

Miowera's News Budget

Military Officers To Buy Horses In New South Wales For the Transvaal

The Warkato Arrives--Riots at Kaigoorlie--Other Australian News.

According to news received by the steamer Miowera, which arrived this morning, agents are now in Melbourne to purchase horses for military requirements in South Africa. The Australian Star in reference to the visit of the military men, says:

The total number of horses in New South Wales is set down by the government statist at 449,000, and they are classified as follows: Draught, 140,000; light harness, 115,000; saddle, 194,000. Further statistics show that 57,062 will become fit for market during the coming year. Of these 17,391 will be draught horses, 18,485 light harness, and 21,186 saddle. It is estimated that 15,280 of them will be fit for the Indian and China markets.

Taking, however, the total number of horses in the colony, including those already fit, as well as those becoming fit for export, it is estimated that there will be 115,000 available for sale, viz., 28,000 draught, 37,000 light harness, and 50,000 saddle. The British emissaries should therefore find themselves well served in New South Wales.

A Long Tow.

The long missing steamer Warkato, which broke her shaft on June 5th and for nearly four months was adrift, has been towed into Sydney by the steamer Asdon, after a tow of 3,000 miles--a voyage that cannot be regarded as unique in maritime records. The Warkato is one of the New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers, of 4767 tons, and left London on May 4 last for New Zealand ports. Her shaft broke when she was in the vicinity of the Cape of Good Hope on June 5. Since then she was spoken by a sailing ship named the Taora on July 28. The Taora was bound to Mauritius, and at the request of the master of the Warkato, attempted to take the steamer in tow, but the attempt had to be abandoned. A few days later, namely, on August 3, the barque Aalborg spoke the Warkato in 39 east longitude. The Aalborg reported the steamer speaking upon her arrival in New Zealand, and whither she was bound. The next heard of the Warkato was by the barque Banca, which arrived at Brisbane. In the meantime, at the instance of the owners in London, the admiralty issued orders for H.M.S. Doris, then at Algoa Bay, to go and search for the Warkato, but it was found that the Doris could not obtain sufficient bunker coal for so extended a cruise, and H.M.S. Melpomene was substituted. The latter vessel got out from Mauritius, but was unsuccessful in meeting with the broken-down steamer, and so reported from Algoa Bay. During this long period steamers from the Cape to Australia, as well as those from Australia towards South Africa, have made more or less of a search, but it has remained for the Asdon to have fallen in with the coveted salvage prize. When a month ago the barque Banca spoke the Warkato, the latter vessel had got away south within 100 to 150 miles of the Cape Islands. The average rate of drift made by the Warkato since she became disabled four months ago was about a mile an hour, or, say, 20 miles per day, and her track in the Southern Ocean was about east-by-south. The Asdon will take the tow into Fremantle.

The Asdon, which was on a voyage from London to Western Australia, will get from \$75,000 to \$100,000 salvage. She picked the vessel up on the 18th September.

Discontented Miners.

Riots are reported from Kolgoorlie, miners who have taken up claims afterwards taken up by the government, refusing to abandon them. Military police and the rioters had several encounters. Hundreds were arrested.

Notes.

In Sydney harbor the steamer Carrington collided with the ship Lansdowne. The ship foundered, the crew narrowly escaping.

An expedition will shortly leave Sydney to search the Australian central deserts to find if possible some traces of the actual fate of the exploring party of Dr. Ludwig Leichhardt, lost in 1844. News comes of the murder of a white missionary on Tanna Island in the New Hebrides.

Measles have become epidemic in the Fiji group.

From Honolulu comes news that Special Agent Sewall, at Honolulu, has handed the Hawaiian government an official letter from Washington referring to claims of British and other residents for damages for imprisonment during the rebellion of 1895. In an opinion of Attorney-General Griggs the merit of the claims is established. It is recommended to the local government to make a settlement of some sort satisfactory to all parties.

Another letter from Washington, which was also handed to the local government, is understood to express the disapproval of the United States government of the trip to Italy of Minister Denman, who left some months ago to enlist Italian laborers for Hawaiian plantations.

