At first the blockading of the channel was a most signal victory for the Yankees, and now it turns out not to be blocked at all, it is nevertheless still to their advantage.

AUGUSTI'S FAMILY SAFE.

Madrid, June 28.—Advices from Manila state that Captain General Augusti's family is still in the hands of the insurgents. General Pena with a thousand soldiers has surrendered. The soldiers, most of whom were natives, joined the insurgents.

The rebels are beseiging Manila and exceed 25,000 in number. The city is completely isolated, and the arrival of the Spanish squadron is anxiously waited for.

WATSON'S SQUADRON

Washington, June 28.—At the conclusion of today's cabinet meeting it was stated that the work of supplying Commodore Watson's squadron with ammunition, coal and provisions, preparatory to its departure for Spain, was progressing satisfactorily and that in all probability the squadron would be ready to sail in the course of the next four or five days.

POLITICAL MEETING.

There were but a small number present at the fire hall last night, where a joint meeting to be presided over by the rival candidates had been announced. After some delay Mr. Johnston announced on behalf of Mr. Farwell that owing to the fact that Mr. Hume was unable to be present and other numerous counter attractions in the city the meeting would not be held as originally intended.

A meeting at which both Mr. Hume and Mr. Farwell will speak will be held next week at the fire hall. The exact date will be announced in these columns as soon as it is fixed.

METAL QUOTATIONS.

New York, June 28.—Bar silver, 59¼. Mexican dollars, 45¾.

Copper, dull. Brokers, $11.75; exchange, $11.75 and 11.85½.

Lead, quiet but firm. Brokers, $3.75; exchange, $3.95 and $4.

Tin, dull. Straights, 1$5.15 and $15.25; plates, quiet.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

Vienna, June 28.—Halprin and Schlechter drew, Blackburne beat Lipke, Janowsky beat Baird, Schiffer beat Trenchard, Wahlbrodt beat Alapin, and Tschigorin beat Steinitz. The total scores of the two leaders are: Pillsbury, won 15, lost 4; Janowsky, won 13½, lost 5½.

NEW FRENCH CABINET DISLIKED

St. Petersburg, June 28.—The new French cabinet is not received favorably here. The Novoe Vremya declares the Brisson cabinet is "only a necessary evil," adding that its accession proves the bankruptcy of the present chamber.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MASONS.

The Masonic grand lodge in session at New Westminster elected the following officers: D. Wilson, grand master; F. McB. Young, S. G.; H. H. Watson, J. G. W.; Rev. J. Irvine, G. chaplain; A. B. Erskine, grand treasurer; Dr. Quinlan, grand secretary; J. Hosker, grand tyler.

CAMARA MAY NOT COAL.

London, June 28.—The Cario correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

Lord Cromer has stopped a French firm from coaling Admiral Camara's squadron pending instructions from London.

In the broad fields of intellectual achievement a Canadian, Mr W. L. Mackenzie King, of Montreal, has just been appointed to the "Henry Lee Memorial" fellowship in political economy at Harvard University, a distinction awarded only to those who have shown special attainments in that science. Mr. King has written a series of powerful articles on the sweating system in Montreal.

A good story is going round about President McKinley. A reporter on one of the chief papers was sent to interview him on a matter the president was not at liberty to reveal, or the paper to inquire into. On being told that the information could not be given out, he said, "You know if I go back without a 'story' I shall lose my place." The president who had known him for years, said, "If they discharge you I'll make you a consul." And they did, and he did.—The Empire.

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NELSON LODGE, No. 23. A. F. M. meets second Wednesday in month. Visiting brethren invite G. L. LENNOX, Secreta

I. O. O. F. Kootenay Lo No. 16, meets every Monday n at their Hall, Kootenay st Sojourning Odd Fellows cordially invited. WM. HODSON, Secreta

NELSON LODGE No. 25, K. o meets in Castle hall, McDonald every Tuesday evening at 8 o'c All visiting knights cordially invit J. J. MALONE, C.C. (220) GEO. PARTRIDGE, K. of R. a

NELSON LODGE, I. O. G. T. Mee Castle Hall, McDonald Block, every Mo evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting Templar dially invited, JOHN TELFOR Chief Temp George Nunn S

S.O.E. NELSONS QUEEN NO SONS OF ENGLAND, second and fourth Wednesd each month at K. of P. Hall, Donald Block, cor. Vernon Josephine streets. Visiting rn cordially invited. ERNEST KING, CHAS. H. FARROW, Worthy Pres Secretary.

