

Mostly Guess Work

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Want a United States Battleship For Dominion Day—Chinese Flitting—Mrs. Cambie Dead.

The steamer Cutch has passed her inspection at Seattle.

The Veterans' Association are changing their constitution and by-laws to make provision for the admission of all those who have been honorably discharged after three years or more service in the militia, volunteers, or regulars in Canada or the Old Country.

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Capetown To Pretoria

First Through Train Left To-day for the Transvaal Capital.

Boers Are In Severe Financial Straits and Cannot Get Money.

Secretary Reitz Has Sailed for Europe on a Dutch Ship.

London, June 22.—(4 a.m.)—General Buller is pressing his advance. On Wednesday he followed the Johannesburg railway to Paarde Koop, 41 miles from Standerfont.

The war office has issued a list of casualties in engagements around Heilbron, previously unadvised.

Lord Roberts has adopted the Transvaal mining regulations for military administration.

A despatch from Lorenzo Marques says: "The Boers have printed and posted at every corner, the following:

"Machodorp, Monday.—The Paris expedition has closed and France has declared war against England. Fifty miles of railway has been destroyed in the Free State and 3,000 British have surrendered."

Five miles of telegraph between Komatipoort and Kooiland are down, and the line between the two towns is cut. The Boers continue to assert that they have had successes east of Pretoria.

The colonial office publishes a notification by the military governor of Johannesburg of the stoppage of a cheque for £4,000 drawn for the French Bank in the National Bank of the South African Republics, and warning all persons against dealing in the cheque.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL...

SYMPATHY MARKED PRIVATE ARCHIBALD McNAUGHTON

Mr. Dooley on Reception of Boer Delegates in the United States.

"Well, sir," said Mr. Dooley, "is a fine rhapsody th' Boer dilligates is havin' in this country."

"They'll be out here nex' week," said Mr. Hennessy.

"They will that," Mr. Dooley replied, "we'll show them that our intrest in small rappablics fightin' fr' their liberty ain't disappeared since we become an impeerial nation, nor, sir, we have a much intrest as iver, but we have more intrests elsewhair."

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Dr. Neilson Too Trustful

The Result Was That Canada's Soldiers in South Africa Suffered.

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From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, June 21.—Again in the house to-day the government was questioned as to the political situation in British Columbia, and again the answer was repeated that the government had no statement to make.

The committee on emergency rations sat till nearly midnight. The evidence of Dr. Neilson, director-general of the rationing board, was given.

Such good progress was made in supply to-night that prorationing is now probable in a fortnight.

AGRIAN NEWS. Agrarian Newspaper Pretends Germany Wants to Fight Britain.

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Hard Question For Uncle Sam

Is China More Responsible Than Was Washington for Italian Lynchings.

Minister Wu Scouts the Idea of Being Seized as Hostage.

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Important Insurance

Mr. Justice Drake Gives Judgment in Regina, Holland.

Act Relating to Fire Insurance Commission.

Mr. Justice Drake yesterday rendered his judgment in Regina, Saskatchewan, in the case of Equity Fire Insurance Co. v. Regina, Saskatchewan, confirming the conviction by the Regina court of the Regina, Saskatchewan, of the Equity Fire Insurance Co. v. Regina, Saskatchewan.

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