The cruiser Newark has arrived at Honolulu and will proceed to Manila, where she joins Admiral Watson's squadron.

200 SOLDIERS DROWNED.

(Associated Press.) Colon, Columbia, Nov. 1.—A report has reached here that two armed government steamers destroyed seven insurgent vessels, one of the latter sinking. It is rumored, with 200 soldiers. The government troops were victorious in a pitched battle with the insurgents near Bucaramanga.

THE PROVINCIAL GAZETTE.

No Appointments Made.—Another Unimportant Issue of the Official Organ of the Government.

Owing to the absence of the Lieutenant Governor in the East this week's issue of the Gazette contains no appointments and is otherwise unimportant. The following notifications are given:

A revision court will be held for the Lilioest district at Clifton on November 23rd.

The British Pacific Gold Property Co. apply for a water record for mining purposes from Penny creek in Alberni. They ask for 1,000 inches.

Tenders will be received by W. S. Gore, deputy commissioner of lands and works, up to November 18th, for the erection of a bridge across the Courtenay river in Comox.

J. H. Lawson, F. W. Vincent, J. A. Thompson, F. B. Gregory, J. A. Leitch, and Wm. Laird, of Victoria, apply for incorporation for the James Bay Boys' Brigade Hall Association.

All places claims in the Kamloops, Ashcroft, Yale, Smithsmead, Victoria and New Westminster recording districts are laid over until June 1st. Those in Trail Creek district go over until May 1st.

Applications will be made at the next meeting of the legislature for an act to incorporate a company to build and operate a railroad from the Victoria coast to Hazelton. Mr. Frank Higgins is acting for the applicants.

The following companies are incorporated: Greenwood Times Printing and Publishing Co., of Greenwood, capital \$25,000; E. C. Trading Stamp Co., of Vancouver, capital \$50,000; T. J. Trapo & Co., of New Westminster, capital \$25,000; Arlington-Burns Copper-Gold Company, of Greenwood, capital \$1,500,000. Application will be made at the next session of the legislature to change the title of the B. C. Great Gold. Gravels Dredge Mining Corporation and to enlarge and vary the powers of the company. The United Canneries, Limited, will ask for the name change to The United Canneries of British Columbia, Limited.

W. B. Lees and J. R. Still, carrying on business as Lee, Still & Co., in Grand Forks, have dissolved partnership. H. L. Brown and John Pugh, who have been carrying on business as Vancouver taxidermists, under the firm name of H. L. Brown & Co., have also dissolved, as well as W. A. Anderson and John McLeod, hotel keepers at Bennett.

Reginald H. Piddock, of Alert Bay, is appointed Justice of the peace for the counties of Nanaimo, Vancouver, New Westminster, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay.

Along the Waterfront.

R. M. S. Miowera, Captain F. A. Hemming, arrived at the outer wharf at four o'clock this morning from Australia and Honolulu. She left Sydney, N. S. W., on the 10th October, arrived at Brisbane on the 12th October, leaving there again on the 13th. Van Koro Island, of the Santa Cruz group, was reached on the 17th October at 3:40 p.m., and the steamer crossed the equator on 20th October. She arrived at Honolulu on 25th October and sailed thence eight hours later. The weather was moderate throughout the voyage, moderate westerly wind and seas being experienced from Brisbane to the equator, thence to Honolulu fresh E. wind and sea. From Honolulu to arrive here fresh to moderate variable winds from the south. Yesterday a gale was passed standing to the south west. The Miowera had a comparatively light passenger list, consisting of the following: R. Riley, W. D. Birchall, C. D. Cooper, J. J. Palmer and wife, T. F. Simpson, H. Rodgers, M. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Muir, J. W. Collins, C. Ridge and daughter, L. Aherm, T. D. Ingerson and Mr. and Mrs. Sagata. A cargo of the steamer consisted of 788 packages of meats, 29 packages of fruit, 1,850 cases of butter, 457 beer kegs, 105 kegs of sugar, 10,000 bags of rice, 555 bags of hides and 18 packages of sundries. Many truck loads of the frozen mutton were carted from the steamer to local butchers this morning. She left for Vancouver at 8 a.m.

