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A WAR FOOTING.

Feb. 22.—The secretary of the naval estimates for the house of commons yesterday...

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Speech from the Throne at the Opening of the House.

The Government Has a Majority of Two on First Vote.

VICTORIA, Feb. 20.—At the opening of the legislative assembly session today the lieutenant-governor read the following speech:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: I have much pleasure in welcoming you to the third session of the Ninth parliament of British Columbia.

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Steps will be taken with a view to the introduction of a fair measure of redistribution. Measures will be submitted for your consideration having for their object the encouragement of immigration and the settlement of unoccupied lands.

Estimates of revenue and expenditure have been carefully prepared with a view to strictest economy being exercised, and will be submitted without delay.

MANY WOULD SURRENDER

The Transvaal Boers Grow More Weary of the Struggle.

Lord Rosebery Writes a Letter Defining His Position.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—In a dispatch from Pretoria the correspondent of the Times says there is no doubt the Boers in eastern Transvaal Colony are greatly demoralized and that they are so hard pressed that many are reluctant to continue the struggle.

THE LEAD INDUSTRY

LIVELY INTEREST IN THE QUESTION OF TARIFF PROTECTION.

THE SUBJECT TO BE TAKEN UP AT KASLO AND IN PARLIAMENT.

NELSON, B. C., Feb. 19.—The one subject of legislation likely to come before the House of Commons at the present session, in which the mining districts of British Columbia are interested is the imposition of a duty on lead and manufactured lead products.

At present almost none of the lead used in Canada is the product of Canadian ores, and it is admitted duty free and white lead at a duty of only five per cent. There are as yet no refineries for lead-silver bullion in Canada.

Some of the Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia have taken this matter up as individual boards, and have passed resolutions favoring the imposition of the duty. In convention the boards will also take the matter up when they meet in Kaslo on February 26th.

MISS STONE STILL HELD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—It is estimated at the state department that 15 days have now elapsed since the money for Miss Stone's ransom was paid over to the agents of the brigands.

A NEW YORK HOLOCAUST

Park Avenue the Scene of Another Serious Disaster.

A Big Hotel Fire in Which Fifteen People Were Killed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—For the third time since new year's day, Park avenue in this city was the scene of loss of human life. First was the collision in the New York Central tunnel, on 96th street and Park avenue; second came the dynamite explosion, in the Rapid Transit subway on 41st street, and the third today was a fire which started in the 71st Regiment armory at 33rd street and then spread to the Park hotel where 15 persons were killed and many injured.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—As an outcome of the polemic concerning the relations between Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Lord Rosebery and the Liberal party, Lord Rosebery has written to the Times declaring frankly that he remains outside of Sir Henry's tabernacle, but not, he thinks, in solitude.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Writing from St. Petersburg, the correspondent of the Daily Mail says the seismic disturbances at Shamkaia have recommenced and that a fresh volcano began vigorously to erupt last Wednesday.

THE SCHLEY CASE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—President Roosevelt's memorandum upon the appeal of Admiral Schley was made public today. It says in part: "It appears that the court of inquiry was unanimous in its findings of fact and unanimous in its expressions of opinion on most of its findings of fact."

VICTORIA LIBERALS.

The Action of the Vancouver Convention is Reputed. VICTORIA, Feb. 19.—At a convention of local Liberals last night, at which about 300 were present, the action of the Vancouver convention was repudiated, with about a dozen dissenting, while the leadership of Martin was repudiated with practically no opposition.

PAYS A DIVIDEND

The Sunset Mine in the Slocan Distributes Another \$6,000. NELSON, B. C., Feb. 22.—The Sunset mine, near Ody, has just distributed its fifth dividend of \$6,000, making a total of \$83,000 paid in dividends to date.

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THE RAILWAY FIGHT

AN AUDACIOUS MOVE ON THE PART OF THE "HOT AIR" COMPANY.

ATTEMPT TO "JUMP" THE GRADE OF THE V. V. AND E. NEAR GRAND FORKS.

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WINNIPEG BONSPIEL.

Most of the Competitions Down to the Final Contests. WINNIPEG, Feb. 20.—Flavelle, the Lindsay curler, was at home today on the sticky ice on which the bonspiel games were played. He took part in four games and won all easily. In the Dolge competition he first defeated R. V. & E. has been communicating with the head office of the company at St. Paul all day, and has also notified Chief Engineer Manly of the Hot Air that if the Republic and Kettle River company wish information regarding the grade and measurements of the V. V. & E. line between Grand Forks and Cascade they can obtain it at the office of the company in this city, but that the company will certainly object to the Hot Air surveying over their grade and if again attempted force will be resorted to, if necessary, to prevent it.

BIG RAILWAY SCHEME.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—The Examiner says that every indication points to the belief that a big railroad and financial deal is on the tapis, by which George J. Gould's Missouri Pacific will gain an entrance into San Francisco. Prince Poulatowski, S. F. Bullock, one of his partners in several enterprises, and Senator Clark, of Montana, are represented as being connected with Gould in his scheme to extend the Gould railway system west from Salt Lake to San Francisco. Gould will make a tour of the coast next month. The alleged railway scheme is said to contemplate the erection of a fine depot and hotel in this city. Then a railroad will be run south to the San Mateo county line. From there on a road will be built to Los Angeles to connect with the line which United States Senator Clark is building to Salt Lake. At the Utah capital, Clark's road will connect with the Rio Grande Western. At Denver, it connects with its Missouri Pacific to St. Louis. From St. Louis to Toledo he owns the Webash road, which is now being extended to Pittsburg. S. F. Bullock, an eastern railroad builder, whose name was mentioned by the Examiner in connection with the proposed deal, said he could give no details, as publicity was likely to spoil negotiations now in progress. "Myself and others," he added, "are negotiating for other parties, perhaps a syndicate. While there is something in the story, it is premature at this time."

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