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OCIETY will hold a bazaar in aid of the rgan fund at Semple's Hall, on Tuesday, ecember 4th, under the distinguished atronage of Sir Henri and Lady Joly de abinere, Col. Grant, R.E., and Mrs. Grant, the Mayor and Mrs. Hayward, the Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin.

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Praising Canucks

London Times Gives Them a High Place as Splendid Soldiers.

Canadian Contingent From South Africa Expected at London To-Day

Boers Reported Active in Southern Part of Orange River Colony.

London, Nov. 28.—The delay of the steamer Hawarden on account of gales occasioned much disappointment in London to-day. The Canadians and other war heroes are not expected to reach London till noon to-morrow. It is hoped the weather will be less damp and depressing. A special performance of J. M. Barrie's "Wedding Guest" was arranged for to-night in their honor.

The Times to-day makes a eulogistic survey of the Canadian achievements during the war, and concludes:

"Throughout the campaign the Canadians, whether as gunners, troopers or infantrymen, proved themselves brave, trustworthy soldiers in the face of the enemy. They have never lacked any of those qualities which marked the contingents from the other colonies, but one misses in them the impatient recklessness of Australians, and uncertain temper of the African-bred colonial. Canada may well be proud of their behavior alike in field and camp."

The British high commissioner in South Africa, Sir Alfred Milner, warns the colonial office that no one should go to South Africa at present with the view of seeking employment in the new colonies, unless they have secured employment or have ample private means.

Montreal, Nov. 28.—A Star London cable says that the war office reports that Major Belcher, second in command of Strathcona's Horse, has received his discharge.

Edinburgh, Orange River Colony, Nov. 24.—The Boers are most active between the railroad and Basutuland, south of Ladybrandt, Thaba N'chu and Bloemfontein. Gen. Dewet and former President Steyn are near Dewetsdorp. It is believed that they are preparing for a descent on Cape Colony for recruits and supplies. As a counter move, two battalions of the Guards, Grenadiers and First Coldstreams hold all the forts of the Orange River, from Albert North to the Orange River Station. But small parties of mounted Boers are able to cross the river. The British have great need of more mounted troops, the capture of Dewet being hopeless without them.

U. S. S. KENTUCKY.

She Has No Special Orders in Regard to Turkish Dispute.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The navy department has given no further orders to the Kentucky beyond those directing her to proceed to Smyrna for a five-days' stay. The department has received a letter from Capt. Chester, of the Kentucky, mailed from Gibraltar, telling of a storm which the ship passed through on the Atlantic, and the opportunity it afforded of testing the sea-going qualities of the big battleship. The storm arose on the 30th and raged all that day and the next. The waves tore away the starboard lifeboat and beat it to pieces. This was the only mishap. Capt. Chester says that throughout the storm the battleship behaved beautifully and showed excellent seaworthy qualities.

NEWFOUNDLAND BLIZZARD.

Snow Blocks All Trains and Keeps Vessels Tied Up.

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 28.—A fierce blizzard is sweeping the country to-day. Snow-drifts block all the trains, and the storm keeps all shipping in the harbors. It is feared that considerable injury will be done among the vessels of the fishing fleet. A number of steamers now due to arrive from various points may meet with accidents, while sailing craft are in danger of being driven ashore along the coast. Reports from Nova Scotia indicate that the gale has not yet reached its climax.

ADMIRAL McNAIR.

A United States Naval Officer Dies From Stroke of Appoplexy.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Rear Admiral Frederick G. McNair died at his home in this city this afternoon at 3:30, from a stroke of appoplexy. He was the ranking rear admiral of the navy and the officer next in line to Admiral Dewey.

AGONCILLO DENIES.

Is Not Going to Hongkong to Supply Arms to Filipinos.

Paris, Nov. 28.—Agoncillo, agent of Aguinaldo, declares there is no foundation for the statement that he has resigned the leadership of the Filipino junta in Europe, or that he is going to Hongkong to superintend the supplying of arms to the Filipinos.