Turner-Beeton's wharf, presented a strange appearance last evening for some hours prior to the sailing of the steamer Warkato. Her mounds of boxes, packages and all sorts and kinds of sundries, were piled up on every available space. When the steamer sailed for Kykut and intermediate ports she was loaded to her capacity with a heterogeneous collection of freight. She had a number of saloon passengers, and between decks an army of Indians, returning to the Coast after their labors in the Sound hopfields, on the sealing schooners, and at the canneries. So great was the demand for freight space that the C. P. N. Co. were obliged to put another vessel on the route to accommodate the shippers. The steamer Thistle is now loading and will follow the Willapa to Kykut this evening. The Thistle will carry few passengers, outside of the number of swashes left behind by the Willapa. She is loading heavy shipments of lumber for different coast points.

That an opposition steamer will be put on the Sound route shortly, there is little reason to doubt. As already stated in the Times, Mr. C. V. J. Sparratt has had the project under way for some time, and now comes a steamer from the Port Townsend-Lander in regard to it, whether the same concern itself or not, could not be learned. The Leader says a new company has practically matured their plans to run a steamer between Victoria and Tacoma. The new company is said to be under the direction of Captain John R. Thompson of Seattle and Captain A. W. Horne of Port Townsend. It is said that Captain Horne has disposed of his steamboat holdings on the Sound and is now on the Atlantic Coast to buy the best boat he can for \$100,000, and bring it around the Horn to the Sound. Both the gentlemen speak of understanding the conditions of trade and sea waters well enough to keep on the safe side of an investment of this kind.

Seven enlisted men died on the United States transport City of Puebla while on the trip from Manila.

Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND DISTRICTS.—(From Tuesday's Daily.)

—Frank I. Clarke, late of the Victoria Globe staff, will take charge of the Nanaimo Herald to-morrow as managing editor. H. T. Searle retiring.

—The returns of the Victoria Clearing House for the week ending Oct. 31st were \$774,390. Balances \$234,062. For the corresponding week last year the returns were \$700,000.

—Eighteen candidates are writing to-day at the annual examination of the British Columbia Medical Council. A large proportion of them being newly arrived medical men from other provinces.

—Rev. Father Nicholas officiated last night at a wedding in St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral, the contracting parties being Miss Sara McKinnon and Mr. Fred Brooks, foreman in T. M. Brayshaw's carriage factory.

—Miss Caldwell, public school teacher at Colwood, was presented yesterday by the pupils of the school with a handsome present, accompanied by an address of appreciation covering her connection with the school.

—The conference between the members of the Port Artery party scheme will possibly be held this week. The invitation to President Cushing has been received by that gentleman, and it is expected he will come over to the city to-morrow.

—A telegram received by Supt. Halsey to-day from Police Officer Jas. Bain at the 150-Mile House, states that Deck, the man who robbed a steamer in Cariboo of about \$5,000 some time ago, has been captured. Bain expressed no doubt as to his having the right man.

—The suggestion made at last evening's meeting of the city council that the meeting of Victoria West residents be postponed from this evening until Friday has met with approval of the promoters. His worship, the mayor, and most of the aldermen will be present on Friday evening.

—The harvest festival will be held on Saturday next in Saanichton church, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Ven. Archdeacon Seriven will conduct the service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Miller, of St. Barnabas, Victoria, as well as a large choir and choir of the same church. The train leaving at 2:30 p.m. will be in time for the service.

—A private dispatch to the Times from Toronto announces that the wedding of the Victoria Liberal Association, and Mary M. Balfour, sister of the late Hon. W. D. Balfour, who was provincial secretary in the Ontario government. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's mother, 110 Whitby Place, Buffalo.

—The harvest festival was held at St. Stephen's, Saanichton, on Sunday last. The service was beautifully decorated, and the blending of the colors of foliage and fruit was most tasteful. New lamps had been presented to the church by Mr. Emerson. The service was conducted by Rev. F. G. Christmas, Mrs. Christmas presiding at the organ. The music was excellent.