COURT KOOTENAY, I.O.F., NO. 3138 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month i K of P Hall. F W Swanell, C. D. S. C. R Green, C.R.; J. Purkiss, Secy.

NELSON LODGE, NO. 10 A.O.U.W., every Thursday in the I.O.O.F. hall. Swanell, M.W.; W Hodson, Rec.-Sec.; Driscoll, Financier F. J Squire. Receive P. M. W.

NELSON L.O.L. No. 1692 meets in th Donald block every Thursday evenin o'clock. Visiting members cordially i 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.

W. Goodwin of Kaslo is in the city.

Dr. Conethard of Rossland is at the Hume.

H. M. Lambert of Winnipeg is in the city.

The water in the lake is gradually subsiding.

John Shields of Waterloo, Ont., is at the Queen's.

J. E. Walker and E. J. Taber of Spokane are at the Phair.

A. Chisholm and A. J. McMillan of Rossland are at the Phair.

N. T. Tregan of Rossland registered at the Hume yesterday.

The evening camp fires of prospectors light up the hills in every direction.

C. H. Green, proprietor of the Grand Union hotel, Rossland, is in the city.

Frank O'Brien, townsite agent of Kuskonook, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Andrews of Slocan City spent yesterday in the city.

Ed Garner, representative of the C. P. R. in London, England, is at the Phair.

J. Fred Hume left yesterday for Balfour, Rykerts and Kuskonook on a political mission.

Warden Fitzstubbs of the provincial jail returned yesterday evening from a trip to California.

E. E. Williams, Spokane; Robert Croft, Victoria; J. C. Blandy, Balfour, are at the Queen's.

Claude Cregan, A. W. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ward, of Rossland, registered at the Phair last night.

Every hotel in the city is crowded with visitors who are in attendance at the sittings of the supreme court.

Everything points to the celebration to be held in Nelson on Dominion day being the largest ever held in southern British Columbia.

Coroner Dr. E. C. Arthur went to Robson yesterday to hold an inquest on the body of a man found dead in the bush. The full particulars have not yet been received.

The force of men now at work on the Crawford bay trail up Hooker creek have moved up to Proctor's cabin. Some very good bridging has been done on the trail.

A very pleasant garden party and social was held at the school grounds by the ladies of the Methodist church last night. A good programme of music, etc., was rendered and a pleasant time was spent.

Captain McCormick of the steamer J. D. Farrel, Jennings, was down from Jennings on Tuesday. He reports that nothing can be done towards raising the boat until the river falls sufficiently.—Kootenay Herald.

The fire brigade are having practice runs every evening for the hose reel races at the Dominion day celebration, and are getting in first-class condition. The time made yesterday evening is said to be the best record yet.

The hall on Vernon street, next door to the Kootenay hotel, has been secured by O'Neill and West for their wrestling contest on Thursday night, and is being fitted up to accommodate the large crowd which is expected.

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A survey party is at present in Spokane and will start out in a few days to set out in a few days to set out iron posts and granite mounds at points along the international boundary between British Columbia and the state of Idaho.

Owing to the large number of cases set down for hearing at the present assizes, two supreme court judges are holding daily sittings. Mr. Justice Drake is presiding in the court room and Mr. Justice McColl is holding court in Judge Forin's rooms down stairs.

Every city, town and mining camp in the Kootenay will be represented at Nelson on Dominion day, and every intending visitor may be assured of a hearty reception. Nelson people are noted for their hospitality and will spare no trouble in the entertainment of their guests.