Manila, Nov. 28.—The Philippine commission has passed a bill requiring banks to accept deposits, whether in Mexican or local currency, and to honor checks in the currency in which the deposits against which they are drawn were made. A liquor license law for Manila has been prepared. Under the new law the license fee will be $300 in gold, and the term six months.

DAMAGES AWARDED.

Result of Trial of Trent River Bridge Cases at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Nov. 28.—(Special)—The cases of Walker v. the Union Colliery Co., and Grant v. the same company, which arose out of the Trent river bridge disaster, were settled this morning before Mr. Justice Irving and a special jury, the jury, on both cases, returning a verdict for the plaintiffs. Walker was the engineer who was killed at the time of the accident, and Grant was the fireman. The damages were $4,500 and $9,500, respectively.

SUSPECTS BREAK LOOSE.

Indulge in a Lively Time, But Are Locked Up Again.

Nanaimo, Nov. 28.—(Special)—Thirty-two miners, quarantined in a boarding-house at Extension, broke out this afternoon, got whiskey and conducted themselves in a most riotous manner. Dr. Fagan, accompanied by provincial constables, proceeded at once to the scene to restore order and have the men put back to quarantine. The offenders have rendered themselves liable to fine and imprisonment.

Tammaria, a Japanese, who arrived here last night, attempted to board the train for Extension this morning. The medical officer discovered that he is just recovering from a smallpox attack and immediately rushed him to the isolation hospital.

Rev. W. W. Baer has been chosen as one of the speakers at the Epworth League international convention at San Francisco, next year.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN

Gives an Emphatic Answer to the Accusations Against Him.

London, Nov. 27.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, replying to the incessantly repeated accusations that he is a shareholder in companies profiting by government contracts, has made the following statement to Mr. J. F. M. Wanklin, member of parliament for Central Bradford, with the intention of having it published:

"I hold a very small portion of the capital stock of the Birmingham trust. I do not know and never have known anything about its investments, which of course are constantly changing. I did not know it had any investment in the company called the Tubes, Limited, and I did not know that that company was interested in government business. I was not aware of these facts when I asserted in the House of Commons that I had not interest, directly or indirectly, in any firm supplying military stores to the government."

ANOTHER EXPEDITION.

German Column Has Left Tien Tsin For Punitive Work.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—Field Marshal Count von Waldersee reports that Col. Asmeets, with a small detachment of German troops, has left Tien Tsin on a punitive expedition to Wu Sing Hsin and Nan Tsai Tsun, northwest of Tien Tsin. The Yorck's column left Kalgan for Pekin on November 23.

The Germans have occupied the rich coal fields on the borders of the province of Chi Liang Shan Si.

OPPOSED TO CANADIAN MINT

Montreal French Speaking Chamber of Commerce Against Its Establishment.

Montreal, Nov. 28.—La Chambre de Commerce discussed the question of a Canadian mint to-day at some length. The concensus of opinion was against it, the matter not getting as far as a vote.

The meeting adopted a resolution joining in a memorial to be presented to the government, asking for a royal commission to enquire into marine insurance rates on St. Lawrence routes. The proposal to memoralize the government to recoup insurance companies for any loss they might sustain through charging New York rates until the report of the royal commission has been acted upon, was voted down.

The last steamship arrival from sea was the Brayhead, this afternoon. She is expected to sail on Friday morning, making the last departure of the season, one of the latest on record.

TO KILL McKINLEY.

New York Paper Says Police Have Unearthed a Plot.

New York, Nov. 27.—A plot to assassinate President McKinley has been made known to the police of Hoboken, N. J., says the Evening World. They have communicated with the secret service bureau at Washington, furnishing the name of the man who is accused.

The police received their information through a letter written by a Frenchman, whose knowledge of the English language was exceedingly poor. The name of the accused is withheld by the police for obvious reasons. They have located the writer, and say that his story is at least worthy of investigation.

