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marines entered it through the breach made by the shots from the warships. Lieutenant Shiraishi had already been in the fort. (One word here is unintelligible.—Translator.) The forces of the other countries followed the Japanese, and thus the northern and western forts were occupied by the Japanese; the right and left forts by the other forces.

"At 7 a. m. the fight was practically over, when the British took charge of the forts to guard the station. The railway track going to Tien Tsin did not appea: to have been wrecked, but as the Iccomctive had been damaged, the crew of the Ataga were told to repair it.

"Off Taku the Chinese cruiser Haiyang had been at anchor a little nearer the shore than the allied squadron, and on the evening of the 16th she seemed to have cleared for action. Prior to the resolution to open fire on the forts having been adopted, the U. S. S. Newark and the Descartes (French cruiser) were anchored by the Haiyang, but they shifted their position afterwords. On the evening of the 17th precautions were taken against the flight of the Haiyang, but she did not flee.

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proceeded to steam out of the harbor, and the foreign warships dipped tehir flags in recognition of the admiral's flag on her mast. But the captain of the Russian warship Rossia, which was anchored further out to sea, signalled for her to send an officer on board, and, in the presence of the commander of the German fleet, told him that the departure of the Haiyang, at that juncture, would be against her interests. She

'On land the musketry fire was still kept up at intervals from the southern fort, while in the business parts of the place natives, dressed like coolies, fired at the troops of the allied force, of whom there was only a small number pres-

ent.
"On the 16th," the report continue after detailing reports received from the forces near Tien Tsin and of the murder of the Japanese chancellor at Pekin. both of which matters have been told by cable reports, "there was but one United States and one Chinese warship at Chee Foo. Subsequently, when it was learned that the Taku forts had been bombarded, the Chinese vessel dis-appeared, her destination being un-

Another report of the capture of the forts is supplied under a previous date to Rear-Admiral Saito. This report, which is from Captain Sakamoto, of the Japanese depot ship Toyohashi, which has arrived at Sasebo, was dated on June 21. It savs: as arrived at Sasebo, was dated on I.ondon, July 12.—The American hos-"Owing to the fact that the Atago pital ship Maine sailed to-day from Southampton for China."

not enter the Pei-ho, it is stated that she was obliged to stay near Tong-ku, at the mouth of the river, and thus unable to take part in the operations.

Taku Forts

"The Japanese marines occupied, ahead of all others, the western fort, on the northern bank of the Pei-ho, and there hoisted their national flag, turning, at the same time, the guns of the fort they had captured against the central forts, on the northern bank. It is also stated that the central forts and others on the northern bank were occupied successively by the British, Russian and German marines.

Value In Hawaii. San Francisco, July 12.—A discovery of scientific interest and great commer-cial value has been made on the Island Immense subterranean streams of the purest water have been uncovered from fifteen to two thousand feet above the sea level. This water will be flumed down to the sugar planta-tions at lower elevations, affording an abundance for irrigation. From five subterranean streams tapped within the past-few weeks, the Ilaa plantation has se-cured a continuous flow of 20,000,000 gallons every 24 hours.

CANADIAN INDUSTRIES. Coal, Iron and Steel Companies Fo

Nova Scotia. don correspondent cables that he learns that a big coal company, with headquarters at Cape Breton, will be floated in Lendon, with a capital of £1,500,000. The Nova Scotia Iron & Steel Company will also be floated.

GONE TO CHINA. Hospital Ship Maine Has Sailed Fron Southampton.

St. John's, Nfld., July 12.—The colonial cruiser Fiona, which went ashore dur-ing a fog near Codroy, has been floated. She sustained little damage.

geveral manager.

LUCKY FIONA.

Done.

ORE FROM PHOENIX.

Grand Forks, July 12.—Yesterday the first ore-laden train from Phoenix arrived at the Granby smelter. The shipment consisted of ten cars, or three hundred tons in all. The ore came from

First Ore-Laden Train Reaches Grand Forks Smelter.

Bad News



"A list of the casualties has not been received, but I fear they are heavy.

"Simultaneously an attack was made on our outposts near Durdepoort, north of the town, in which the Seventh Dragoons were engaged. The regiment was handled with considerable skill by Lt.-Col. Low and kept the enemy in check until they retired on their supports, and would probably have suffered but slight loss had not our troops mistaken some Beers in the bushes for our own men.

