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	32 in.	wide,	indigo checks, at 8c
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day's doings.

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Spearing Somewhat of a

And Decides to Save Them all the

Trouble of Carrying Their Catch To Chatham.

They put in a great day's fishing

at the Bay on Wednesday last. They

erans and adepts and tell all abou

Fishing through the ice, too, is right

in their line, and when they secured the loan of two capital little shan-

ties from a friendly Frenchman they

had great anticipations for a big

They had speared for some time and

many pike and perch had fallen to

their lot. The veteran was still en-

gaged in his fishing domicile, but his

comrade basked in the brilliancy of

his shanty fire and dreamed dreams

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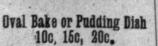


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day next ,20th inst. . DE WET A MADMAN. Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, March 15.—Prisoners who have lately been released by Gen. De Wet say they think he is a madman. They

London, Saturday, March 16.— According to a despatch to the Times, dated March 15, from Kaalspruit, it is reported there that Generals Botha, Delarey and De Wet will meet March 18 to discuss the situation.

Ottawa, March 15.— (Special).—Foltonia of his subordinate commanders are of his subordinate commanders are Ottawa, March 15. — (Special).—Following is the official list of nomnations by His Excellency for commissions in the South African constabulary:—
Captains, 12—Capt. H. E. Burstall, R. C. A.; Major C. C. Bennett, 6th Rifles, Vancouver; Capt. F. W. L. Moore, 4th Reg. Ar., Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Capt. W. A. Lawless, G. G. F. G., Ottawa; Capt. T. O. Critchley, Invested followers. Thus the orderlies of his subordinate commanders are frequently unable to find him to receive orders, His secrecy is extreme. He absolutely imparts his plans to ne one. He repudiates the peace negotiations which are going on. He has declared openly to the men under his command that no terms except independence will satisfy him. A recent utterance attributed to him is that after the British he hates the Transvalers. His whereabouts during the last two or three days are unknown.

THE PLAGUE. London, March 15 .- The war office, according to advices from Cape Town, will not land any more troops there until the bubonic plague shall subside. The transports have been ordered to disembark the troops at East London, Port Elizabeth and elsewhere. The plague in South Africa is causing ness in South African shipping circles here.

Cape Town, March 15.—Eleven fresh cases of bubonic plague, including one European victim, were officially reported to-day. In consequence of the Kaffirs to a reservation outside the city, as a plague precaution, the Ma-lays held a mass meeting to-day and resolved to resist eviction by force, if necessary. Several thousand are now BOER SYMPATHIZERS.

Berlin, March 15, - Young Christian Berlin, March 15, — Young Christian
De Wet, the nephew of the Boer
General of that name, and other Boer
officers, visited the Reichstag to-day
and had an interview with a number
of prominent members of that body.
The Hague, March 15. — M. Henri
Rochefort and other Parisian proBoers are here conferring with the
supporters of the South African Republics. They will visit Mr. Kruger
at Utrecht.

fused to increase the tax rate one-half a mill for the maintenance of a public library, thereby practically re-fusing the offer of Andrew Carnegie to give the town \$50,000, providing the city would appropriate \$5,000 for the maintenance of the library.

British Regiment on Guard at Disputed Territory With Fixed Bayonets.

\$25,000,000 GIFT

Pittsburg, It is Said, Will Get It

For a Proposed Technical school

Steel Master Wants to Make the

School the Finest in the World.

Pittsburg, March 15 — Intimate friends of Andrew Carnegie say that it is the intention of the steel master

to give at least \$25,000,000 for the erection of buildings and for the en-

dowment of the proposed technical school of Pittsburg. It is also declared by those who have

talked with Carnegie that he intends to make his school the finest of its

kind in the world and that it will lend as much fame to Pittsburg on the theoretical side of iron and steel as

his famous works have done in actu-al practices.

Easton, Pa., March 16.—The Easton board of school controllers have re-

BY CARNEGIE

Russians Reported to be Entrenched

ceived here from Tien Tsin by Reu-ter's Telegram Co., dated from that city to-day at 3.30 p.m., says: "The Russians are now intrenching in the disputed territory. A company of the Hong Kong regiment, with fixed bay-onets, is in front, while two companies of the Madras pioneers, under the command of Maj. Johnson, are held

in reserve.
"Both the Russians and the British TROUBLES CONFIRMED.

