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These are the Predictions Made From Lord Roberts' Continued Successes During the Past Month.

Mafeking Has Perhaps Been Already Relieved—Boers Dispersed at Fourteen Streams—Burghers Surrendering Their Rifles.

London, March 19.—(4.30 a.m.)—The news from South Africa to-day is entirely satisfactory to the British public. The relief of Mafeking is not yet announced, but it is extremely probable that this is already accomplished by Col. Plumer's advance. Lady Charles Bentinck at Cape Town has received a telegram from her husband in Mafeking, dated March 12, saying that he expected to join her shortly.

Dispersed at Fourteen Streams.

The actual relief movements have not been published in detail, but it seems that Lord Methuen only started very recently, and is rather engaged in dispersing the Boers of the district than aiming at actual relief. Col. Peakman has dispersed 500 Boers at Fourteen Streams.

To Collect Stores.

Lord Roberts probably ascertained from Mr. Fraser, the new Mayor of Bloemfontein, before despatching Gen. Pole-Carew southward, that in all likelihood, the railway was clear. The next move will be to collect at Boemfontein by railway sufficient stores for the immense army Lord Roberts will have when the Orange River forces have joined him. This will probably occupy from two to three weeks. Therefore, the next important operations may be expected in Natal.

To Cut Off the Boers.

The cavalry brigade which Lord Roberts has sent to Thaba Nchu, 35 miles east of Bloemfontein, is destined to cut off some 2000 Boers who are escaping from the southward. The Boers are reported to have destroyed the railway in the neighborhood of Kroonstadt.

When Will War End?

Lord Kitchener is still quietly organizing in the northeast of Cape Colony. Predictions and betting are beginning here that the war will be ended by the middle of May.

Despatches from Durban, Pietermaritzburg and other South African towns describe most enthusiastic celebrations on St. Patrick's Day.

A London newspaper credits to Lord Roberts the suggestion to the Queen that the wearing of shamrocks be permitted.

LORD ROBERTS' MESSAGE SUNDAY

Says That Deserters Are Bringing in Guns—Methuen Secures the Pont on the Vaal.

London, March 18.—The War Office received the following despatch from Field Marshal Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Sunday, March 18: "The Guards' Brigade returned yesterday from Norval's Pont. Several burghers have laid down their arms to Gen. Pole-Carew at Edenberg and elsewhere.

Deserters Bringing in Guns.

"The officer commanding at Belmont reports that some deserters have come in with a Maxim, a nine-pounder and another gun. Another nine-pounder has been brought into Colesberg.

Proclamations Sought After.

"The cavalry brigade has gone to Thaba Nchu in order to reassure the inhabitants of the district and to distribute copies of the proclamation to the Free State. These proclamations are being eagerly sought after.

Secured the Pont on the Vaal.

"Lord Methuen reached Warrenton on March 16. He was in time to prevent the Deviation bridge from being completely destroyed and to secure the pont on the Vaal.

Mails Were Despatched.

"The English mail was despatched from here by rail yesterday, and to-morrow the regular railway service with Cape Town will be re-opened.

Mafeking Well on March 6.

"Mafeking reports that all was well on March 6."

KRUGER GROWING UNPOPULAR,

Says Mr. Webster Davis—The Boers Won't Resist the British Much Longer.

London, March 19.—The Naples correspondent of The Daily Mail telegraphs an interview he has had with Mr. Webster Davis, United States Assistant Secretary of the Interior. According to this Mr. Davis said: "When I left Pretoria the Boers were becoming desirous of peace. President Kruger and Gen. Joubert were the strongest opponents of the peace party, but they were becoming exceedingly unpopular. I do not believe the Boers will resist much longer."

The correspondent says Mr. Davis declined to speak regarding his mission, but that the general belief in Naples is that he is bearing peace terms and a request for American mediation.

KRUGER IS STILL AT WORK.

Has Sent a Personal Appeal to the King of Italy Asking for Intervention—Boer Case Hopeless.

New York, March 18.—Isaac N. Ford filed a brief despatch to The Tribune, giving the status of the South African war situation as it appears in London at 6 o'clock this morning. It is as follows: "War news this morning is very dull. Gen. Roberts is still at Bloemfontein, but his advance northward is not likely to be long delayed.

Kruger Trying to Work Italy.

"The Boers are evidently still endeavoring to induce one or more of the powers to assist in bringing about peace with Great Britain, and President Kruger has even gone so far as to send a personal appeal by telegraph to the King of Italy to use his influence with the object of putting an end to the war.

Davis Says It's Hopeless.