"Smith-Dorrien had a successful engagement with the enemy yesterday near Krugersdorp and inflicted heavy loss on them."

"Buller reports the Boers who were destroying his line of railway near Paarmoved 28 big guns from the fort near to moved 28 big guns from the fort near to "Buller reports the Boers who were destroying his line of railway near Paar-dekrall were driven off yesterday after red 28 big guns from the fort near to the native city, and had planted four in the open air near the east arsenal two miles away. These shelled the city for a short action.
"Hart reports from Heidelberg that
the surrendering of Boer arms and ammunition continues from that district."

four hours, sending in more than ten hundred missiles. They got the range of public buildings and the club houses used as hospitals, and dropped explosives all about them. Fortunately most of the shells were defective and failed to burst and the others had a small radius of effectiveness. In the absence of a concerted plan the

In the absence of a concerted plan the Russians sent a few companies of Cossacks, with two field guns, and the Japanese a battery of six three-pounders and two companies of infantry, supporting the English 12-pounders from H. M. S. Terrible, to silence the Chinese pieces. The Terrible's guns failed to get an effective position, and the Russians had one gun dismounted and four men killed early in the engagement. The Japanese were confident that they silenced the guns in the open, but it appeared to the onlookers that these guns fired the last shots as the Japanese were retiring. ment consisted of ten cars, or three hundred tons in all. The ore came from the Old Ironsides mine, controlled by the Miner-Graves syndicate. To-day's arrivals represented a similar shipment from the Knob Hill mines, also owned by the same syndicate. Henceforth the shipments from the Phoenix will be continued, as the C. P. R. supplies additional ore cars. The ore receipts at the smelter will approximate 600 tons daily. The ore bins of the Old Ironsides, Knob Hill and Victoria mines contain eight thousand tons and there is an equal amount on the stopes awaiting removal to the surface. The Phoenix ores do not require any preliminary roasting in the city this morning to show they were

to the surface. The Phoenix ores do not require any preliminary roasting in heaps. This will save from 25 to 50 cents a ton in handling charges. There was an impromptu celebration when the first ore train rolled into the smelter. The employes turned out and gave three hearty cheers, mingled with the tooting of steam whistles and the music of a scratch band hastily organized. Among those in attendance were S. H. C. Miner, of Granby, Que, president of the various companies comprised in the Graves-Miner syndicate; A. C. Flumerfelt, assistant general manager, and Jay P. Graves, general manager. as chaos. He said: "We have wasted to many days in politeness, and it is time we did something."

There is no agreement among the commanders, but in the absence of a definite head several of them are disposed to follow their own methods, and they simply abstain from operations contrary to these methods. The foreign population is aroused concerning this apparent apathy. While the city is being bombarded they are likely to suffer heavily, and they can't understand the apparent negligence of the governments to furnish reinforcements quicker. The identical same particularly dissatisfied because, though they have the smallest Cruiser Gets Afloat With Little Damage because, though they have the smallest representation, their interests are second to none. One officer said: "It is impossible to realize at home that there has been more real war here than in Cuba or the Philippines."

Newmarket, Ont., Pte. Griffiths to Hagersville, Pte. T. Simpson to Manitoba, H. Gilroy, Regina. Pte. R. Bowne, Staffordshire, England, and Pte. F. Norris, Dursley, England.

Yokohama, July 12.—Though no decision has yet been announced, it is certain that Japan will send nearly 50,000 troops to China. The press agrees that the despatch of so large a force is a duty in the interests of humanity, but asserts that a large measure of responsibility for the troubles rests upon Russia and Germany because of their arbitrary action in China.

The Governor's Residence.—Lieutenmorning at Lofa, thirty-one miles distant. Meanwhile, on Sunday, the 17th, came the word from Pekin: "Still unattacked, but very anxious." Since that date both cities which destroyed Carey Castle, He may been silent. No refugees among the foreigners have been sent down the river to Taku, as would have certainly been the case had the allied forces actually reached them. The only inference is that for

lization which the powers are seeking to carry on in China."

FOOD FOR INDIA.

amer Quito Reaches Bombay With United States Contributions.

Washington, July 12.-Word has reached the navy department of the arrival of the steamer Quito at Bombay on the 9th inst. with \$20,000 and relief dia. This vessel was char department for the purpose.

