A MOUNTAIN BATTERY. ---

bia. At this time of the year nearly all ampire. the prospectors are in the towns with It is all hands for the empire now, and nothing to do until summer comes deal with the government as they deagain, and many of them hard set to serve after it is all settled, say the Lonsupport themselves until that time. Here don papers; and they are right. Every we have any amount of raw material, man who wishes to see the British emmen used to hardship, camping out most | ire's integrity maintained must be ready of the year, experienced packers and for the summons to rally round the flag. nearly all good rifle shots. Such a Our prestige has suffered beyond calbody of men, given a few smart officers | culation within the past week. It will and instructors, would by the time they have to be regained at whatever cost of arrived in South Africa be able to hold men and money, because if we lose their own in the roughest country, and South Africa we can scarcely hope to most likely the hardest fighting in the | hold India or the other Oriental possespresent campaign will be in the moun- sions. Indeed, one can readily see that strength of a mountain battery in India | Cape and assert British supremacy beconsists of about 100 officers and men yand question, we must prepare for trouand about 200 natives, used as packers bles compared with which these present and mule drivers. We should therefore will be child's play. Committies. The Boers have proved that them. expentness with the rifle, physicial endurance and the ability to utilize every natural advantage, are of first importance

lumbia would be invaluable in Natal. A GRAVE SITUATION.

-0-It is useless to search the records of

friend. Italy alone shows a disposition to side with discass. All the others, partice, method to mislead the general public twenty-six bunion are in sign. According to the large Russia and France, are bitterly longht by this time to be to enably plain ing to Mr. Quinn the white pine of the United States will be exhausted in seven cent. For each money were made this at termson on the stock exchange. Soventy South Africa, where, as it appears to against this proposal to connect Victoria them, the empire they envy seems to be stiglish of Slipping through the singers of Britain. Opinion un the United States is divided. Resolutions symplethizing with the

Boens are introduced in the Senate and I Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Tur-Congress; a majority of the American papers are hostile to the British cause. But the penil lies mainly around the and sore throat. It has by far the largest

Two great causes for anxiety are there, the one in the Cape Dutch, who outnumber the British four to one; the oth- bottle. Family size 60 cents. er in the Kaffirs, who outnumber both Dutch and British more than ten to one. The united uprising of the Cape Dutch would be an awful thing; the united uprising of the Kaffirs would be the end of white rule in South Africa for an indefinite period, which would revive the worst horrors of ancient wars and would light South Africa with burning cities, towns and farms, and deluge its soil with the blood of the settlers. No language, no imagination, can exagpenate the terribleness of a general Kaffir uprising. The white renegades who are said to be attempting to fonent such a thing amongst the natives would themselves be the first victims of

Kaffir fury. The contingency of a native uprising would probably never have appeared in the matter at all but for the string of stunning disasters inflicted upon the British troops in three widely-separated quarters by the Boers. As a principal is fully responsible for the actions of his ers are reported buried. agent, Buller cannot be cleared from responsibility for the massacre on the Tugela. Colonel Long acted according to his lights and training, and it is to be presumed had at least the tacit consent of his superior in running the guns into action in a spot which subsequently proved to be untenable, and which military officers of their experience ought to have seen at once was exposed to a mur-

derous fire at close range. What are the natives to think? And what are they to make of the frightful slaughters at Magersfontein and Stormerg when these things are explained to ham with due elaboration by the misreants who wish to see them rise and ake the war path? The loss in effecves at those engagements has been learful. At Nicholson's Nek a thousand; at Stormberg 500; at the Modder River fights, Belmont and Gras Pan, fully another thousand; at Magersfontein 936, at Tugela 1,100. And besides these hecatombs there are the continual

daily, hourly, losses of men killed, wounded, captured or placed hors de A correspondent writing from East combat by illness or accident. There Kootenay, makes a suggestion which he are also the casualty lists of Mafeking, asks us to make public. It is that a Kimber'ey and Ladysmith, where death mountain battery, to replace the one lost | must have been busy as a result of the at Nicholson Nek, be raised in Brit- continuous shell fire of the besiegers. It ish Columbia. "In no part of the Brit- would take a very large army to stand ish empire," says the writer, "can this this drain, but it must be made good be done better than in British Colum- if we would save South Africa to the

tain passes north of Natal. The unless we put down our foes at the

enrol about 300 men and be independent In Field Marsha! Roberts the soldiers of the natives. Care should be taken of the British army have the utmost con- to say that there is not a word of truth ages and held aloft Union Jacks, under of the natives. Care should be taken of the Direct than in any in the Citizen's article. I have been At the close of the eremony Mr. in the world to make soldiers out of than men may succeed. At all events the fully agree with my colleagues. the miners and prospectors of British hope of the British nation goes with

