surface. A powder chamb ined weight for 2 in. of length one pound. This was fixed to obtain a normal air-spacing,

of chamber required to be ut 5½ in. in diameter, and the the breech-block 10½ in. The th of the steel billet was 10 ft. ind deducting from this 1 foot tor the chamber and the breech, the bore was 8 available for the bore was 8 1., very nearly 24 calibres in der to make the gun was given mas Eve, 1899, and at the start next morning the billet of steel n into the machine shop. Most

en required on the work had to ten required on the work had to brarily withdrawn fro mthe re-there they were stationed, form-of the town guard. During the of the gun and making of am-the workshops were always to from the enemy, many shells, Quenumders bursting around 91-pounders, bursting around ing over the building, none, how-ually doing damage; but it was ng for a man to stay at work ing for a man to stay at work at or other machine, hearing shells around, and not knowing whethert would come inside or not; and who had that experience deserve ive mention for the way in which tex to their posts. Having dethe gun, detailed illustrations of are to be found in Engineering, fee adds that from the time of its aded over to the firing party on y 23, the gun was fired steadily, trouble being a tendency for the the breech-block to "upset" and b tight in the screw. This was emedied by first easing the thread, becquently removing one and then emedied by first easing the thread, beequently removing one and then reads at the end. On Saturday iring ceased as usual, Sunday beserved as a day of rest—from gunday morning, the first shot fired ong Cecil" was productive of an loud and peculiar report, and the loud and peculiar report, and the nat something had gone wrong was d. A telephonic message came he redoubt immediately afterwards an examination showed that the ring in the outer row had burst the line in the vent-hole. The as at once sent down to the work-for repair. To take off the first for repair. To take off the first the foundry cupola was lighted, the ing from the crane with the breech sand, and a ring of metal run the first ring, which in two or minutes expanded and dropped off, ng also the broken one, to replace a forging was already in hand. On ing the gun from the sand, a furexamination showed that the two of the first row immediately under ter broken one were also fractured, having broken straight across on alnaving blooms straight across an across the sides of the gun. To remove necessitated a repition of the proone more outer ring—the third and irst inner ring having to be expand-New forgings were put in hand, and runnity was taken then to make a report of the trip has a result or a result of the side of the ul examination of the tube, but crack of any sort could be de-tor any change of dimensions be-es slight barrelling of the powder ber already mentioned, which does seem to have increased with subseThe Semi-weekly Colonist.

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### THE STRIKE ON

Calling Out of the Militia Has the Effect of Enabling Japanese Fishermen to Pursue

had made up their minds to go fishing had made up their minds to go fishing this morning at 8 o'clock and the whites were making threats, violence was in with fat catches. this morning at 8 o'clock and the whites feared, and that three magistrates-Messrs. Whitesides, Hunt and Wilkinson-had issued a requisition, according

to law, calling out the militia to protect Almost Over

Almost Over

Men Who Wish to Fish Can Do So Without Being Molested.

Wost of the Fishermen Would Work Except for the Leaders.

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E'rom Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, July 25.—The fishermen's strike s practically over. The fish are running light, otherwise, it is thought, many of the white fishermen would accept the inevitable and go fishing at carniers' price. Steveston has been very quiet to-day and the Japanese have been going and coming from the river all day without being molested. The intercession is a fixed to the Japanese have fishing boats had set without being molested. The intercession is a fixed to Japanese have been going and coming from the river all day without being molested. The intercession is a fixed to Japanese have been going and coming from the river all day without being molested. The intercession is a fixed to Japanese have first fixed fishing to the militia to protect the fishermen who desired to fish from violence and prevent rioting. The requisition was then on its way by special courier. Col. Worson jacon set that on the streets of Van. And the soldier is slightly damaged. Jut will true to take the troops to Stevest to Col. Worson were chartered to take the troops to Stevest Col. Worson were to take the troops to Stevest Col. Worson were to the fishing town at 6:30.

On arriving at Steveston Col. Worson were for fur; we are not here for fur; we are not on a pleasure jauner; if there is business to be done, it will be done serioloked very determined as they lined up on Malcolm & Windsor's wharf and the soldiers looked very determined as they lined up on Malcolm & Windsor's wharf and the soldiers looked very determined as they lined up on Malcolm & Windsor's wharf and the soldiers looked very determined as they lined up on Malcolm & Windsor's wharf and the soldiers looked very determined as they lined up on Malcolm & Windsor's wharf and the soldiers looked very determined as they lined up on Malcolm & Windsor's wharf and the soldiers looked v

under martial law, and the backbone of the big fishermen's strike has been broken.