"Assistant Webster Davis has arrived at Naples from Pretoria. Altho he considers the Boer cause hopeless, he believes a desperate resistance will be offered to the British troops when they cross the Vaal River.

The Deportation of Cronje.

"The deportation of Gen. Cronje and his staff to St. Helena is being protested against by the Dutch elements in Cape Colony. Sir Alfred Milner says the reason for sending prisoners away from South Africa is because the British authorities are unable to find sufficient guards for them at the Cape."

READY TO ACCEPT PEACE.

The Educated Boers, Even Transvaalers, Are Willing to Accept the Inevitable—Amazons.

London, March 19.—A despatch to The Daily News from Bloemfontein, dated Friday, March 16, says:

"Events have occurred which induce us to predict that the war will only last so long as it takes to march to Pretoria. The educated Boers, even the Transvaalers, are ready to accept the inevitable.

An Amazon Corps.

"I am told that a corps of 2000 women has been formed at Pretoria. It is called the Amazon corps. All the members are uniformed in kilts and are armed."

BOER RIFLES COMING IN FAST.

Are Now Being Surrendered in the Free State Faster Than a Factory Could Turn Them Out.

London, March 19.—A despatch to The Daily Mail from Bloemfontein, dated Friday, March 16, says: "We are getting rifles surrendered faster than a factory could turn them out. It is quite certain that if a British official can reach the northern laagers with Lord Roberts' proclamation the whole Boer population will declare for peace."

800 FREE STATERS SUBMITTED

At Edenberg—Gen. Pole-Carew's Force Returns to Bloemfontein from Springfontein.

Bloemfontein, Saturday, March 17.—Gen. Pole-Carew's force has returned from Springfontein, where a junction was effected with Gen. Gatacre.

Gen. Pole-Carew also proceeded to Norval's Pont, from which point he heliographed to Gen. Clements that 800 Free Staters had submitted at Edenberg.

NEWS FROM BULLER'S CAMP.

Advanced Camp on Sunday's River—Boers Hold Two Positions on Biggarsberg Range.

London, March 19.—A despatch to The Times from Ladysmith, dated Sunday, March 18, says: Our advanced camp is on Sunday's River, two miles north of Elandslaagte. The Boers hold two positions on the Biggarsberg range, about ten miles north. The strongest is on the Newcastle-road, where several guns have already been mounted and where they are digging extensive trenches. The second position, which is on the Dundee-road, is not so strong.

REITZ ADMITS IT'S SERIOUS.

Kruger's Secretary of State Says He Believes the Burghers Will Fight to the Last.

London, March 19.—The correspondent of The Times at Lorenzo Marquez, telegraphing under date of March 16, says:

State Secretary Reitz of the Transvaal, in course of an interview, has said that the Transvaal Government considers the American reply highly satisfactory, and that he believes the United States will bring such pressure to bear as will result in a settlement agreeable to the people of the two republics.

While admitting the seriousness of the situation, Mr. Reitz says he is convinced that the burghers of both republics will defend the independence of the Transvaal to the last.

GEN. ROBERTS' NEWSPAPER

Has Been Started at Bloemfontein—Kipling's Poetry in the Inaugural Edition.

Cape Town, March 18.—On the initiative of Lord Roberts, a newspaper has been started at Bloemfontein for the edification of the troops. Mr. Rudyard Kipling contributed to the inaugural edition yesterday the following lines:

"O, Terence, dear, and did you hear
The news that's going round?
The shamrock's Erin's badge by law,
Where'er her sons are found.
From Bloemfontein to Ballybank,
'Tis ordered by the Queen,
We've won our right in open fight—
The wearing of the green."

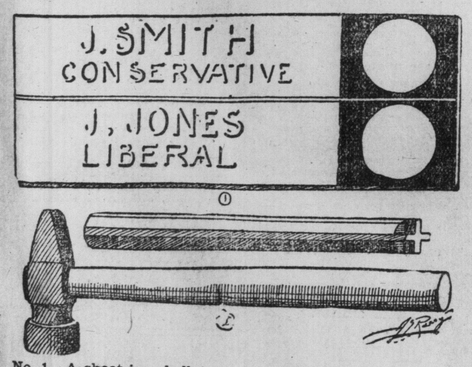
RELIEF FORCE AT WARRENTON

On Its Way from Kimberley to Mafeking—Hottentots Will Bar the Rebels' Escape.

Cape Town, March 18.—The mounted force from Kimberley proceeding to the relief of Mafeking has arrived at Warrenton. As the force neared Windsorton the Boers evacuated the town, blowing up the bridge.

It is reported that the rebels who refused to accompany the Transvaalers when the latter vacated Taungs and Vryburg are preparing to trek into Damaraland on the approach of the British, but that the Hottentot chiefs are getting ready to bar their escape.