—Mr. Frank Higgins intends to make test case of the charges laid against D. Townsend, of Stone street, for supplying intoxicants to Indians. It seems that his client has been selling sweet cider in the ordinary course of business, and the police are attempting to secure his capture because of the statements by some of the Indians that he had drunkness was due to drinking cider.

—Mrs. Capt. Martineaux, who has been as stewardess of the train, of which her husband is skipper, has been a guest at the Queen's for the last two days, and left this morning on a flying visit to Seattle. It is doubtful if any lady who has been North has brought so wide a collection of mementoes as the lady mentioned, or has been so well worked into jewellery ornaments as in a clever manner. To her watch chain she has had attached tiny unguets which give a rich effect to the ornament worn as well as being a good deal of a pick, shovel and pan theory in the gift of the miners.

—At a meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners of South Victoria held yesterday a license for the Willapa hotel, Cadboro Bay road, was granted to G. H. Prescott.

—A convention of the British Columbia branch of the Dominion Alliance opened in Vancouver this morning. Rev. J. C. Speer, president, and Rev. J. P. D. Knox, corresponding secretary and treasurer, went over on last night's Islander to attend the sessions.

—The body of the young boy, James Spence, was found yesterday off the Jordan river bar by an Indian, Joseph, who reported his discovery to Police Officer Daykin at Curranah. The latter at once communicated with the department here, and arrangements are being made today to bring the body to town. The body was found in a shallow pool of water, near Johnson street, and had been in the water about two years ago. The sack containing the telegraph tools and line was also found. The body was removed by the Indian to a spot close to the west side of Jordan river.

—For many years past "Perseverance Lodge, I. O. G. T., have given Saturday evening concerts in Temperance hall during the winter, beginning with the first of November. The program has been had the pleasure of attending these entertainments will no doubt be pleased to learn that the 1899-1900 series will begin on Saturday first, under the same management as has heretofore made them so interesting and successful. A committee of three from the lodge are in charge, of which Mr. J. A. Brown is the secretary. Although a nominal admission fee is charged, the entertainments are of a high order and judiciously varied to please all tastes, without ex-

loading any, and they should prove a drawcard during the winter.

—The Stikine River News says Hunters Smith and Brewster took a flying trip up the Iskut river, and made a killing: six enormous grizzly bears, averaging 1,400 lbs. apiece, having fallen victims to their unerring aim.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—A case of smallpox has developed in Seattle and about thirty-five people have been quarantined in consequence.

—At Esquimalt yesterday several hundreds of marines paraded, led by the flagstaff band. Patriotic airs were played and much enthusiasm was displayed.

—The meeting of ratepayers of Victoria West, postponed from Tuesday evening until to-morrow evening, has again been deferred until Thursday next.

—The inland revenue returns for this port during October were: Spirits, \$9,754.57; malt, \$2,186.87; tobacco, \$4,290.98; raw leaf tobacco, \$320.40; cigars, \$741.20; total, \$17,302.92.

—President Cushing of the Port Angeles and Eastern railway arrived here this afternoon, and this evening a conference will be held between him and the city council in reference to the by-law now under consideration by the city council.

—This afternoon Mr. Justice Walker is holding court and the first case on the calendar is the appeal of the regular batch of aliens, Kingham v. Knox was the first case taken up, and in it plaintiff sues for balance of coal account.

—Next Tuesday evening in Sample's Hall a supper and concert will be given, the proceeds of which are to go towards the new gymnasium building for the Victoria West Athletic Association. Tables will be set and supper served prior to the concert, and it is hoped that a large number will avail themselves of this opportunity of giving a "lift" to the athletic boys of the western suburb.

—The receipts at the Victoria customs house during the month just closed amounted to \$141,356.61, of which \$71,880.21 was amount collected at Bennett on dutiable goods going down the Yukon. The collections at the northern river port were larger than those of the Victoria customs by \$42,851, the total receipts here being \$60,467.40, of this \$35,319.67 was received for duty and \$4,147 in other revenues. The imports of the month amounted to \$343,708, of which \$267,753 was dutiable and \$75,955 free.