London, March 15 .- A question the house of commons to-day in regard to the despatch from Tien Tsin, announcing friction between the Russians and the British there, elicited a confirmation from Lord Geo. Ham-ilton, the secretary of state for India, who, corroborating the despatches of the Associated Press, said Russia had claimed the land in dispute by virtue of a concession alleged to have been granted by China since the disturbances commenced. The authorities on the spot were dealing with the mat-ter. The government had not sent spe-cial instructions, as, throughout the Chinese operations, the British offic-ers had shown a spirit of excessive conciliation.

RUSSIANS JUBILANT. The Russians at Tien Tsin took possession of the railway siding and armession of the railway siding and armed sentries are now guarding it. Gen. Barrow, second in command of the British forces, hesitates to act, apparently in the absence of Gen. Gaselee, feeling sure that bloodshed would ensue. He had a long consultation to-day with Sir Ernest Satow, British minister. The Bussings are inhibits minister. The Russians are jubilant

JAPAN FEELS SORE AT RUSSIA

Relations are Very Strained Between the Two Countries-War May Result.

New York, March 16,—A London special to the Sun says:—The Daily News declares that owing to the Manchurian convention the relations be-tween Russia and Japan have become very strained, and that war seems not only possible but probable. only possible but probable.

very strained, and that war seems not only possible but probable.

The paper prints an interview with a "distinguished Japanese diplomatist," who is represented as saying that "unless Russia makes some concession to Japan and that at one I am afraid it will be impossible to avoid war. The feeling in Japan is high, and the vast majority of the public is eager for war unless Russia comes forward with some proposition which will be acceptable to Japan and which will be acceptable to Japan and which will satisfy her feelings of honor in the matter. If Russia has Manchuria Japanese sentiment demands compensation of a substantial character. With Manchuria in her grasp Russia is a constant menace to Korea, the independence of which, if not its actual possession, is vital to Japan.

"But Russia! What trust can be

Thames Lodge, No. 101, Sons of England Benefit Society held their usual weekly meeting last Monday evening, which was well attended, Bro. W. A. Moore, Worthy President, the chair. Sick committee reported only two on the sick list. There are several applications on hand for membership. Brothers will bear in mind that their monthly payments are now due and if not paid before the end of March they will be suspended from all benefits. A meeting will be held Monday evening instead of Tuesday, at 7.50, sharp. Important business on hand; every member requested to be present.

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GENERAL LORD WOLSELEY MAKES HIS DEFENCE

Refutes the Charges Made by Lord Lansdowne Concerning State of British Militia

London, March 16 -The House of Lords was unusually crowded yesterday in anticipation of the reply of Lord Wolseley, the former Commander-in-Chief, to the criticism of the former War Secretary, Lord Lansdowne, now Secretary for Foreign Af-

Lord Wolseley, in his opening remarks said he regretted being com-

pelled to discuss a personal matter, but he could not pass unchallenged the severe comments of Lord Lans-

downe on the manner in which he had performed the duties of Com-mander-in-Chief. Lord Lansdowne's

personalities evidently had been pre meditated. His indictments were

grave, and it almost seemed as if the personal attack had been made in or-

n 1900 circumstances occurred which

made every effort to improve the auxiliary forces. In February, 1896, he recommended that additional troops

his shanty fire and dreamed dreams till the glowing ashes died out. He was startled by a resonant knock at the shanty door, and a mo-ment later a toll figure, clad in sparkling armor of frozen snow, with long icicles decorating the rim of his hat and the tethers of his flow-ing beard, entered and made himself at home with the greeting—"Bon jour, you ketch lot big fish, eh?"

The sportsman replied that they had done fairly well, and watched the Frenchman build up a fire that soon brought the bright beads of perspiration to his classic forehead and flushed face. By such by a best relied out

tion to his classic forehead and flushed face. By-and-bye he strolled out on the ice to "cool off," leaving his visitors in charge of the spear. But a few moments d jogged by ere there was a con btion inside that shanty. There were sundry spasmodic gasps and a reral upheaval, then the wild cry—

"Go quick"—gasp—"oui ,quick"—gasp—"get jedge, get spear, quick"—gasp—"quick, quick!"