GARRISON FOR VANCOUVER.

Statement That Steps Will Be Taken to Station a Small Regular Force There.

Vancouver, Nov. 27.—(Special)—The Vancouver World publishes a statement to-day that the announcement has been officially made that steps will be taken at the next meeting of the House of Commons, probably in February, to enact such legislation leading to the establishment in Vancouver of a regular garrison, with from 100 to 200 men as the strength of the force. It is also the intention of erecting a barracks. The announcement further states that, as far as enquiries in this direction have advanced, the military authorities have received the proposition with favor.

STEALING COPPER.

Boys Caught Taking Metal From Bullen's Shipyard.

Recently quantities of copper have been disappearing from the Star shipyard of Messrs. Bullen, and watch was kept, with the result that two boys were caught stealing the copper. They were arrested, but after being warned were released. Messrs. Bullen say, though, that they will press the charge against any others caught removing anything from the yard.

To Blow Up Lord Roberts

Plot to Kill Him While in Church at Johannesburg Failed.

Demand Being Made to Use Harsher Measures to Crush Boers.

London, Nov. 27.—According to a special edition of the Evening Standard this evening, a plot to assassinate Lord Roberts, in which twenty foreigners are concerned, has been discovered. It appears that the conspirators laid a mine which was destined to be blown up on Sunday while Lord Roberts was in church at Johannesburg, but the police and Lord Roberts' bodyguard frustrated the conspiracy. Ten men, mostly Italians, have been arrested.

The details, the Evening Standard says, it has been unable to verify before going to press.

Lord Roberts, cabling from Johannesburg under date of November 26, reports a number of encounters with the Boers at widely separated points, in which the British captured some cattle and a few prisoners, and suffered slight casualties.

The most serious affair was an engagement with the forces of Gen. Delarey, numbering about 1,000 men, with three guns, who opposed Gen. Clements toward Bietfontein. The Boers, the despatch says, were completely dispersed.

A despatch to the Standard from Pretoria, dated November 25, says it is reported that the Boers propose to strike again at the borders of Cape Colony, where, it is believed, numbers of disaffected Dutch, with supplies and hidden weapons, are waiting to join them.

The Boers seem to be taking fresh heart. They have become extremely energetic in almost every part of the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony.

The Rt. Hon. Robert William Hanbury, president of the board of agriculture, addressing his constituents in Preston last evening, and referring to Mr. Kruger's complaint of "British barbarism," said: "This is no time for paltering with the dying embers of the Boer rebellion—for rebellion it now is—and it must be stamped out vigorously."

Paris, Nov. 27.—Mr. Kruger began a busy day this morning by making an official call. Before 9 o'clock he departed from the Hotel Scribe, driving in a landau surrounded by Republican guards and bicycle policemen, to visit Premier Waldeck-Rousseau. He was accompanied by Dr. Leyds, Dr. Van Hamel, and Delegate Fischer. The party was met at the entrance to the Premier's salon by M. Ulrich, director of the cabinet, who introduced the visitors to the Prime Minister. The interview took place in M. Waldeck-Rousseau's private study. It lasted ten minutes.

At 9:30 o'clock the Premier, accompanied by M. Ulrich, returned the call.

New York, Nov. 27.—Samuel Pearson, formerly commissary-general of the Transvaal army, one of the Boer refugees who have just arrived here on the steamer Statendam from Rotterdam, brings tidings that ex-President Kruger will probably soon seek refuge and a permanent home in this country.

"President Kruger will leave Paris very soon, I believe," said Gen. Pearson, "and come to the United States, where, with his wife, he will make a home until such times as our arms have triumphed and he can return to the South African Republic to again take up his office as chief executive of the Boers."

NAPANEE BANK ROBBERY.

Arrest of Men in Detroit Revives a Celebrated Case.