—The marriage took place at the residence of Rev. Dr. Campbell yesterday evening of Mr. Angus McCormack, formerly of the Quebec Hotel of this city, to Flora, daughter of F. X. Tremblay, of Quebec. The bride was supported by her sister, Miss Emily, and the groom by Mr. Marvin Applewhite. After the ceremony the bride party repaired to the residence of Miss Seymour, Fort street, where supper was served. The newly wedded pair subsequently taking the Islander for Vancouver, where the groom holds a position as clerk in the Glasgow Hotel.

—The incorporation of "The James Bay Boys' Brigade Hall Association" under the Benevolent Societies Act is under way. The purpose of the association is to provide and manage a hall for the use of the James Bay Boys' Brigade (No. 2 Victoria Company). This company is and has been for a considerable time in a flourishing condition. Since their enrolment they have had the use of the Kingston street school house, but since that building has been reopened for school purposes their room has been so curtailed that they are practically crowded out. The members on the roll, exclusive of officers, is 49. The subscribers to the declaration are J. H. Lawson, secretary of the R. P. R. R. Co.; P. W. Vincent, manager of the C.P.N. Co.; J. A. Thomson, marine boiler inspector; Lieut.-Col. F. B. Gregory, W. A. Lorimer and Wm. Laird, who are also the first trustees.

—To make room for the new block to be erected by Mr. Vernon on Government street, the old fire hall is being pulled down. This is the first building erected in the city by public subscription, and it was built in 1860, shortly after the organization of the Union Hook & Ladder Company, of which Mr. W. H. Oliver, now of San Francisco, is the only surviving charter member. The building was first erected on Bastion street, being removed to its present site ten years later. It has not been used as a fire hall since 1880. Chief Deasy yesterday had a photograph taken of the old landmark and also secured the nameplate and a piece of the wood, from which he will have a gavel made for presentation to the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S TEAM.

On the Colquhoun ground the Victoria Rugby Football Club will again try conclusions with a team representing the Navy. A good game is promised, as the Navy men have added some new material to their team, and the following players will represent Victoria: Full back, E. A. Goward; three-quarters, K. Schofield, J. M. Miller, J. H. Gillespie, and A. F. R. Martin; half-backs, A. T. Goward (captain), and A. Gillespie; forwards, G. C. Johnston, W. H. Austin, W. R. Atkins, H. Pooley, W. Lorimer, J. D. Pemberton, C. McNeill, and W. A. Lobb. The above are earnestly requested to turn out daily for practice.

YACHTING.

SAILING OF THE SHAMROCK.

(Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 2.—Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht Shamrock and the steam yacht Erin passed out of quarantine at 8:30 this morning on the homeward voyage for the Clyde. The Shamrock was in tow, the Erin following.

THE VENEZUELAN REVOLUTION.

(Associated Press.) Caracas, Venezuela, Nov. 2.—General Castro, leader of the revolution in Venezuela, has formally blockaded Porto Cabello, the only port not occupied by Castro's forces, with two cruisers. Castro won two victories over Hernandez, and the former's government is becoming well established.

Unpatriotic Officials

An English Newspaper Man From the Philippines Makes Grave Charges

Filipinos Shooting American Ammunition--Otis and Schurman

Reports which have reached here from Manila have hitherto been almost entirely from an American source, and have therefore been colored according to the preferences and political prejudices of those responsible for them.

Occasionally, an opportunity offers to learn of the progress of the war from some one not of American blood, who can view current events there without the drawbacks mentioned, and from such a one a dispassionate and correct estimate may be obtained. The statement is all the more worthy of credence, when it is a statement of facts as they came under the notice of the correspondent of a reliable paper.

Such a one is Mr. C. Clayton, who arrived in the city this morning on the Miowera, having come direct from Manila, where for over a year he has been representing the London Times, with the American army, and brought into almost daily contact with Gen. Otis and his staff. With the outbreak of hostilities in South Africa he immediately packed his grip, his journalistic instincts telling him that more live copy will be available there this winter than in the Philippines. He is hurrying to London, and from there will at once set out for the Cape.