This morning 3,000 Japanese and many Indians and whites went out, fishing under the protection of the Duke of Connaught's Own.

Col. Worsnop was aroused at midnight with a telephone message from Steveston, stating that as the Japanese had made un their winds to we fishing the union?" the most import-

CLEAR OF BOERS.

as they set sail, and the police account panied them in tugs to the open iver. In a few hours, however, the police recently the foreign companied them in tugs to the open iver. In a few hours, however, the police returned, stating that their services were turned, stating that their services were catching loss of the stating that their services were conting loss of the stating that their services were conting loss of the stating that their services were conting loss of the stating that their services were conting loss of the stating that their services were find the Japanese many in the street were find that the street were find the street were find that the st the Phoenix cannery would be burned, as that was the most unfair cannery on the river, and that the soldiers would be mobbed and their arms taken from them, and the Japs attacked in the open river and their nets cut.

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To transmit to him a message from me, requesting a reply within five days."

Northwest F trated Weekly, the long interview with Lord Salisbury this afternoon. The general situation was discussed and the Chinese minister rejected that the British minister rejected the selection of the sele

in forwarding and returning the Conger message.
Tien Tsin, Friday, July 13, via Chee
Foo. July 17, and Shanghai, July 24.—
After fighting all day, a force of 2,000
Japanese, supported by British and Russians, captured the Chinese fortified arsenal two miles east of the city, making a night attack. The foreigners charged under a very heavy fire from the arsenal.

Boers Fighting Well South of Bethle-hem.

London, July 26.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office to-day that Gen.

Archibald Hunter's command was heavily engaged on July 24 and 25 in the

a night attack. The foreigners charged under a very heavy fire from the arsenal, following the Chinamen and killing four hundred of them. The foreign loss was heavy, but is not reported. The Chinese bombarded the foreign city of Tien Tsin heavily for three days and killed some British sailors on a tug to-day, besides several Frenchmen. The foreigners are mounting heavy guns from the fieet, among them being four twelve-pounders and four 4-inch guns, and will attempt to locate and silence the Chinese guns, An explosion of dynamite killed 20 Russians.

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Tien Tsin, Sunday, July 15, via Chee Foo, July 17, and via Shanghai, July 24.

—Chinese from the Walled City report the foreigners in Pekin are living, having taken shelter in a bomb-proof, About seven thousand Chinese were engaged in the battle here July 13, and more are coming from Pekin.

Gen. Neih was imprisoned because he opposed making war on the foreigners, but afterwards released on condition that he would fight them. So he acceded with ukewarmness, and after the battle he committed suicide. A large part of the Walled City was burned last night, and to-day the Chinese held a perfect orgie, plundering, smashing houses and fighting like demons over the second control of the control of th like demons over stores of silks, furs and

est harmony and co-operation exist.

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Under date of Balmoral, July 25, Lord Hutton's Mounted Infantry and

"We marched here yesterday without seeing the enemy," The Boers on July 24 engaged French and Hutton six miles south of Balmoral. While Alderson's mounted infantry attacked the Boers' right, French made a turning movement around their left. Seeing their retreat threatened, the Boers broke and fied French and Hutton followed and proposed to cross Olinhant's river to-day posed to cross (at Naauwpoort. Casualties were one injured

Toronto, July 26.—The Globe th's morning publishes a cablegram from London containing a letter from Lord London containing a letter from Lord Strathcona and one signed by 26 Canadians invalided to London hospitals, which were sent to the editor of the London Daily Telegraph, protesting against an article in the paper sent out by the Associated Press that Canadians were wandering around London home. were wandering around London, home-less and penniless. The writers state It is reported that some correspondents have in their despatches asserted that Gen. Dorward thinks Col. Liscun blundered in taking the Ninth regiment to the right instead of to the left, and that the feeling is strained between the Americans and British. The fact is the greatest pargency and concernation exist

however, are beginning to fear the reinforcements arriving at Hongkong intend to attack the Bogue forts and occupy the city. The military mandarin
has asked the colonial secretary at Hong-

Building Society.—The semi-annual meeting of the Victoria Building Society will be held on Tuesday evening next in the Siri William Wallace Society hall. The meeting is for the purpose of receiving the secretary's financial statement and holding the eighty-first drawing for an appropriation.

Driving The Boers

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General Roberts Sends Favorable Reports of Progress of His Forces.

French's Cavalry Make Many Captives.

Broadwood Yesterday Seized Some of Dewet's Fransport Waggons.