> THE CHILLIWACK RAILWAY. I'robably it is not necessary on our

in a war such as is now being waged | part to draw the attention of the ratein South Africa. The knowledge ac- payers who have been studying the Victoria-Chiliwack Railway scheme to the quired during years spent on the mountains and in the valleys of British Co- attempt of the Colomist this morning to last night by the uncarniy declaration of beat the caretaker, who attempted to making false statements. The danger arising from such tactics is the misseading that portion of the public not so well-informed in the matter as the oth-

satisfaction at the directly news from in trying to influence public, opinion with the most fertile district in Western Canada....

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pentine is mother's favorite remedy for croup, bronchitis, asthma, coughs, colds, sale of any remedy for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to the taste, prompt in action, and is an absolute safeguard against consumption and pneumonia. 25 cents a

SAMOANS SELECT MATAAFA

For King, and Are Driving Malleoan From the Villages.

(Associated Press.) Apia, Samoa, Dec. 13, via Auckland, N Z., Dec. 19 .-- The German flag was hoisted over the court house to-day as an official notification of the annexation of the isl ands by agreement to Germany.

The German consul was interviewed by the Samoan chiefs. He replied that inc Samoans could have their own kings and They then informed the consu that Mataafa would be selected. Having declared their government established, the Mataafites are driving the Malieoans out of the villages. Trouble appears imminent.

A CAVE-IN. (Associated Press.)

Kingston, N.Y., Dec. 19.-A cave-in occurred in the cement mines of the New York and Rosendale cement works at Rosendale this morning. Fifteen min-Later-It was learned later that al the men escaped.

LONDON BANK FAILURE.

(Associated Press.) London, Dec. 19 .- The failure of the London and Northern Bank, Limited, was announced to-day. The director issued a statement showing that its assets should fully cover habilities.

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Are prepared from Nature's mild laxatives, and while gentle are reliable and efficient. They

Fouse the Liver

Cure Sick Headache, Biliousness, Sour Stomach. and Constipation. Sold everywhere, 25c. per box. Prepared by C.I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Minister Denies the Statements Made by the Ottawa Citizen.

Says He Agrees With His Colleagues in the Cabinet.

(Special to the Times.)

morning accuses Hon. J. I. Tarte of kicking against the contingent and es-The minister wired his private secretary to-day as follows:

"Montreal, Dec. 20th. "F. Gelinas, Ottawa:

"You may authorize the newspapers"

"(Signed) J. I. TARTE," BURIED ALIVE. Startling Declaration by a United

States Doctor.

(Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 20.-The members of the Academy of Medicine were startled deceive the public as to the facts by Dr. Henry J. Garrigues, who said that out of every 200 coffins put under ground

Italy and Scandinavia, with Holland to say whether the and Belgium were in sympathy with us though practically impotent to aid.

To-day we cannot find on the conting to take the scheme in the divergence on ally and bardy one and bardy one after any fine to take the scheme in the divergence over every country as far as timber is concerned. He says the friend, Italy alone shows a disposition to side with us; all the others, particularly Russia and Russia an

OURED OF CHRONIC DIAR money was 1.25 per cont. RHOEA.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrohea. Some time ago persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two tottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarlafficted may read it and be benefited. Thomas C. Bewer, Glencoe, O. For eale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

DUTY ON GASOLINE

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Dec. 20.-Managers of gampanies of Ontario are urging the Dominion government to remove the duty of two and a half per cent. on gasoline in order that the companies may successfully compete against the monopoly of the Standard Oil Trust, which doubled the price of gas oil within the

SAMOAN AGREEMENT. (Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 20.-The Senate committee on foreign relations to-day authorized a favorable report upon the wo treaties negotiated with Great Britain and Germany for the dissolution of the triparte agreement for the control of the

SMALLPOX IN ONTARIO. Toronto, Dec. 20.-The provincial board of health bulletin reports 184 cases of smallpox as having occurred in Strengthens Essex county. Of these 62 are convalescent, and 122 still sick.

MADE FIVE MILLIONS. New York, Dec. 20.-The World today says James R. Keene cleared \$5,-

000,000 through the recent slump in Wall street. LABOR LEADER.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.-Samuel Gompers has been re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor. BANK OF GERMANY.