F. M. Chadbourn left yesterday for a three weeks' trip to East Kootenay to look at the Matterhorn group of mines in the Windermere district, upon which he secured a bond for an English syndicate last fall. He expects to put a force of men to work on the property before his return.

At the meeting of the city council held on Monday afternoon the mayor was authorized to invite the members of the Minnesota State Press association to visit Nelson on their annual excursion trip, which will this year be over the line of the C. P. R. His worship was also requested to extend the hospitalities of the city to the association.

The steamer Ainsworth, running three times weekly between Nelson and Bonner's Ferry, makes nearly 1000 miles per week, the distance between the two points being over 150 miles. She is expected to do a big business this summer, especially after the starting of construction on the Nelson & Bedlington railway, which is looked for in the course of a month.

SUPREME CORUT.

Importnt Mining Cases Heard by the Supreme Court Judges.

An important case involving the ownership of a mineral claim was heard yesterday before Mr. Justice McColl. The case was Coldwell vs. M. S. Davys, an action adversing Davys' application for a certificate of improvement for the Red Star mineral claim, situated in the Ainsworth mining division. Davys' location of the Red Star was prior to the location of the same property by the plaintiff as the Fair Play, but Davys had failed to record his certificate of work. The evidence went to show that the claim is chiefly valuable on account of limestone, and the question arises whether it can be located as a mineral claim. The defendant contends that as he was in actual possession at the time of the location by the plaintiff and as the government accepted his record of assessment work subsequently, therefore the plaintiff can not succeed.

Judgment was reserved. A. H. McNeill of Rossland appeared for the plaintiff, and J. H. Bowes for the defendant.

Mr. Justice Drake handed down judgment yesterday in the case tried a few days ago in which the Kaslo & Slocan Railway company were the plaintiffs and the Hall Mines, Limited, were defendants. The action involved the question of the location of limestone as a mineral, and the judgment was in favor of the defendants. As the judgment was an important one The Miner hopes to be able to publish the full text for the benefit of the mining community. A. Whealler appeared for the plaintiffs, and J. H. Bowes for the defendants.

Before Mr. Justice Drake and a special jury yesterday the action of Pender vs. War Eagle Mining company, the particulars of which were given in yesterday morning's Miner, was tried The jury failed to agree and were discharged.

THE LINDLEY STOCK COMPANY.

Second Performance in Nelson at the Skating Rink.

There was a crowded gathering at the skating rink last night when the Lindley stock compauy gave their second performance before a Nelson audience. The piece chosen was a five-act melodrama entitled "The Shadows of a Great City," which was reecived with enthusiasm.

Harry Lindley was very effective as Jim Farren, a most comical convict who concealed the most brutal nature under a mask of rough humor. Mr. Lindley is to be congratulated on his powers of portrayal of character. He did some very fine work indeed. Miss Luella Beck as Mrs. Standish was also very acceptable, the deathbed scene being very powerful and affecting. Later on in the piece she made a very charming and sprightly Nelly, the pretty young heroine who stands between George Benson and a fortune.

J. Chapman played Tom Cooper, the lover of Nelly Standish, and his scene with Biddy Ronan and Nelly just before his proposal to the latter was cleverly thought out and excellently acted. Miss Clara Mathes as Biddy Ronan, an eccentric but kind-hearted Irish woman, quite won the sympathies of her audience.

Space forbids a detailed analysis of the play, but Harry Young made a most up-to-date detective, while Miss Flo Nathol as Mrs. O'Flaherty, and the Messrs. Lewis and Marsh, who played George Benson, the policeman and Nathan respectively, all scored distinct successes.

Mention must not be omitted of the charming song and dance between the first and second acts, which received a well deserved encore.

A feature of the evening was "The Death of Nelson," sung, by special request, by H. R. H. Gibbons. The song, which was splendidly given, received an enthusiastic encore.

NELSON RINK

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In Hall on Vernon street next door to the Kootenay Hotel.

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NEW LOCATIONS.

Nelson.