TRANSPORTS FOR TROOPS Steamers Chartered to Carry German

Forces to China. Hamburg, July 12.-The Boersenhalle unounces that the Hamburg-American ine has leased four and the North Ger-nan Lloyd six steamers to the marine for the transportation of 12,000 pops and ammunition to China.

REACHED LADYSMITH. Buller Reports That Released British Have Arrived.

London, July 12.—The war office announces that Gen. Buller reports that 659 prisoners, released by the Boers, have arrived at Ladysmith.

Ottawa, July 12.—The general officer commanding at Standerton cables the fol-lowing casualties under date of yester-

lowing casualties under date of yester-day:

"Missing—Corporal J. Mills, shoeing smith J. J. Griffiths, Pte S. Simpson, Pte. N. Gilroy, Pte. R. Bourne and Pte. J. Norris."

It is presumed all of the above belonged to Strathcona's Horse. The name of 413, Pte. C. S. Strong, also appears in the list, but there is no such name on the nominal roll.

Corporal Thomas Mills belonged to Newmarket, Ont., Pte. Griffiths to Hag-

Discussing The Subsidies

Railway Companies Who Get Associated Press Correspondent Them Must Purchase Rails in Canada.

Liberal Government Cannot Greatest Anxiety Felt in Regard Realize Importance of Vancouver Island,

Ottawa, July 12.—The house spent the day discussing railway subsidies. Hon. tion in China is at present absorbing every Mr. Blair announced that provision thought here, and all other interests are would be made that in all future con- as nil. The very intimate business and tracts for subsidies companies must purchase the steel rails in Canada. On the tres of trade in the Orient, bring the be-Kaslo-Lardo grant Mr. Blair struck out leagured cities of Tien Tsin and Pekin the words "to Kaslo and Lardo-Duncan within the anxious vision of almost every railway" this evening, the resolution home here, and there is scarcely one which to read that a subsidy would be granted has not some connection or friend over to "a railway from Duncan lake towards whose fate there hangs a cloud. What

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special Train.—A special E. & N. rain leaves the Store street depot at 7 h. m. this evening for Nanaimo and attremediate points in order to accommodate the excursionists who have been settled and the Emperor had committed suicide, of course, gave the impression that the mob was in complete control, and that the mob was in complete control, Special Train-A special E. & N attendance at the Orangemen's cele-

Yorkshire Society.—The Yorkshire Society of British Columbia will have a basket picnic at Goldstream to-morrow. Trains will leave the E. & N. station at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., returning at 7:30 p. m. Return fare, 50 cents; children, 25 cents. All Yorkshire people are invited.

The Police Court.—Before Magistrate Hall yesterday in the police court Roh.

The agents are F. G. Richards & Co.

The Coming Session.—A few days tow should see a considerable influx of politicians and members to the capital preparatory to the opening of the season, the date being Thursday next, the preparatory to the opening of the session, the date being Thursday next, the 19th inst. It is rumored, unofficially, of course, that J. P. Booth, M. P. P., for North Victoria, will be offered the speakership.

Farmers May Suffer.—The unprecedentedly changeable weather of the past month has greatly embarrassed the farmers, and the unexpected rains of the past few days have placed in jeopardy many of the hay crops in Saanich and adjacent farming districts. A great quantity of hay is cut; and should the wet weather continue the result would be disastrous for the farmers.

unusual weather conditions which have prevailed during the last few months has seriously interfered with trade ar-rangements with local merchants. Summer stocks, purchased in expectation of the prevalence of the usual charming weather in Victoria, will require to be sacrificed in some instances at consider-

West Coast Activity.-Mining opera tions and business conditions generally on the West Coast are this season far in excess in point of importance of any previous year, and all signs indicate that Vancouver Island is shortly to awaken from its long sleep to take its place among the actively progressing portions among the actively of the province.

Music at the Park.—The first of the Music at the Park.—The first of the series of Sunday afternoon band concerts at Beacon Hill will be given next Sunday afternoon by the Fifth Regiment band. The concert does not commence until 4 p. m., this hour being selected by the council in order not to interfere with the Sunday school arrankements. Objections are heard to the hour of 4 o'clock for the commencement of the concerts it being contended. interfere with the following contended that as they will not be over until after 6 o'clock those who stay until the conclusion of the programme will experience some inconvenience in getting home and preparing for the evening serial home and preparing for the evening serial home. Small price, thing Cuva in thi

The Situation In China

Writes on the Feeling At Yokohama.