Berlin, Dec. 19.-The rate of discount of the Imperial Bank of Germany has been raised from 6 to 7 per cent. The Queen has announced her inten-

tion of entertaining at. Windsor Castle on Dec. 26th the wives and children of soldiers serving in South Africa who and as a result my cough has been cured reside in the neighborhood. Tea will be served, Her Majesty probably presiding in person, and a Christmas tree 25 feet high will be covered with gifts.

Will positively cure sick headache and preyent its return. Carter's Little Liver Pills. This is not talk, but truth. One pill a dose. See advertisement. Small pill. Small dose. Small price.

STUDENTS DEMONSTRATION. British

Dublin, Dec. 18. At Trinity College to-day the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies.

The undergraidmates gathered on the college grounds and sang patriotic songs. Then they sallied to the college green, cheering vociferously and carrying the Royal Standard and Union Jack. The latter was captured by the police. The List of Killed and Wounded in students made a demonstration at the Mansion House, where they tore the green corporation flag to shreds and caused other damage. The police were forced to interfere, and the students returned to the college. In the meantime a hostile crowd assembled on the col-Ottawa. Dec. 20.-The Citizen this lege green, and more stringent measures were taken to keep the students within

Mr. Chamberiain and his wife and pecially in regard to the matter of pay. Lady Beity Balfour, when driving to the college, were cheered at some points, but there was a noticeable difference of opinion among the crowds lining the streets. While the procession was passing from the provost's residence to "Examination Hail" the cheering was deafening. The students Ened the pass-

the mountains, and government, to in- man on earth—and in Kinchener and Hecthe incontains, and government, to the limit of certain and in the continue of mething to look forward to in the way became a general soldy on his military enough to come and see me. However, arrangements had been recent, he added, to end of his service with a Crown had plenty of experience in the style of I will be well enough to say a word to be would not have chosen the present as the occasion to receive the honor from ant of some of his mining property." fighting called for in Boerland. Where night on the position of the government the university. Their minds, Mr. Cham-There certainly is no better material the other genera's have failed these in reference to the second contingent. I be aim continued, were solemnized by the serious news from Africa, but England always has been accustomed to hold her own in adversity. He would have them remember the Crimea and the earlier period of the Indian Mutiny, when England met with greater disasters. than she had just experienced, but eventually the nation sprang to its feet

and recovered its equanimity. The students who attacked the Mansion House numbered about 150. They protect the corporation flag.

BURNED TO DEATH

says the secretary should be congratulated for again meeting the emergency in

DEAR MONEY SON OF AN OHIO MERCHANT per cent was demanded. At 3:15 o clock CLOSED ITS DODRS.

(Associated, Press.) New York, Dec. 18,-The Produce Exhange Company closed its doors at 10 o clock to-days The stock market slumped heavily on theinews in the EARL OF TANKERVILLE DEAD.

(Associated Press.) London, Dec. 19 The Earl of Tankerville (Charles Bennet) is dead. He has been bon, colonel of the First Battalion of Northumberland Fusiners since 1874.

MARQUIS OF QUEENSBERY ILL.

(Associated Press.) London, Dec. 19.-The Marquis of Queensbery, who was found insensible in bed at his club yesterday, is now in a critical condition.

ASSIGNMENT.

(Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—Dillaway & Starr, bankers and brokers, 40 Water street, have assigned.

CLEARED TWO MILLIONS. (Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 19 .- J. Overton Paine, little known in Wall street up to a few days ago, is said to have made \$2,000,-000 in the recent break in stocks.

Weak Lungs.

Many persons are in a condition to invite Pneumonia or Consumption by reason of inherited tendency or causes. They catch cold easily-find it difficult to get rid of an ordinary cough or cold. We would advise all such people to use Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Sy-

It is a wonderful strengthener healer of the breathing organs, and fortifies the lungs against serious pulmonarv diseases. Miss Clara Marshall, Moore, Ont.,

writes: "I have suffered several years with weak lungs and could get no cure, so became discouraged. If I caught cold it was hard to get rid of it. I started using Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and my lungs greatly strengthened."

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

Casualties

Highland Brigade Losses at Magersfontein-Officers and Their Regiments.

the Battle of Tugela River.

The list of casualties in the Highland Brigade at Magersfontein did not give the regiments to which the killed and wounded officers belonged. The following are the officers and their initials:

Killed.