June 14—

Commodore—M. McMahon, on vide, bet Bear and Wild Horse cks, adj Iron Mountain, formerly Gray Rock.

St. Paul—P. McBride, on divide bet Bear and Wild Horse cks, adj Iron Mountain.

June 15—

Wolftone—J. A. Quinlan, A. Goyette, on s side of Skillet ck and w side of n fk of Salmon river, adj Jubilee.

Dunken—J. A. Coryell, on Craig mountain, n side of Skillet ck and 6 mi from Erie, adj Vettie Tyler.

Matchless—J. A. Coryell, on Craig mountain, adj Vulcan.

Vulcan—F. Coryell, on Craig mountain, 1 mi w of n fk of Salmon, adj Matchless.

Day creek—T. Gunner, 9 mi w of Nelson, opposite mouth of 49 ck.

Manila Fraction—R. MacCann, at head of Burnt ck, 1½ mi e of n fk of Salmon river, formerly Gilt Edge.

Kentucky Star—R. Diamond, on s fk of Wild Horse ck, formerly Nellie O.

Golden Eagle—V. Carson, on s fk of Wild Horse ck, adj Kentucky Star, formerly Jaw Bone.

Republic—W. L. Bannon, L. J. Winslow, on s side of Hidden ck, 3 mi from N & F S ry, adj Iroquois.

Alphonso—T. T. Henderson, G. W. Willard, on Marble ck, 5 mi from Craigtown.

Skylark—S. Gourley, A. Matheson, on n side of and 3 mi up Wild Horse ck, formerly Arcadia.

Sampson—G. Ellis, on e side of Salmon river, 5 mi n of Ymir, adj Dewey.

Mammoth—G. Sheppard, T. Punch, 3 mi e of Hall Siding, adj Dublin, formerly Swanhilda.

Triumph—G. Sheppard, 1 mi se of Hall Siding, formerly Edna.

June 16—

The Remainder—T. B. Garrison, on s side of Wild Horse ck, adj Last Chance.

Cariboo Pass—J. Langley, on s side of Wild Horse ck and n w of Remainder.

Last Chance—P. Aspinwall, s side of Wild Horse ck, near B. C.

Dewey—J. Longsley, on s side of Wild Horse ck.

Mount Alto—J. Sullivan, on s side of and 6 mi up s fk of Salmon river, adj Mountain View.

Golden Rod—L. D. Blake, on s side of and 1½ mi up Whitewater ck, formerly White Elephant.

Admiral Sampson—A. S. Montgomery, M. Costello, J. B. Bourgoine, 1½ mi w of e fk of and 2 mi up Quartz ck, formerly Mammoth.

Josephine—E. Bollinger, J. Davis, on divide bet Porcupine ck and Hidden ck, 4 mi e of Salmon river, adj Uncle Sam.

Lizzie B—E. Bolinnger, J. Davis, on divide bet Porcupine and Hidden cks.

Jeff Davis—C. B. Archibald, on s side of and 3½ mi up Porcupine ck, formerly Andover.

Ina McC—P. Dieringer, on N & F S ry, ½ mi from Ymir, formerly Spokane.

June 17—

Dewey—P. J. King, 1 mi w of N & F S ry, formerly Tacoma.

O K—A. Matheson, on s side of and 1 mi up n fk of Wild Horse ck, adj Ymir and X Ray.

Keystone—F. O. Hazen, P. White, on Wild Horse ck, 8½ mi from Ymir.

Myrtle—N. Brown, 1½ mi s of mouth of second s fk of Hall ck, formerly Poro Pinnany.

June 18—

Wawanesa—G. Dixon, 4 mi up s fk of Porcupine ck, 12 mi e of Ymir.

Erin—J. P. Cameron, at head of 49 ck, formerly Emerald.

For Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Nelson Riding of West Kootenay District.

JOHN FRED HUME.

PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES.

Adopted by Delegates in Convention on The 21st Day of June, 1898.