The sportsman sped to his compan-

landed him—a great maskinonge, measuring—

The young sportsman then laid in for the day. That monster was sufficient for any man. He was laid out on the ice, the Frenchman departed and the fisherman once more sat down to dream—this time of his great catch and the emerald envy with which other would-be fishermen would gaze upon him!

When he awoke his fish was gone. So was the Frenchman. So was his temper. In fact, it is hinted he said things not in the book. Rapidly he sought the home of his visitor and enquired the wherefore of such doings. The Frenchman met him with a snave and genial smile. "Me save you big part of dat fish," he said, as he gallantly handed over a heavy basket carefully filled and covered, and bowed his visitor away.

The sportsman, somewhat appeased, took the basket and hied him homeward. But when he opened it and found it to be only the two fins of the fish, his wrath broke out afresh. There will be trouble when he next meets that Frenchman.

Harold Jarvis, Detroit's favorite tenor, will contribute several excel-lent dialect solos to the program of the St. Patrick's Concert in the Grand on Tuesday evening next. An admirable series of renditions has been arranged. Don't miss it!

luis made strong personal statements which were not supported. I have made my reply which is also unsupported. I cannot, however, leave the matter thus. I feel I am amply justified in moving that all the papers be laid on the table. I am prepared to prove by official documents all I have said.

LANDSDOWNE'S REPLY. Lord Landsdowne, in replying, said he thought Lord Wolseley had nardly comprehended the purport of his former spetch when he said it had not been a personal attack on himself (Lord Landsdowne). After thus breaking Lord Landsdowne's windows, Lord Wolseley could headly expect that Lord Wolseley could hardly expect that there would not be retaliation on his own

tioned the correctness of some of Lord Wolseley's statements. He reminded the latter how, after the Glen-coe disaster, he (Wolseley) had sug-gested that the British should fall back behind the Tugela River. If the suggestion had been given earlier der to divert attention from the question at issue, and throw upon the Commander-in-Chief blame for the until the recent debate he had never had reason to suppose that he did ot possess the full confidence of Lord Lansdowne and the Cabinet. Early it might have saved one of the most untoward disasters of the war. Lieut.-General Sir William Butler had written a private letter to Lord Wolseley suggesting that 40,000 men might be in 1900 circumstances occurred which left him no alternative but to resign, which he had done. If he had not possessed the Cabinet's confidence that had been an opportunity which might legitimately have been used to appoint another Commander-in-Chief. Lord Wolseley then proceeded to refute the specific charges launched by Lord Lansdowne. He said he had made every effort to improve the auxlecessary for the campaign. Lansdowne did not wish to excuse himself for under-estimating the en-emy. But Lord Wolseley should bear his full share. Lord Wolseley had suggested among other things the oc-cupancy of Delagoa Bay and an ap-peal to the colonies.

THE MOTION REJECTED. Lord Salisbury said he thought it undesirable that all the papers refer-ring to the debate should be circul-ated. He was not aware than any per-sonal charges had been made against iliary forces. In February, 1896, he recommended that additional troops be sent to South Africa, and recommended strengthening the Natal garrison and the defensive occupation, not of the town of Ladysmith, but of the Biggarsberg range, which was twenty-five miles in advance of Ladysmith. He had never considered Ladysmith and its surrounding hills to be tenable. Lord Wolseley admitted that in common with all the other authorities he had underestimated the fighting power of the individual Boer. Three weeks before Mr. Kruger's declaration of war he had urged Lord Lansdowne to send out an army corps, a cavalry division and five battalions for the lines of communication, in addition to the 10,000 troops already in South Africa. Such a comparatively small number of troops employed early had often achieved results which five times their number could not produce later. The mobilization of this force at that time would have produced a considerable effect in South Africa. If the country had not been prepared at the outbreak of war it had not been because he had not urged the gradual and unostentatious reinforcement of the forces.

Lord Wolseley concluded with saying:—"I have said as little as possible consistently with any justice to myself. The noble Mar-

Lord Wolseley.
Lord Rosebery enumerated Lord Lord Rosebery enumerated Lord Lansdowne's charges against Lord Wolseiey, and said they were personal in the judyment of the mass of the House and the man in the street. He alluded to Lord Wolseley's historic career, now closed, and defended his single-mindedness of purpose in seeking to improve the War Office system. Lord Wolseley's motion that all the papers be laid on the table was rejected by a vote of 62 to 38.

NEW 'PHONE'S.