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 27.—James Simpson and Louis Mettles have been arrested in Detroit with about $400 in their possession of bills stolen from the Dominion Bank at Napanee a couple of years ago, in connection with which William Ponton, bank clerk, was three times tried and acquitted. The men say they received the money from one of the men charged in connection with the robbery. They have agreed to come to Windsor without extradition.

ALL HANDS LOST.

Crew of Schooner Could Have Been Saved by Lifeboats

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 27.—All hands were lost of the crew of the schooner Home Rule, wrecked on Pelee point. The men clung to the rigging all Sunday and Monday, and could have been saved had there been lifeboats.

TURNED OUT.

Expelled Because He Did Not Attend Church Regularly.

Toronto, Nov. 26.—(Special)—For not attending regularly at his place of worship, Peter E. MacKay, of Toronto, has been expelled from membership in the First Church of Christ (Scientist), Simcoe street. To-day the aggrieved ex-member, through Mr. W. W. Vickers, issued a writ against the trustees and officers of the church, suing for reinstatement and for other redress.

TO RESIGN.

Report That Premier of Ontario Will Enter Dominion Cabinet.

Toronto, Nov. 28.—The Mail and Empire this morning says it is rumored in local political circles that Hon. G. W. Ross will resign the premiership of Ontario to become minister of justice in the Dominion cabinet, succeeding Hon. D. Mills, who will go on the Supreme court bench. Mr. Ross will be succeeded by Hon. J. D. Stratton, provincial secretary, or Hon. J. M. Gibson, provincial treasurer. Mr. Ross, interviewed this morning, said he was very comfortable where he was, and had no thought of making a change.

The Star (Liberal) editorially says: "We believe the salary attaching to the premiership of the Dominion should be increased to $30,000 a year, or to $15,000 at least. We also believe that the proposal once made in the Ontario legislature could well be adopted for the commons, viz., to provide a salary to the leader of the opposition equal to that paid members of the cabinet."

St. Eugene Ore Shipment

One Million Dollars' Worth Has Been Purchased by the Goggenheims.

Twelve Hundred Tons Being Sacked for Export to Chili Smelters.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Nov. 28.—The largest ore deal ever put through in British Columbia has been consummated by the St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Company, of Moyie, B. C., by which Messrs. Goggenheim & Sons, the smelter people of Antofagasta, Chili, have arranged to purchase $1,000,000 of reduced wet silver-lead ore per year from the Moyie mines.

The deal is of great importance not only on account of its size, but, owing to the fact that the desires of the Chili smelters to secure the wet silver-lead ores of Kootenay, as an ideal flux for their own ores, may cause a very great general demand for these ores.

In the past three months $150,000 worth of this ore has been shipped via the C. P. R. to Vancouver, and by steamer to San Francisco, where it is transferred into other steamers for Chili.

At the present time a gang of men are engaged on the C. P. R. wharf sacking 1,200 tons of the Moyie ore for shipment, but there is some delay caused by the famine in sacks now prevalent here.

In its reduced state, the Moyie ore will run about $60 a ton. In the first week in December another shipment of $150,000 worth of ore will take place. In fact, the demand is only limited by the supply and the possibility of getting the ore forward.

MINISTER OF MINES

Meets an Important Delegation of Rossland Business and Mining Men.

Rossland, Nov. 28.—Hon. Richard McBride, provincial minister of mines, arrived here to-day, and this evening he held a conference with a large deputation, composed of members of the board of trade and the chamber of mines. The deputation discussed with Mr. McBride a number of questions of great importance to this district. Among these was that of a school of mines; the wagon road to Sophia mountain; representation at the Glasgow exposition; the office of agent-general in London, and the important matter of simplifying the mining laws. Mr. McBride's replies to the representations of the deputation were on the whole very satisfactory and appreciative of needs of the district. He promised that any minor amendments which is brought in, or any amendments to the present laws, would not be of any radical character, but that, as far as possible, legislation would be conducted on the general lines at present in operation. Especially, he said, any change in the matter of taxation of minerals would be towards a reduction and not an increase.