"Whereas, The Turner government by its class legislation, (1) by imposing a tax upon the output of metalliferous mines not imposed upon the output of coal mines; (2) by refusing to remove the tax imposed on men working in metalliferous mines; (3) by denying the people of the province equitable representation in the legislative assembly, has proven itself unworthy of further confidence or continuance in office; and,

"Whereas, The railway policy of the present administration is inimical to the best welfare of the province as a whole therefore be it

"Resolved, That the interests of the Nelson riding of West Kootenay district demand that the electors return as their representative in the next provincial legislature a man who will not only strongly advocate but will also use his influence with the members of the legislative assembly opposed to the present administration to secure the following reforms:

"First—An equitable plan of representation in the legislative assembly on a basis that will recognize that an elector in one portion of the province is the equal of an elector in any other portion where like circumstances prevail.

"Second—Equalization in taxation with respect to mines, so that if the output of the metalliferous mines be taxed, the output of all coal mines shall be treated in the same manner.

"Third—Repeal of the special tax imposed upon working miners in the metalliferous mines, which partakes of the nature of a trade tax and is an unjust exaction.

"Fourth—An amendment to the assessment act which permits what is virtually dual taxation, under the indefensible mortgage tax, or tax upon poverty.

"Fifth—The passage of a general railway act, which will allow the building of railways by bona fide railway men without cost to the province either in cash subsidies or land grants.

"Sixth—The starving out of railway charter mongers by refusing to grant any further land subsidies in aid of railway construction, and by insisting wherever cash subsidies are granted that such subsidies shall be by way of loan secured by a lien upon the railways when built.

"Seventh—The absolute prohibition of the immigration of Chinese into the province, and the exclusion of Chinese from employment by any company receiving any concession whatever from the crown.

"Eighth—That in employing labor on public works preference be given to citizens of the province, and also that all government offices be filled by capable bona fide residents of the district where the vacancies exist.

"Ninth—Due recognition of the fact that the mining industry is the chief attraction for outside capital to the province, and is responsible for the increase in its population; that this industry may be vitally affected by legislation, and its importance demands that we should have in the cabinet a practical rather than a theoretical representative.

"And with a view to securing the above reforms, we pledge ourselves to support by our votes and influence the nominee of this convention."

TO THE ELECTORS

OF THE NELSON RIDING OF WEST KOOTENAY ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

Gentlemen,—I offer myself as an independent candidate to represent you in the next Provincial Parliament.

Should I be fortunate enough to secure your support I shall endeavor to bring about the following reforms:

(1) A change in the Mineral Act to compel all partners in a mining claim to bear their share of the assessment work or forfeit their interest.

(2) An amendment to cause litigants to put up reasonable security for costs before adversing applications for certificates of improvements.

(3) Regular promotion in the Civil Service, avoiding the injustice of the appointment of outsiders over the heads of men already in the service, all vacancies being filled by our own people.

(4) The removal from the Statute book of the discriminatory tax of $5.00 per annum on mechanics, miners and others employed in our metalliferous mines.

If returned I pledge myself to work to the best of my ability to secure a local expenditure of public monies in proportion to the revenue collected in the district, and to ensure such expenditure being laid out to the best possible advantage.

The mining interests of British Columbia have now reached such proportions that it is desirable they should be administrated by a separate department under the charge of a minister who would devote his undivided attention to the subject.

I shall endeavor to rescind the legislation of '96, by which mining suits were taken out of the jurisdiction of the County Court and relegated to the Supreme Court, thereby entailing increased costs and interminable delays.

During the past eight years Kootenay has been represented by straight government supporters and by an out and out oppositionist, the result in neither case has been satisfactory. I consider the time has arrived when all the Kootenay members should join in advocating measures for the benefit of this district as a whole and for its special industry, without regard to party.

A. . FARWELL.

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PROVINCIAL GAOL AT NELSON.

TENDERS, endorsed "Gaol Supplies" for the supply of Bread, Beef, Groceries, Clothing and Coal, for the use of the said institution, from the first day of July next to the 30th of June, 1899, will be received by the undersigned, up to Saturday, the 29th of June. Samples of groceries, clothing, etc., can be seen at the gaol, Ward street. Tenders to state price of coal per ton of 2,000 pounds. All supplies to be delivered at the gaol as required, without extra charge.