London, July 25 .- The war office has received the following despatch from

Gen. Roberts: "Vandermerwe Station, July 24 .- We made a general advance yesterday from the position we have been holding east of

Pretoria since June 12. "Ian Hamilton, from the north, reached Rustenfontein, seven miles north of

Brenkhorst Spruit, on July 22. This so of retreat that they abandoned the strong position they had been occupying in front of Pole-Carew. "Stephenson's brigade advanced yes

terday unopposed to Elands River station. Our right was protected by the 1st and 4th brigades of cavairy under

Food supplies the substance for repairing the wastes of the body, and gives strength. Sleep affords the opportunity for these repairs to be made. Both are necessary to health. If you can't eat or sleep take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It greates a good appetite and tones the digestive organs, and it gives the sweet, restful sleep of childhood. Be sure to get Hood's.

## Waiting

FORT & DOD YEAR.

British Government Will Not Discuss Mediation in China At Present.

Lord Salisbury First Requires Evidence That Pet in Legations Are Safe.

Russian Troops Are Hasten to the Relief of Charbin.

London, July 25 .- The Premier, Lord Salisbury, to-day notified United States Ambassador Choate that it was impossible to accept the evidence so far sub-mitted by the Chinese or that transmit-ted by the United States regarding the safety of the foreign ministers at Pekin, and that until their safety should be and that until their safety should be thoroughly established the British government would be unable to discuss any

question of mediation or of kindred mat-The Austrian warships Kaiserin Eliza-The Austrian warships Kaiserin Elizabeth and Aspern have sailed for China. There is some fear in London that the Russian claim to control of the railway from Taku to Pekin will delay the proposed advance of the allies on Pekin. Berlin, July 25.—The imperial minister of foreign affairs, Count von Buelow, has gone to Bremerhaven to report to the Emperor. The press of Berlin continues to support Count von Buelow's reply to the Chinese minister, Lu Hun, which one journal points out "is all the more welcome, as it denotes complete accord with the attitude of France and Japan toward the unknown rulers at

Pekin."

The teling is growing in official circles that the ministers at Pekin are alive.

St. Petersburg, July 25.—Russian troops for Nikolsk and Sungar River are hastening to the relief of Charbin and other places in a similar plight.

General Grodekoff reports that the Chinese feebly chanonaded Blagovests chenge of Synday, July 22. Little dame

and never has been recovered. These books are numbered and receipted for when stationed in the hands of those entitled to them. The intimation was given that the missing code book had fallen into the hands of the Chinese government. This information was called the strike leaders and asked what reward they would get if they ended the strike to the advantage of the cannets. They were told there would be nothing in it for them.

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It is known that several years ago a copy was made of the old state department cipher, which has since been changed. A copy of this the authorities have strong reasons to believe found its way into the possession of another government, not the Chinese. This old code has been out of use for many years, having been replaced by one which the state department officials regard as much better.

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The Accused Small Boy Is Allowed at Rossland, July 25.—The preliminary examination of Ernest Chenoweth, the

THE ROSSLAND MURDER.

7-year-old boy charged with the mur-7-year-old boy charged with the murder of Mah Lin, a Chinaman, to-day, resulted in the court releasing the accused on his own recognizance, and submitting the case to the Attorney-General. The only testimony of importance offered was a copy of an alleged confession by the accused to the effect that he shot the Chinaman. It was shown to the court that the confession was obtained by promises, and that no warning was given the accused. There was no corroborating testimony of importance, and so the court held that a conviction could not be obtained before a jury on such evidence; but that he would submit the matter to the Attorney-General and would announce the re-

CELLULOID EXPLOSION. Four Persons Killed and Several In-

jured in Chicago. Chicago, July 25 .- Shortly before noon to-day an explosion occurred in the chemical department of the Windsor

The Strike

crossing the Amur river, cept the inevitable and go fishing at cangoing and coming from the river all day said

when stationed in the hands of those entitled to them. The intimation was given that the missing code book had fallen into the hands of the Chinese government. This information was calculated to inspire a doubt as to the authenticity of the Conger message.

State department officials decline to discuss the story of the there of the code book, but they enter a dental that they ever entertained a suspicion that they ever entertained they ever entertained a suspicion that they ever entertained they ever entertained the every ever entertained a suspicion that they ever entertained the every every entertained they every entertained the every every entertained that the every every entertained that the every every entertained the every every entertained the every every entertained that the every every entertained that the every every entertained that the every every entertain

a week, sleeping in their clothes within reach of their rifles, unless a big run of fish comes and the whites go fishing be-fore that time, which they are expected

# THE FRASER RIVER

Their Calling Unmolested.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, July 24.—Steveston is under martial law, and the backbone of Deminion Labor Commissioner Bremner

Railway Communication With Pretoria