A SUGGESTION TO THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT.



No. 1.—A sheet iron ballot.
No. 2.—Hammer and steel punch for marking ballot.
This might prevent "accidental" conflagrations just before election scandal investigations
—From The Montreal Star.

THE PHILIPPINE REBELS ARE SHOWING NEW LIFE

General Otis Considers Manila the Most Troublesome Centre in the Situation Because of the Insurgent Junta's Activity.

The Filipino Junta at Hong Kong is Making Trouble and Filibusterers Are Operating—Rebels Reorganizing in the Province of Zambales—Funds Collected Even in Manila.

Manila, March 18.—(9.30 p.m.)—Gen. Otis considers Manila the most troublesome centre in the situation to-day. The insurgent Junta here, in conjunction with that in Hong Kong, is growing active. The military authorities have been forced to put a stop to Mabini's intercourse with the public. The local and foreign press considers his recent utterances calculated to incite the Filipinos to a continued revolt, and prejudicial to American control.

Flores, who has just arrived here, says he comes trusting to American leniency, and that he would not have dared to come to Manila if Spain were yet in control.

A Contractor Held on Suspicion.

Louis Spitzel, head of the firm of Louis Spitzel & Company, contractors to the Chinese Government, and himself a suspected filibusterer, came from Hong Kong to Manila last week and was temporarily detained in custody on suspicion.

It is asserted upon good authority that three loads of arms and ammunition have recently been landed on the east coast of Luzon.

Capt. Taylor of the 39th Regiment recently captured 12 new Mausers near Calamba.

Rebels Are Reorganizing.

It is reported that the rebels are reorganizing in the Province of Zambales, under Mascardo. Brigands are committing atrocities in the Province of Neuva Ecija, where they have murdered twenty natives and Chinamen. Eight other murders have been committed near Tarlac. The Nueva Ecija insurgents are heavily taxing local traders and farmers with the result that business is paralyzed and there is a general scarcity of food.

The funds for maintaining this guerilla warfare are collected from the various towns of the island, whether occupied by the Americans or not, even including Manila.

The presidents of several towns in Lepanto and Union Provinces have declined to continue in their positions, saying that they do not desire any further identification with the Americans.

Spaniards and Filipinos who are conversant with the Tagalog character, unite in asserting that Aguinaldo's capture would terminate the revolution. Three months have passed since he was actively pursued.

DIPLOMATIC DENIALS.

Washington Officially Authorizes a Contradiction of Warlike Reports Published.

Washington, March 18.—In official and diplomatic circles here a denial is authorized of published reports that there have been conferences with a view to the despatch of additional warships and United States soldiers to China, and that news of the gravest character had been received from the United States Minister to China. There is said to be no fear entertained that any serious danger to American interests is impending. It is suggested that the published reports have as their basis the recent action of the Navy Department, made public at the time thru the Associated Press, in directing Admiral Watson, who is in command of the naval forces in the Philippines, to send a warship to the port of Taku, at the mouth of the Pieho River. This was done as a result of the representations made to the State Department by Minister Congor, who reported that serious attacks had been made upon the American missions in Shan Tung by the "Boxers," a powerful and numerous anti-foreign league of Chinese.

Ambassador Von Holleben of Germany, whose name is also identified with the publication, acknowledged that he had seen the Secretary of State recently, but said that Chinese affairs were not the subject of their conversation.

SIEGE OF MAFEKING HAS NOT YET BEEN RAISED

Garrison Was Still Holding Out on March 10, But the People Are Living on Quarter Rations —The Natives Armed.

Lorenzo Marquez, Sunday, March 18.—A despatch from Mafeking, dated Saturday, March 10, says: "The garrison is holding its own. We have heard numerous rumors that the siege will be raised, but so far that is not the case. We are pegging away patiently on quarter rations, supplemented by the occasional capture of cattle. Our home-made gun erratically bombards the Boer trenches. Horrible stories are current that the Boers are inflicting nameless tortures upon captured native runners. These may not be true, but they are tending to inflame native passions to such an extent that it may soon be impossible to hold the natives in check.

The Natives Have Been Armed.

"Owing to the Boers having deliberately bombarded the native stadt, which is full of women and children, Col. Baden-Powell has armed the natives, but he has only allowed them to act on the defensive, altho they have clamored to be allowed to go out and attack at the point of the assegai.

"They will be prevented as long as possible from inflicting reprisals on the Boers."

Siege Has Not Been Raised.

Pretoria, Friday, March 16.—It is officially denied that the siege of Mafeking has been raised or the town relieved.