Mr. Clayton will be no stranger there, for he has served in the Rhodesian horse and was with "Dr. Jim" in the famous ride. In that ill-starred expedition he was wounded in the left wrist and left shoulder, which has rendered his arm almost useless.

Speaking of the campaign in the Philippines Mr. Clayton says the work of subjugation is far from accomplished. Indeed he clings to the belief that the task will ultimately be abandoned by the United States, who will turn over the islands to the native Indian possessions. The campaign still drags wearily along, although had the fight been vigorously pushed in September of last year it might have been speedily ended.

Of Aguinaldo he has the highest opinion. He is an exceedingly clever man, for he has served in the Rhodesian horse and was with "Dr. Jim" in the famous ride. In that ill-starred expedition he was wounded in the left wrist and left shoulder, which has rendered his arm almost useless.

But it is in connection with the supply of ammunition to the insurgent army that the most serious charge is made by Mr. Clayton. It has been found that not only are the native forces armed with American rifles, but they are actively firing a never failing supply of Yankee lead. The opinion is very strong that the distinguished residents in Manila, who are the commercial and industrial backbone of the Philippines, are secretly supplying the insurgent forces with ammunition.

Mr. Clayton's opinion Gen. Otis over the correspondence, while in some instances severe, was not so unreasonable as has been represented by the reporters of the yellow press upon whom, of course, he was particularly severe. In Mr. Clayton's opinion Gen. Otis was more censurable for permitting the facilities of communication to be so indulged. The latter occupied the general's office, notwithstanding the broad hints to withdraw and took other liberties with the commander-in-chief which would scarcely be credited by anyone accustomed to the sharp discipline of an English division on active service.

It is, however, an open secret that Otis "turned down" Prof. Schurman, when the latter, in his capacity of commissioner, attempted to probe the rottenness of departmental offices. It is said in Manila that Schurman's withdrawal was the direct result of disagreements with the general.

Of the fighting qualities of the American troops, Mr. Clayton speaks in complimentary terms. Given proper discipline, and competent leadership, they would become excellent fighters, but at present the lack of these necessary features seriously handicap their efficiency. Their effectiveness is about equal to that of the English militia, but they lack the stamina of the British regular.

Of the unsanitary condition of Manila when he first visited it, he has many funny stories to tell, which cannot be set down in these columns.

VILLE MARIE BANK CHARGES.

(Associated Press.) Montreal, Nov. 2.—The Court of Queen's Bench opened this morning, with Judge Wurtle presiding. One of the most important cases among others before the court will be that against Messrs. Weir, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Godfrey Weir, Smith, Lemieux and Godfrey Weir, all charged with fraud in connection with the Ville Marie bank failure. Action, it will be remembered, was taken at the instance of the Minister of Finance. The judge in his charge to the grand jury said the panel contained some very clear cases as well as important ones.

RAILWAY SMASH IN FRANCE.

Paris, Nov. 2.—In a collision between trains at the town of the Honnards, 32 miles from Paris, early this morning, two persons were killed and ten others injured. Among the latter was M. Dornande, a member of the chamber of deputies, who had both legs cut off.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Marconi's Successful Experiment From United States Warships.

New York, Nov. 1.—The battleship Massachusetts and the United States ship New York returned to-night to the anchorage of Thirty-fifth street, North river, after being employed for three days in seven trials for the purpose of demonstrating the use of the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy under various practical conditions.

The result of the working of the two sets of instruments occupied 14 the last of the past three days was to show the utility of the system. The messages of the government boats will, however, be obliged to call attention to the fact that during these tests it was possible for any instrument located within the drop-shaped radius of transmission to destroy the electric waves of other instruments at any time. Mr. Marconi said that he was not at all surprised by the fact that the interference on the part of a third party, but that he would not demonstrate it during these tests, because he had not yet received his patents for that feature. Over 25 miles of the Atlantic ocean, over long distances, and over long distances, the Marconi wireless telegraph successfully carried and dropped messages between the two moving warships. The naval test proved that within a radius of 21 miles messages can be transmitted with wireless telegraphy with all the accuracy and precision of an ordinary land line.