Oatmeal, Cornmeal, Brooms, Brushes and all articles required for use in this contract, to be of Provincial manufacture as far as practicable.

F. S. HUSSEY.
Supt. of Prov. Police and Warden of Gaols.
June 6, 1898.

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I will sell at cost for the balance of the season all trimmed millinery, children's hats and bonnets, sailors and shirt waists.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed whole tenders will be received until 5 o'clock Thursday, June 30, for the erection of a two-story brick block with basement for G. Frank Beer, Esq. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the undersigned. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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THE DOMINION CAPITAL.

BRIEF REVIEW OF THE SESSION WHICH RECENTLY CLOSED.

Liberal Party Fully Qualified to Carry on the Government.—Farewell to Lord and Lady Aberdeen.—The Capital Rapidly Emptying of Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament.

Ottawa, June 23.—The session which has now become a matter of history has been one which the liberal party throughout the country has no reason to be ashamed of. During the first two sessions of their terms of office, the first of which was entered upon when they had only just assumed the reins of power, the government was fully occupied in getting its bearings and picking up the threads of administration, readjusting the machinery to suit the new and improved methods being introduced, cleaning up, weeding out and generally discovering where they were at. To assume control after 18 years of opposition, especially following in the footsteps of a party in which, according to one of its greatest exponents, was "implanted the instincts of government," was no small undertaking. and until current events can be impartially and dispassionately reviewed in the light of history we probably shall not fully appreciate the ability, tact and consummate skill an foresight with which the great work has been so successfully carried on. Surrounded by tried men of legislative and administrative acumen from every section of the Dominion, Sir Wilfred Laurier accomplished much, and the indications are abundant in every direction of much more in the near future that will still further redound to the credit and advantage of our fair Dominion. At the beginning of the session it was a frequent incident to hear conservative members of the house taunt the government with not having kept their pre-election promises. This was started by the leaders and taken up by the rank and file until the parrot cry became a part of the set speech of every third and fourth-rate orator to the left of the chair. As the weeks rolled by measures of reform were brought up one by one, and those who followed events with intelligent observation dropped the shibboleth as undesirable and even dangerous. They realized that it was unwise to direct public attention too emphatically to the progressive legislation being pressed forward by the government.

The repeal of the costly and unworkable franchise act of 1885 and the substitution of a simple, cheap and equitable system in its place; the radical reform of the civil service superannuation scheme; the postal reform measures; the prohibition plebiscite bill, the various measures for opening up and developing the Yukon; the steps taken to improve transportation facilities by land and water in every part of Canada and to generally develop the conditions of trade and commerce were all substantial evidence not only of the good intention of the government but of its actual ability and set determination to put through the necessary reform legislation in the face and in spite of most determined opposition in the commons and malignant obstruction in the senate.

More than this and even better from the moral standpoint of a political rectitude that was fast becoming a forgotten attribute of public life in Canada—no breath of suspicion of wrongdoing can be found in spite of the most minute and painstaking investigation of the opposition watchdogs. The latter fact is not mentioned as anything to be especially proud of, for it should be the normal condition, but unhappily such has not been the case in the past, and very marked and salutary changes merit a passing notice.

The unaffected and spontaneous enthusiasm which characterized the proceedings at prorogation when words of farewell were uttered to the governor general and his beloved Countess must have had peculiar significance to those whose memory takes them back two or three years to the time when tory Ottawa undertook to discipline His Excellency for presuming to exercise his recognized prerogatives and do his whole duty even to the extent of interfering with a number of comfortable little post mortem arrangements of the moribund administration. Those who at that time fulminated the heartless decree that Rideau hall was to be inexorably ostracised were on prorogation day foremost in the scene thus described by the reporter of a local conservative paper:

"A more ardent tribute to their popularity could hardly have been anticipated or desired by their best and most enthusiastic friends. There on the floor of the senate chamber, surrounded by the foremost representatives of the people, they received every evidence of sincere appreciation and of warm affection. Every eye was moist as Lord Aberdeen referred in his own true, sympathetic manner to their coming departure, and as Lady Aberdeen, in a most beautiful and touching way, thanked the gentlemen of the senate and the commons who so gallantly presented her with loving wishes and a very handsome hand-painted Canadian dinner service as a souvenir of their regard and appreciation of her labors and good work in Canada.