Hot Fight at Fourteen Streams.

Cape Town, Sunday, March 18.—The Mafeking relief column, Colonels Drummond and Peakman commanding, had a sharp engagement at Fourteen Streams. The British succeeded in driving the Boers off. They had only a few casualties.

More Boers for Mafeking.

Lobatsi, Saturday, March 10.—It is reported that Commandant Eloff, with a commando, has left Zeerust for Mafeking.

Commandant Schaketz, with 150 men, is threatening the railway near Assvogel kop, north of Lobatsi.

Within Fourteen Miles of the Town

A British patrol, which reconnoitered within 14 miles of Mafeking, found the railway uninjured and the telegraph wires untouched north of Pitsani.

FIVE WERE BURNED TO DEATH

Another Was Fatally Burned, While a Seventh of the Family is in a Serious Condition

ALL OWING TO CARELESSNESS.

George White Attempted to Start a Fire With Gasoline at Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus, Ohio, March 17.—Five dead, one fatally and one seriously injured, resulted from an attempt to start a fire with gasoline here last night. George White used the fluid at James Weaver's residence, and an explosion followed, the building was set on fire, and the inmates were covered with the burning fluid.

The dead are: Philip Weaver, Tully Weaver, Roy Weaver, Loray Weaver and George White.

Fatally burned: Alice Weaver.

Seriously burned: James Weaver.

TRIBUTE TO IRISH GENERALS

From the Pen of Mr. Isaac N. Ford, the Well-known London Correspondent.

New York, March 18.—A graceful tribute is paid the Irish generals and the Irish troops serving in the South African war by Mr. Isaac N. Ford, in his last night's cable to this morning's Tribune, in which he says:

"Whether the shamrock be worn with sincerity or from respect for the Queen's example, it is certain that the laurels of the campaign belong to the Irish generals. Roberts, French, White and Kelly-Kenny are Irishmen by birth or parentage, and even Kitchener was born in Ireland. These are the generals who have done the best work in the campaign, the only Irish general who has failed to make a reputation is Clery. Fifteen Irish infantry battalions and cavalry regiments have been in service during the campaign, and their gallantry has earned the fine tribute paid to-day thrsout England in the marked observance of St. Patrick's Day. Immense quantities of shamrocks have been sent over from Ireland, and the green is worn generally in Piccadilly, Pall Mall and the Strand. There is also an unusual display of bunting in London. Royal Windsor is having an Irish gala day, and Dunne, the little bugler, is the hero of Portsmouth, where the Dublin Fusiliers are holding high holiday."

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To-day's Program.

Recruiting at Stanley Barracks for Halifax garrison—all day.
Military Institute, Lieut.-Col. Smith, "In Aid of Civil Power," 8 p.m.
St. Peter's Sunday School, Lecture by Prof. Clark, 8 p.m.
Ontario Legislature, 3 p.m.
Young Conservatives, Arcade, 8 p.m.
Young Liberals, St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.
Grand Opera House, "The Sign of the Cross," 8 p.m.
Toronto Opera House, "Over the Fence," 8 p.m.
Princess Theatre, "Quo Vadis," 2 and 8 p.m.
Shea's Theatre, Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.
Massey Music Hall, Western Stars Concert, 8 p.m.

RUSSIA'S DEMANDS ON TURKEY.

A Disagreement About Railway Concessions Which May Lead to an Ugly Tangle.

Constantinople, March 18.—After prolonged deliberation upon the Russian demands for exclusive railway rights in Asia Minor, the Sublime Porte has proposed a compromise whereby the railways would be constructed by Turkey and Russia in partnership. The Russian Embassy insists upon the original demands, which the Turkish military commission strenuously opposes.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Neueste Nachrichten says: "Russia, altho tacitly encouraging the champions of Bulgarian independence, does not consider the time propitious for any action.

"She hopes to bring pressure to bear upon Turkey in the railway question; but should she fail to secure the required concessions important events may be expected in the Balkans.

"The repatriation of the Armenian refugees still furnishes Russia with a good diplomatic weapon wherewith to obtain her demands."

DOUBLE KILLING IN CHICAGO.

Married Man of 30 Killed a Girl of 14 and Suicided—Infatuation and Jealousy.

Chicago, March 18.—In the hotel at 175 South Halstead-street, the bodies of a man and a young woman were found by the hotel employes last night, that of the woman having three bullet wounds, and the man had shot himself in the mouth with the revolver he used in ending the life of his companion. The victims were identified as M. Goldflas, proprietor of a cigar and confectionery store on West 14th-street, and Jennie Liss, 14 years old, an employe of a cigar factory. Altho of tender age, she had been keeping company with Goldflas for some time. It is asserted that the man was infatuated with her, and that he probably killed her in a fit of jealousy. Goldflas was 30 years old and married.