Operations on board the New York were conducted by Marconi himself. One of his assistants, named Bradford, operated the instrument on the Massachusetts, while the other, named Marconi, operated the instrument on the New York.

The message which the New York sent to the Massachusetts, lying at her anchorage at Thirty-fifth street, was read plainly in dots and dashes at Navasink, nineteen miles away. It was: "Follow us down at 1 p. m."

This message was the overture to the telegraph-testing programme, which included about 75 messages, all of which had been prepared by the naval board, and were exceedingly difficult. Every instrument, including the compass, the river the New York telegraphed over the constantly increasing distance to the Massachusetts, and the battleship replied to the flagships without a break. All the messages in the correspondence were caught at Navasink, and a careful record of these was kept. It was during the voyage down the river that an official test for "interference" was made. Without any warning to Marconi, the operator at Navasink, in the direction of Lieut. Blish, sent several messages in quick succession to the flag ship, the result being a message from the Massachusetts to the New York: "Navasink has successfully interfered." But a few minutes later the lightships caught Marconi's explanation that one of the ground wires on the New York had not been secured properly, which allowed the stray messages to break in on the conversation between the two warships. It was a long time after the telegraphing began before either of the warships were visible from the lightships. Without a wire, without any apparent connection, messages kept dropping out or success of some supernatural power were hurling them down from the clouds.

The New York came in sight about 11 o'clock, and although messages from the Massachusetts continued to rain down as fast as the telegraphing instrument could reel them off, it was fully two hours before she could be made out creeping slowly towards the flagships. Then the New York wired the Massachusetts: "Put out to sea in a straight line, keeping careful account of your distances, and we will meet them off Cape Cod."

The smoke of the Massachusetts a few minutes later trailing back towards the Highlands showed that she was obeying. The telegraphing continued for more than an hour with just as much accuracy as before, with which two telegraph operators conversed between the two warships. Then, when about 14 miles of ocean were between the two ships, syllables began to drop out of words. Sentences were received in which articles and prepositions were missing. Later longer words began to disappear, until finally the Massachusetts' messages became unintelligible at the lightships, although she was evidently in communication with the New York still.

The last intelligible message from the Massachusetts was sent at 3:12 p. m., when she was 18 miles from shore and 18 miles from the New York.

PEACOCK NEGROES.

(Associated Press.)

Manila, Nov. 1.—Gen. Hughes has sent an encouraging report saying that the island of Negros is now more peaceful and orderly than for twenty years. Planters are pursuing their business, and the hands of the brigands, who have long jeered tribute on them. The Americans have scattered the brigands, and propose to pursue them until effectually suppressed.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at its next session for an Act incorporating a company with power to build, maintain, and operate a wagon road from the head of Kitimat Arm to Hazelton, and any branch roads in connection therewith which may be of convenience to the public and facilitate the company's business; to construct, maintain, and operate on and over the said road, and along the said wagon road and the said branches automobile or other vehicles for the carrying of passengers and freight, and to do a general transportation business; to construct and maintain wharves and piers, and to engage in the lumber business; to own and operate steamships, carrying passengers and cargo, on inland waters, including Garibaldi Inlet, and neighboring inlets, arms or passages; to buy and sell in all kinds of general merchandise, fish, and farm produce, and to carry on business as general traders; to own and deal in cattle, horses, and sheep, and all kinds of live stock; to prospect, locate, acquire and operate and dispose of mines and smelters, and to acquire, acquire and sell lands of any description, including timber, agricultural, trading lands; to acquire or lease from the Province Crown lands of any description; to drill, produce and acquire any swamp lands or tide flats at any point or points within seven miles of the said wagon road; to construct, maintain and operate telephone and telegraph lines between Kitimat Arm and Hazelton, and to produce and sell any and all things that may be conducive to the above objects of the company.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., the 31st day of October, 1899.

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Solicitor for the Applicants.

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