Ottawa is rapidly emptying and the drowsiness of vacation time is settling over the capital. Five cabinet ministers have gone to England, others have left for various points on this continent, not a corporal's guard remaining in the city. So far the weather has been mild and even cool, but with the closing of the colleges and schools this week the holiday season will be on in earnest, and then even the war will fail to arouse much excitement.

Speaking of schools and colleges, one cannot but approve most cordially of the emphatic protest entered by the Ontario Medical association at its recent meeting against the overwork inflicted upon pupils of the public schools and the students of the colleges. Not a season goes by but the papers record lamentable instances of physical and mental breakdown caused by the abnormal strain of preparing for competitive examinations, and the papers do not hear of one case in a hundred. That parents are so blind as to fail to appreciate the awful injury their children must suffer sooner or later, is incomprehensible, and it is the duty of every educationalist, every physician and every newspaper to protest and to protest again until this menace to the well being of our country is removed. One notes with satisfaction the manner in which the action of the association was approved by Hon. G. W. Ross, Ontario's minister of education.

TO SETTLE QUARRELS.

Agreement Between United States and Great Britain on Canadian Matters.

Ottawa, June 28.—The Dominion government has received copies of the protocol agreed upon by the governments of the United States and Great Britain for the guidance of the forthcoming international committee at Quebec.

The commission is entitled to consider the following subjects, embracing practically all those at which the Dominion and the United States have been at variance for years:

The Behring sea sealing question, reciprocal mining regulations, the Canadian-Alaska boundary question, restrictive regulations for preserving the fisheries on the great lakes, the north Atlantic fisheries question and the bonding question connected therewith, the alien labor law and the reciprocity of trade.

From the present appearances the commission will not meet until August. The final meetings will be held in this city.

FIGHTING FOR CUBA.

Captain Turney Tells of His Experiences With the Insurgents.

Captain Turney, formerly of the Princess of Wales' Own (the Nineteenth foot), was asked yesterday by a representative of The Miner to narrate some of his experiences in and impressions of Cuba for the benefit of our readers. The captain had a most interesting story to tell, which is given in full.

In December, 1896, Captain Turney was in Nogales, Arizona, when he was induced by a Cuban representative there to take service under the insurgents in Cuba, where a command was awaiting him. He joined a filibustering expedition at New Orleans, and landed in Cuba about 40 miles east of Havana in the dead of night. He was first attached to Major Morales, a Cuban officer, to whom he had letters of introduction, and who was then being considerably harrassed by the Spaniards, sometimes having to move camp as early as 2 o'clock in the morning to avoid an attack by overwhelming numbers.

Yellow fever in Cuba seems to be largely a bugbear, Captain Turney stating that outside of Havana very few cases are to be met with, though there is no doubt of its virulence in the capital. Directly the low ground fringing the coast is left behind the climate becomes very healthy, in fact, as healthy as it is possible for a semi-tropical country to be. The real scourge of Cuba is smallpox, not yellow fever.

Vaccination is unknown, and absolutely no precautions of any kind are adopted, with the result that there are innumerable cases of death and disfigurement, and thus the smallpox coupled with the great heat are likely to cause great mortality among the invaders.