All at the Emergency.

John Ruttage of 18 Sydenham-street fell at the corner of Ontario and Sydenham-streets on Saturday night and broke his left arm.

John Kelly of 98 West Adelaide-street had his head cut by falling on Yonge-street on Saturday.

Last night Miss Amanda Lightheart, while returning from church, had her leg injured by falling at the corner of Queen and Yonge-streets.

J. J. McLaughlin, while celebrating St. Patrick's Day, got into a fight at Bay and Adelaide-streets, and had his eye badly cut. All these patients are at the Emergency Hospital.

At Dineen's.

Imported novelties in children's fashionable spring hats, caps, tams and toques have just arrived at Dineens'—and the prices are not high.

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At Dineen's.

Ladies' Raccoon, Bokhara and Astrachan Jackets, and Men's Overcoats of the same furs, are very desirable investments at Dineens' March prices.

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Died After Lingering Illness.

After a lingering illness Mrs. Elizabeth Finegan passed away yesterday at 260 Farley-avenue. Deceased, who was the widow of the late James Finegan, had resided in Stratford previous to her residence in Toronto. The remains will be taken to Stratford for interment on Wednesday.

MANITOBA FARMER IS EASY

Twenty-Five Per Cent. of the Wheat in the Elevators of the West Belongs to Farmers.

PROSPECTS GENERALLY GOOD

Says Mr. F. W. Thompson, General Manager of the Ogilvie Milling Company.

Montreal, March 18.—(Special.)—Mr. F. W. Thompson, general manager of the Ogilvie Mining Company, arrived here today from Winnipeg, and being asked as to the outlook in the west, said: "The prospects generally thruout Manitoba and the Northwest are very good, yet there is less money than usual in circulation, because of the large quantity of wheat still unsold. There are," he added, "from six to eight million bushels yet in the hands of the farmers. There are also stored in the elevators at Port William 3,500,000 bushels of wheat, a considerable portion of which, likewise, belongs to the farmers. There are from four to four and a half millions held in the interior elevators, and a fair estimate places 25 per cent. of this quantity as belonging to the farmers as well, so when all this wheat is sold the farmer cannot but be very easy financially."

The Increased Acreage.

Mr. Thompson also spoke of the increased acreage, as follows: "The acreage in wheat for Manitoba last year was 1,629,959 acres, with 364,777 acres for the territories. Now, from information received from our agents all over the country, I believe the increase this year will be from 10 to 15 per cent., making a probable total for 1900 of 2,250,000 acres. There is also a handsome increase in the fall plowing."

HORSE KICKED HIS FACE IN.

Thomas Bowman Was Found Dead Near the Table Rock House at the Falls.

Niagara Falls, Ont., March 18.—Thomas Bowman, the manager of the Burning Springs, a point of interest, was found dead on the electric road crossing near the Table Rock House in the park about 8 o'clock this morning, by the crew of one of the electric road cars. Near where the body lay was his cutter. On examination it was found that the side of his face was crushed in, and indications prove that his horse bolted at something, probably the falling ice from the trees, and pulled the deceased out of the cutter. The horse, which is known as a vicious, kicking animal, struck Mr. Bowman with its hind feet, killing him instantly. The horse was caught on the river front about a mile north of where the accident took place. Mr. Bowman was on his way from his house to the Burning Springs, and was noticed by Mrs. Zybach when passing the Table Rock House just before the accident occurred. The deceased was a widower about 60 years of age, leaving two grown-up daughters.

ANOTHER GREAT FIGHTER DEAD.

Gen. Sir William Lockhart, Commander of the Forces in India, Has Passed Away.

Calcutta, March 18.—Gen. Sir William Stephen Alexander Lockhart, commander-in-chief of the British forces in India, died to-day. He was born in September, 1841.

Sir William Lockhart was knighted in 1895, and was appointed commander-in-chief in 1897. He entered the Bengal army in 1858, and was on the staff in the Black Mountain Expedition, 1864. In 1879-80 he was road commandant in the Khyber Pass, during the Afghan War. He commanded the Tirah campaign in 1897, prior to that having been assistant quartermaster-general to Lord Roberts; chief of staff under Sir D. Stewart, and assistant military secretary to the Horse Guards. He commanded the Punjab Frontier Force 1890-95, and was made a lieut.-general in 1894.

R. & O. STOCK NO DRUG.

New Issue of $348,000 Was Snapped Up by the Shareholders in Quick Time.