Major-General A. G. Wauchope.
Lieut.-Colonel J. H. C. Coode, com-Captain E. G. Eleon, 2nd Battn. Black Watch. Lieut. N. G. Edmonds, 2nd Battn. Black Watch. Capt. J. R. Clark, 2nd Battn. Seaforth Highlanders. Lieut. E. Cox, 2nd Battn. Seaforth

Capt. J. W. A. Cowan, D.S.O., adjuant, 1st Battn. Highland Light Infam-Capt. A. F. Lambton, 1st Battn, Highland Light Infantry.

Lieut. Col. G. L. J. Goff, commandings: Washington, Dec. 18.—The currency 1st Battn. Argyll and Sutherland High-, bill passed the house to-day by a vote of

Highlanders.

landers.
Major S. L. Robinson, 1st Batta.
Arsyl? and Sutherland Highlanders.
Capt. A. S. Wingate, 1st Batta. Gor,
don Highlanders.
Lieut. W. B. Cowie, 2nd Batta. Seaforth Highlanders.

hitsamble 12. Wounded - 11 Lieut. Colonel G. T. F. Dowman, commanding 1st Battin, Gordon Highlanders, a vast quantity of machinery, including a Dieut. Col. H. R. Ke'ham, commanding mumber of stame mills." Thus tersely did bet Barta. Flightand Light Infantry. J. D. Thesgard formerly proprietor of the Major A. G. Duff, second in communa | Hotel Northern, of Seattle, express himself

The statement of the property of the statement was in the small emount of statement from after complication after the complex co forth Highlanders.

2nd Lieut, J. C. Scott. 1st Battn.

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
Lieut, C. F. Waterhouse, 2nd Battn.

Lieut, C. F. Waterhouse, 2nd Battn.

three big tunnels, and will prosecute the (Many, of, the above are stored to be discerously wounded.)
The following officers of the 2nd Black Watch are also reported wounded.
Major N. W. Cuthbertson, p.s.c., Capt. A. R. Caimeron, Lieut, F. G. Tait, Lieut, W. J. St. J. Hanney

A. R. Cameron, Lieut, F. G. Tait, Lieut, W. J. St. J. Harrey, Lieut, H. C. W. Benthen, Lieut A. G. Wauchope, The rollowing officers of the Black Watch are also missing. Capt the Hon J. F. T. Gumming-Bruce, p.s.c.; Capt, and Adjutant W. MacParlam and Lieut, N. N. Rumsay

Tugela River Fight The following are the officers killed and wounded in the engagement at Tugela River, as cabled to London: The mames with an asterisk are not to be found in the army list. It is thought that in some cases the initials may be wrongly cabled, and in others that they belong to the Natal Volunteers. The list has been corrected as far as

Killed. Capt. A. H. Goldie, 14th Battery R. Lieut. C. B. Schreiber, 66th Battery R.

possible.

Major J. F. W. Charley, second in command 1st Battn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Capt. F. C. Loftus, 1st Battn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Capt. A. H. Bacon and Lieut. R. Henry, 1st Battn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

Capt. M. L. Hughes, Royal Army Medical Corps. Lieut. C. H. Jenkins, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry. Lieut. the Hon. F. H. S. Roberts, King's Royal Rifle Corps. Wounded. Capits. N. J. Goodwyn, J. F. Radeliffe,

P. U. W. Vigors, Devonshire Regiment: Hon. St. L. H. Jervis, King's Royal Rifle Corps, Aide-de-Camp to Major-General A. Fitz Roy Hart; A. J. Hanker*, W. F. Hersey*, H. J. Buckley*, J. E. B. Reed*, F. S. Lewan*, J. E. R. Brush, Royal Irish Fusiliers; H. D. White-Thomson, adjutant Royal Field Battery: L. I. Reed*; F. A. G. Y. Elton, 66th Battery Royal Field Artillery; W. N. Congreve, Rifle Brigade; Major R. H. T. Heygate, D. S. O., Border Regiment; A. W. Gordon, Royal Dublin Fusiliers; A. A. B. Racingtons*; Colone's L. G. Brooke, commanding 1st Battn. Connaught Rangers; Lieut.-Colonel H. V. Hunt, Royal Field Artillery.