Captain Turney received a command of irregular horse, with a roving commission to harrass the enemy as much as possible without running unnecessary risks of getting his troop wiped out. On one occasion he camped at Guanabocas about a mile and a half from Havana as the crow flies, though a detour of eight or ten miles would be necessary to reach the city. The insurgent foraging parties used sometimes to push almost up to the gates of Havana. The Cuban troops are mixed Spanish and negro blood and look very ragged and unpromising soldiers. Their looks belie them, however, and especially when worked up will do desperate deeds of valor. Their great fault is that they are too impatient, and when on the defensive under heavy fire are not as steady as European troops. In the Captain's opinion the revolution would long since have been crushed but for the unnameable and numerous outrages perpetrated by the Spanish guerillas. The Spanish regulars are not to blame, but still the deeds have been done, and the blood of the Cubans has been so fired by the dastardly deeds they have witnessed that no thought of surrender or compromise will ever be entertained by them for a minute.

It is intended in the next issue to give some details of exciting engagements in which Captain Turney bore a part, and a description of the methods of fighting that prevail in Cuba.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Sir Louis Davies Announces Its Probable Composition.

Montreal, June 28.—Sir Louis Davies, minister of marine and fisheries, who has been in Montreal for a few days, in speaking of the approaching conference at Quebec, said:

"I look upon the conference as one of the most important events in the history of Canada."

Sir Louis said he would take a rest until the time for his return to prepare for the opening of the conference, of which he will be one of the commissioners for Canada, along with Sir Wilfred Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright. The appointment by the imperial government of Lord Herschell as the British commissioner has already been announced, but Sir Louis in answer to a question stated that those of the United States had not been officially named. He had reason to believe, however, that the representatives of the United States would be Hon. John A. Kasson and Senator Hoar of Massachusetts. He spoke of the probable commissioners in terms of highest praise as men who would in every way reflect credit on the nation they will represent.

SHORT IN ACCOUNTS.

Brantford, Ont., June 28.—Walter Brubridge, clerk in the county court of Brant, has been for some years unable to perform the duties of the office personally and has delegated them to his son Frederick. Inspector of Legal Offices Flemming has discovered some irregularities and confusion in young Brubridge's management, and on his report the government has superseded Brubridge and appionted J. T. Hewitt to the position. The elder Brubridge was not cognizant of the irregularities, and certain fees of the office will continue to be paid to him during his illness.

ONTARIO FARMER KILLED.

Guelph, Ont., June 28.—Joseph Flaherty, a well-to-do young man living on a farm near here, was killed at a barn-raising today.

DID NOT HEAR THE TRAIN.

Montreal, June 28.—A. A. Jones, a deaf mute, aged 18 years, was struck by a train and killed while wheeling over a railway crossing today.

TO THE ELECTORS

Of the Slocan Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District.

Gentlemen:—At the request of a large proportion of the community representing every section of the Riding, I beg to announce myself as a candidate for your suffrages in the coming elections.

In respectfully soliciting your votes and support I declare myself a supporter and follower of the Hon. J. H. Turner as the Leader of the only Party in this Province with a defined Policy and coherent existence.

During my eight years residence in this District I have been a consistent supporter of his Party in recognition of their attitude in meeting, and in cases anticipating the requirements and expansion of this great mining region. I am in favor of the following reforms:—

(1) The abolition of the Tax upon working miners.

(2) The abolition of the Mortgage Tax.

(3) The distribution of seats in the Legislature in direct proportion to population.

(4) I do not approve of the Policy of the late Legislative Assembly in using their influence to exclude foreign railroads, such as the proposed railroad to Boundary Creek.

(5) I favor certain revisions in the Mineral and Land Acts, particularly some easy plan by which the holders of claims can advertise out their defaulting co-owners.

(6) In filling all Government appointments I am in favor of appointing bona fide residents of the District in all cases where such can be found competent to act.

(7) I believe that the Provincial Legislature should bring all the aid and influence at its command to the assistance of the lead mining industry, especially in the direction of obtaining stronger recognition from the Federal Government at Ottawa of the importance of this industry and the disadvantages under which it now labors.

If you do me the honor to elect me as your representative I will at all times endeavor to protect and further the interests, not only of the prospector but also of all those employed in and around our mines, recognizing that our entire community is dependant upon the mining industry.

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