Montreal, March 18.—(Special.)—The new stock issued by the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company to the amount of $348,000, appears to have been almost immediately taken up by the shareholders, not a share going to the outside public. The subscription books were closed on March 15, and those to whom the new stock was allotted had till June 15 to make the final payment, but on Saturday last the full amount of the issue had been paid up save about $21,000, this small sum representing fraction shares. It is quite likely that there will be a further issue later on to pay for the new steamer Kingston.

SOMETHING GOING ON.

Pacific Coast Recruits Will Help to Garrison Esquimalt Instead of Going to Halifax.

Victoria, B.C., March 17.—An order received from Ottawa states that the right half of "A" Company, being raised in British Columbia to form part of the provisional battalion to garrison Halifax, is detailed to assist the Imperial troops in garrisoning Esquimalt until further orders.

British Columbia men will therefore go into barracks at Work Point in this city. This will probably stimulate recruiting, which has been very slow, only seventeen men having offered for service.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, Bank of Commerce Building, George Edwards, F. C. A., A. Hart-Smith. 136

A Surgeon's $50,000 Fee.

Nice, March 17.—The chief excitement here has been an extraordinary consultation of leading Continental specialists at the Hotel Regina Cimiez over the Russian multi-millionaire, M. Kokoreff, who had been suffering terrible agonies for months from tic doloreux. It produced a painful twitching of the muscles of his face and condemned him to a solitary life.

The result of the consultation was that Von Bergmann operated on the patient, laying open his cheek and cutting out a nerve in two places.

This proved successful, but the rather simple expedient cost the patient $50,000, being the most expensive surgical performance on record.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., Patent Solicitors and experts, Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

A Warm Subject for a Cool Day.

Old Sol's getting too strong to toy with this March-end fury—and while he drives his mellowing rays into the banks of the "beautiful" he also uncovers to a man the shabbiness of his winter hat, and if he could talk he'd likely suggest "Fairweather's," 84 Yonge-street, as the hat shop to pick a new one in, for he knows that this firm handle only lines on which the sun never sets—world favorites in style and quality—English or American—and the best hats in the world at those popular prices—$2.50 and $3.

Leather couches, easy chairs for home or office. Office Specialty Mfg. Co., 77 Bay.

At Dineen's.

Ladies' Fur Caperines and Fur Ruffs look even better with spring costumes than they do with heavy winter wear—and they are especially dressy with tailor-made suits. Some very stylish fur neck pieces at Dineens', from $5 up.

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SIR WILLIAM VAN HORNE WANTS TO CONTROL CUBA

He Has a Big Project on to Consolidate All the Railways of the Island, and Asks For No Bonuses.

The Ex-President of the C. P. R. Buys 50,000 Acres of Mahogany Land in Cuba and Has a Big Company to Develop It—Is Now at Washington.

Washington, D.C., March 17.—Sir William Van Horne, recently president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, is here to submit to the President and the Secretary of War his plan for the construction of a complete railway system in Cuba. Sir William has $25,000,000 in capital at his disposal for this purpose, which was subscribed in a few moments the other day by a group of American citizens to whom he submitted his plans, Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Flagler, John W. Mackay, D. O. Mills, Samuel Thomas, Granville M. Dodge and others offering as much as he might need for the purpose.

Richest Spot on Earth.

Sir William believes that Cuba is the richest spot on earth and that its development will be very rapid and profitable to every one who takes hold of it with energy and intelligence. The balance of trade in its favor during Spanish occupation was two and one-half to one, and he believes that it will be six to one within the next five years. There is no spot on the globe, in his opinion, where so much of value can be produced with so little labor, and the unexplored and undeveloped area is much greater than that now under cultivation. In order to hasten its development railways are necessary, and therefore Sir William Van Horne and his associates are willing to take the risk of anticipating the future.

To Consolidate All Roads.

They propose to buy and consolidate all the existing railways, which have a mileage of about 1200 miles, divided up into short lines running from the principal seaports over the sugar country, and extend them until every province shall be well supplied with transportation facilities. They first propose to construct what he calls a vertebrate rial from Cape Antone, the extreme western tip, to Cape Maisi, the extreme eastern tip of the island, which is about 760 miles, running as near the centre of the island as economical engineering will permit. From this main stem, or backbone, they will construct a series of ribs from convenient junctions north and south to the accessible ports, thus giving an outlet to the products of the central portion of the island, which now have no roads and are beyond reach.

The total area of Cuba is about 45,000 square miles. Of this 15,000 square miles is uncleared and unexplored forest; 7000 square miles is devoted to pasture; 10,000 square miles susceptible of cultivation has never felt the plow, and only about 12,000 square miles, or a little more than one-fourth of the entire area, is or ever has been productive.