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CANADIAN ITEMS. (Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Chance Tor Boyd has rendered judgment in favor of the province in the case of the Crown against the executors of the late Daniel Scotten, the millionaire tobacco merchant of Detroit, for succession duties amounting to \$45,000, being five per cent. of \$900,000 which the late million aire had deposited in Canadian banks Comwall, Dec. 19.—The Camadian Colored Cotton Co. has voluntarily advanced the wages of its employees ten per cent. It will affect 1,500 hands. Montreal, Dec. 19.-The case against Lemieux, cashier of the defunct Ville Marie Bank, was resumed to-day. The evidence of Weir, president, was continued. Weir was subjected to severe cross-examination by counsel for the de

Despite the fact that most of the representative Irish in the city are urging Wan. McNally to run in opposition to Mayor Prefontaine, Mr. McNally declines the honor. A committee of representative Irish and Protestants was appointed last night to ask Mr. McNally to reconsider his decision.

AN ENORMOUS SALE.

To all who have felt the evil effects of deranged kidneys it is interesting to know that Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney Liver Pills are meeting with enormous sale and unparalleled success in this district. aches and aching kidneys are hist becom-ing a thing of the past where Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney laver Pills are known. One cent a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers. OURRENCY BILL.

Associated Press. 190 to 50

THE BUTTE OF THE NORTH. Atlin Will Be a Hive of Mining Industry

-Many Stamp Mills Going In.

"Atlin, to my notion, as regards Alaska and British Northwest mining, is to be the Butte camp of all that section. The com-

BURNED TO DEATH.

Seven Lives Lost in a Fire Which Brack Watch.

Destroyed New York Dec. 19—Seven Itses were lost and prominently identified with the old and prominen work throughout the winter. And it is order for the Jargest amount of machinery ver given for Atlin, or, perhaps, any other British Northwest district.

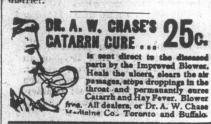
"Col. Pierce, of Coolgardie, Australia, will have a strong mill in operation on his Willow will Sprace creek properties by the opening of another season.

The Golden Gate group on Taku lake is almost sensationally rich. Though little was said about it, it is nevertheless a fact ons of ore taken at random from these mines averaged \$260 per ton. The ore was shipped over the White Pass to Juneau, where it was treated. Clifford, M. P., John Irving, of Victoria, myslf and others, own claims on Taku. The one in which I am interested plenty, of \$135 ore, and it will no doubt prove richer as we develop it. "The White Pass road has agreed to

think the ore will be treated by stamp mill on the ground." Mr. Thagard stated that before he left Atlin two weeks ago 160 hydraulic licenses had been taken out for next season. About 600 people, he says, will winter in the

transport the product of the Taku mines

for a most reasonable figure, but I rather





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Such they would be almost priceless to those whit suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will do a decided here, and those who once try them.

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Miners Arriv Danube

Cold Weather

Steamer Dan morning from passengers; and She brought dow E. J. Gray, who ne passengers McKinnon, D. I R. Wollaston. beouver, A. Branc S. Dougherty, C. han: for Seattle Caldwell, L. Law Larsen, C. Haff, coma, Mrs. Smit Among these and H. L. Whe

from Dawson, journey, made tice. H. L. Who ers from the Kl companied as far as Milton. They 23. The party hundred men, at said they were were stattered greater number end of the journ per cent. Had do the men pushed usually one man one behind push query "Bound fo shouted "You be Ageording to t there are proba along the rivera iskind, mear Street with the distinct At T were seen tha

Another late a Dawson is E. T Nugget Express very difficult tr pairs of moccasi shoes on the jou pany with the he was racing the time. He a led four miles o jam, but both of such risks. of the river ste fered \$50 if he man, who had and he succeede elled day and n team rest until which took him took the mail They then trave

the Canadian cu ferred to horse The warmth kon for a time ter has settled ing to the re When the Dar thermometer was istered 42 below ported 20 below at that point. 27 below, Selkirl 15. and Bennett 10 above.

George Scwat Lieut. Sswatka sent a largely s fington asking for teen years ago From Chikat to without stoppin ments en route. News was b ner of Hamlin reached Dawson fund a had time Windy Arm one er he was on w and two men na going through White Horse th and the others roof of the dec best they could arrived in a row The rest of the leaking, finally

> cock and his cor I. H. Loomis carrying a mai to Atlin. This until navigation The Danube North to-morrov

jam above Stews

COLES-S The Christman Ceremony in torians

Right Rev. I afternoon performony in the Chr the principals Coles, second s of Kensington Eng., a directo Company, and Schwengers, Schwengers, of was assisted by The sacred ed very tastefully event, the pred white chrysant wealth of holly

to remind of the season of Chris The bride, at esse satin gown ered chiffon and ed the church le brother, Mr. Co ornaments were diamond ring, s