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Yokohama, June 25.—The frightful situasocial connections between the various cen-

stances the government did not the matter a pressing one.

In the senate Hon. D. W. Mills reviewed the McInnes matter and held that Dr. McInnes had acted unconstitutionally in important respects while he was lighternant-governor.

gunboat fleet water the river, to reach the besieged the communication with this fleet is supposed to be clear, and yet for eight days no word has come from it. Being thus left a prey to rumor, the reports which have reached us from Chee Foo and Shanghat have been not only of the most heartrending, but most untrustworthy nature. not only of the most heartrending, but also of the most untrustworthy nature. First came the news that every man, woman and child among the foreigners in Pekin had been slaughtered. This followed and that no foreigner could, by any pos-sibility, escape. The simple fact is that no word has come from the foreign con-No Use For Nome.—A number of Victorians who had intended seeking their fortunes in the latest boom-land of the North have given up the idea of doing so, owing to the adverse reports which have reached here regarding conditions in that section. few hours a force of 1,500 men under Admiral Seymour left for the rescue. They were last heard from on the following morning at Lofa, thirty-one miles distant. ed them. The only

Remarkable One.

Acera, Gold Coast, July 12.—Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, governor of the colony, who recently arrived here after having been besieged at Kumassi by rebellous tribesmen, bears signs of the hardships and privations to which he has been subject. In the course of an interview he said he considered his escape most marvellous. He attributes its success to the secrecy maintained on the succ

mended by foreigners in unstinted terms.
Nearly every ship in its great fleet has been put in commission for the emergency, while an almost equally large fleet of transports is being loaded with troops and munitions of war, every preparation having been made exactly as at the time of the late conflict. All merely diplomatic considerations and all fears as to whether her "claims" will be regarded in the final settlement of Chinese affairs by the powers seem to have been flung to the four winds This empire is evidently intent upon doing be disastrous for the farmers.

Carpenters In Demand.—The large amount of building operations now going on in Victoria has exhausted the local supply of carpenters, and as a consequence several of the contractors find themselves short-handed. The Shawnigan Lake Hotel Company is desirous of pushing work on the Strathcona hotel more expeditiously than is the case at present, but are handicapped owing to the lack of carpenters.

Interferes With Trade.—The rather unusual weather conditions which have prevailed during the last few months has seriously interfered with trade arrangements with local merchants. Summer stocks, purchased in expectation of the stream of the fund to the four winds the seem to have been flung to the four winds the seem to have been flung to the four winds the seem to have been flung to the four winds the seem to have been flung to the four winds the seem to have been flung to the four winds the seem to have been flung to the four winds the seem to have been flung to the four winds the seem to have been flung to the four winds the seem to have been flung to the four winds the seem to have been flung to the four winds the seem to have been flung to the four winds the seem to have been flung to the four winds the seem to have been flung to the four winds the simple duty laid upon it by its geographical position, and by the emergency, which in the interests of humanity confronts it. The opportunity of laying the whole world under obligation to it is certainly one not lightly to be put aside, as in the final reckoning it ought not to be for gotten how generously it has been taken upon to lightly to be put aside, as in the final reckoning it ought not to be for gotten how generously it has been taken upon to lightly to be put aside, as in the final reckoning it ought not to be for gotten how generously it has been taken upon to lightly to be put aside, as in the final reckoning it ought not to be for gotten how generously it has been taken upon to lightly to be put aside, as in the final reckoning

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British Consul-General's Report On the

London, July 12.—The report of the British consul-general in Cuba for 1899 says that "while the first year of United States rule has disappointed Americans as well as Cubans and failed to realize as well as Cubans and failed to realize expectations in the way of a great revival of trade and needed public works, it is only common justice to the United States officials to say that no responsibility for the non-fulfillment of these expectations attaches to them. So far as their authority allowed, they have worked honestly and in good fair in what they conceived to be the best interests of the islands. I cannot see what more could be done. The one thing that was not in their power to give was the thing Cuba needed the most—the establishment of a representative form of government.

Tien Tsin Grave

Mail Advices of t the Chi City.

The Chinese Bomba Eleven Thousand and Sixty Gu

Shanghai Panic S cause of the Ga Insurgents

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