Sir William Will Return.

Sir William Van Horne unfortunately visits Washington at an inopportune time, because the Secretary of War and three members of the committee on Cuban relations are now in Cuba. He is going back to New York and will return next week for a conference with them. Sir William has already made large investments in Cuba, having recently purchased a controlling interest in the street railways of Havana, which will be supplied with electrical motors as soon as possible and extended into the suburbs in all directions. He has also purchased 50,000 acres of mahogany land on the banks of the Cauto River in the southern part of the island and has organized a stock company with a capital of $750,000 to pay for it and develop it. The company will erect sawmills at once to cut the timber for market. The mahogany will be sent to New York, and the cedar, which is plentiful, will be shipped to Havana and Key West for the manufacture of cigar boxes. Sir William Van Horne and his associates ask no subsidy or guaranty of any kind, but simply request the nation to purchase the right of way and extend the railroad system of Cuba over the entire island.

WAR PRACTICALLY DECLARED BY THE MACHINISTS' UNION.

One Hundred Thousand Men in Canada and the United States Will Be Called Out Shortly as a Result of Chicago Labor Troubles.

Chicago, March 18.—President James O'Connell of the International Machinists' Union declares that 100,000 machinists in all parts of the United States and Canada will be ordered on strike within the coming month, as the result of a disagreement between the manufacturers and machinists, who closed a joint conference in Chicago at 1.30 this morning.

President O'Connell declared that the strikes would be called immediately in all parts of the United States and Canada. Such strikes would involve 100,000 men and cause to be shut down for an indefinite period plants having an aggregate capital of millions of dollars.

Chicago labor troubles are responsible for the disagreement which is expected to precipitate the general machinists' strike.

At the meeting the manufacturers submitted to the machinists a proposal for arbitration, substantially as follows: "All strikes and lockouts to be called off. An Arbitration Committee, consisting of presidents of the two organizations and two members of each association who shall arbitrate all present and future differences and whose decisions shall be accepted as final by both parties to the agreement."

On the second proposition the two associations were united. The labor leaders, after holding a meeting, refused to agree to the first proposition and submitted a demand for immediate and separate arbitration of the Chicago difficulty. This the manufacturers refused to ratify and the conference broke up, both sides making what amounted to a formal declaration of war. The declaration of the machinists took the form of threats of an international strike, made by President O'Connell and Organizer Reed.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. WINTERS.

Found Lying on the Floor of Her Room Dead—Was Partly Dressed —Had Been Dead Two Hours.

When Dr. A. A. Beatty called at 117 Berkeley-street on Saturday night, in response to a hurried call, he found Mrs. Robert W. Winter a corpse. From all appearances she had been dead for over two hours. The body was partly dressed, and was lying on the floor between two curtains, which separated the bedroom from the parlor in the apartments. The physician notified Coroner Greig, who will investigate into the circumstances. In the meantime, Dr. Beatty will perform a post-mortem on the body this morning, to determine the cause of death.

Mrs. Winter had only moved into the house where she was found dead on Saturday afternoon, having formerly resided at 200 Duchess-street. She appeared to be in the best of spirits early in the day, and was apparently in good health. About 9 o'clock in the evening, one of the other inmates of the house on going to her apartments found her lying on the floor, and thinking she was ill sent for Dr. Beatty.

Deceased was about 35 years of age. She leaves a husband, who is a printer, and a little boy.

The remains were removed to McCabe's undertaking establishment, East Queen-street.

NEW JUDGE ON THE BENCH.

The First Sentence Imposed Was for Stealing an Overcoat from Mr. J. P. Whitney's House.

Cornwall, Ont., March 18.—Judge O'Reilly, the newly-appointed judge for Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, made his first appearance on the bench yesterday, when he tried Thomas Smith and Patrick Ryan on a charge of stealing a coat from the residence at Morrisburg of J. P. Whitney, leader of the Opposition in the Local House. Ryan pleaded guilty, while Smith entered a plea of not guilty, but the evidence was strongly against him, and both were sentenced to 18 months in the Central Prison.

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MARRIAGES.

CROFTS—FINCH—At the home of the bride, 76 Gerrard-street east, on Saturday, March 17, 1900, Frances (Minnie), only daughter of the late W. S. Finch, to Fred C. Crofts of New York, son of the late Benjamin Crofts of London, Canada.

DEATHS.

DUFFIN—On March 17, at 202 West Front-street, Robert Duffin, aged 83 years.
Funeral on Monday, 19th, at 2.30 p.m., from above address. Friends please attend.

FINEGAN—On March 18, 1900, Elizabeth Finegan, widow of the late James Finegan, at 260 Farley-avenue.
Interment at Stratford on arrival of the 8.20 a.m. train from Toronto, Wednesday, March 21.
Stratford papers please copy.

GRIFFITH—On March 17, 1900, at the residence of his father, 837 Bathurst-street, Robert Lane Griffith, formerly of the C.P.R., youngest son of Wm. Griffith, H. M. Customs.
Funeral private on Monday to St. James' Cemetery.

HUXLEY—On Saturday, March 17, at the General Hospital, William Huxley, in his 72nd year.
Funeral, 2.30 p.m., Monday, March 19, from J. D. McGill's undertaking rooms, 300 College-street.

HERON—At Scarboro Village, on March 17, 1900, of pneumonia, W. A. Heron, third son of the late William Heron, aged 52.
Interment on Tuesday, March 20, at 3 o'clock p.m.

O'CONNOR—On Sunday, March 18, 1900, Annie O'Connor, youngest daughter of the late John O'Connor, aged 15 years.
Funeral on Tuesday, at 9 a.m., from the residence of her aunt, Mrs. M. J. O'Connor, 252 King-street east.

WHITEHEAD—Suddenly, on 15th March, 1900, John N. Whitehead, in his 50th year, son of the late John Whitehead.
Funeral from his late residence, 18 Homewood-avenue, on Monday, at 3 p.m.

CRUISER CRUSHED CAR FLOAT.

Uncle Sam's New Transport Sumner Did Damage on Her Initial Trip.

Norfolk, Va., March 18.—The new United States army transport Sumner, commanded by Captain Charles T. Baker, and said to be the finest troopship afloat, sailed from the navy yard yesterday at noon for Hampton Roads, where her compasses will be adjusted. When the troopship left the yard outward bound, a stiff breeze was blowing from the south.

The big ship became unmanagable when off the southern railway pier in this city and was swept against a car float which lay at the pier. A tremendous crash followed as the troopship smashed the barge and the latter broke down the front tier of piles on which the wharf stands. The men at work unloading the cars on the float escaped to the pier. The barge with its half-loaded cars aboard was towed over on the Portsmouth flats, where it sank to the bottom. The Sumner proceeded uninjured, save that her bow was pierced above the water line by her anchor fluke. The accident is said to have been unavoidable.

French Plot to Kill Kitchener.

London, March 17.—Vanity Fair says that a French plot to kill Gen. Kitchener when he was leaving Khartoum to join Lord Roberts has been discovered.

The scheme was to wreck his train, but Kitchener outwitted the conspirators by getting the engine driver to accelerate his speed, which accounts for the unexpected rapidity of his journey to Cairo.

Died in General Hospital.

The death occurred in the General Hospital on Satuday night of Mr. Wm. Huxley, from asthma. Deceased was 72 years of age. The funeral will take place this afternoon from the undertaking establishment of J. D. McGill, 300 College-street.

Mild, Then Cold Again.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 18.—8 p.m.—A low area has during the past two days been slowly developing over Manitoba and Keewatin, and now gives indication of an easterly movement across northern Canada. At present there is little appearance of a cold wave following this low area, but it is not improbable that after a brief mild spell a decided drop in temperature may again occur in Ontario on Tuesday.

Minimum and maximum temperatures.—Victoria, 50—50; New Westminster, 42—54; Calgary, 26—44; Prince Albert, 16—20; Qu'Appelle, 6—14; Winnipeg, 8—18; Port Arthur, 8 below—24; Parry Sound, 4 below—26; Toronto, 6—32; Ottawa, 8 below—18; Montreal, zero—16; Quebec, 2 below—16; Halifax, 26—28.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong southerly winds; milder, with occasional rain.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh to strong southerly winds; milder, with occasional sleet or rain.

Lower St. Lawrence—Fresh to strong southerly winds; milder; snow, turning to sleet or rain.

Gulf—Milder; fair to-day; snow to-night and to-morrow.

Maritime—Increasing southwesterly and southeasterly winds; milder; fair to-day, followed by rain to-night and to-morrow.

Lake Superior—Milder, with light snow or sleet, turning colder again to-night and to-morrow.

Manitoba—Colder again, with strong west and north winds.

Read Oak Hall Clothiers ad. on the next page, about the boys' half price reefer sale. It pays to read Oak Hall ads every day.

Steamship Movements.

March 17.	At.	From.
Campania	New York	Liverpool
Augusta Victoria	Naples	Constantinople
Manitou	London	New York
Lucania	Liverpool	New York
Campania	New York	Liverpool
March 18.		
La Gascogne	New York	Havre
Munchen	Bremen	Baltimore
Lake Superior	Moville	St. John