If Mr. McBride is allowed to carry out his intentions as expressed to the deputation, he will certainly meet the views of the people here and help the district.

The prosperity of Victoria takes a new start to-day.

NO SATISFACTION.

Kruger's Interview With M. Delcasse Effects Nothing.

Paris, Nov. 28.—The conversation which former President Kruger had yesterday with the French minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, was confined to the Transvaaler sounding the Frenchman as to the probable attitude of France in certain eventualities. Mr. Kruger did not press for a definite statement and the conversation lacked preciseness.

STANDARD OIL.

Shares Are Still Going Higher on the Market.

New York, Nov. 28.—The sales of the Standard Oil shares in the open market to-day aggregated 157 shares at $750, a new high record for the stocks.

BISCUIT COMBINE.

English Capital Endeavoring to Secure Canadian Factories.

Montreal, Nov. 28.—A report is current that capitalists are endeavoring to secure options in Canadian biscuit and confectionery manufacturers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

District Conference Elected Officers at Session Held Last Night.

The evening session of the district Sunday school conference, held at the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school Tuesday night, opened with song service, conducted by A. Huggett. The business session followed at 7:30, E. A. Lewis being chairman for the evening. After he had made a few introductory remarks, Rev. Dr. Wilson read the first paper, on the subject, "How to Foster the Missionary Spirit."

In the discussion that followed, the fact was emphasized of the necessity of supporting and extending the work of missions. A. B. McNeil gave a practical paper on "Normal Class Work, Its History and Importance." A spirited discussion followed, in which the importance of organizing at once a normal class for the training of Sunday school teachers in this city was emphasized. The conference was then favored with a vocal duet by Miss Armson and Mrs. Staneland. This was followed by a paper, "How to Conduct Successfully a Bible Class," by L. Tait. The following officers were elected for the Victoria district of the inter-denominational Sunday school work: President, A. B. McNeil; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Losee; 2nd vice-president, A. Huggett; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Gordon Grant; 4th vice-president, Mrs. Gregson; 5th vice-president, J. Bryden; secretary, J. M. Campbell; assistant secretary, Miss Scowcroft; treasurer, W. H. Bone; executive committee, R. B. McMicking, E. A. Lewis, C. L. Brown.

The session was closed with the benediction by Rev. R. Hughes.

Too Smart For the Boers

Canadians Cleverly Frustrated an Attempt to Ambush Them.

A Number of Sharp Engagements Are Reported From South Africa.

Pretoria, Nov. 29.—Gen. Smith-Dorrien's column has returned to Belfast, after a five days' march from Bullstroom. They had only one casualty.

On the return journey the Canadians, while scouting, rode close to an ambush prepared by the Boers. Realizing their position they sprang from their horses, turned them loose, and sent them galloping back to the column. They then sought cover on a slight ridge, and poured a hot and accurate fire into the Boers, killing several of them. They held their position until the column of infantry arrived, and did not sustain a single casualty.

A force of Boers attacked Balmoral yesterday. Col. Backhouse, with four companies of the Buffs and one howitzer, defended the place. The plan was to take four commandoes and make a simultaneous attack on all sides. Fortunately for the British, only three commandoes arrived in time to take part in the attack. The howitzer did splendid work. The British lost six men killed and nine wounded. Thirty of the Buffs were captured, but they were subsequently released.

The Boers lost heavily. They sent out two burial parties after the fighting. The British took a number of prisoners and brought in many wounded, several of whom subsequently died.

Simultaneously with this attack a commando of 600 Boers, with one gun, attacked Wilger River, which was held by two companies of the Royal Fusiliers. The fighting lasted for eight hours. Ultimately the Boers retired, with considerable loss. The British loss was one wounded.

The garrison at Bronkpoorst Spruit sent two guns to relieve the Fusiliers. As the men retired a shell was placed among the Boers on a kopje, killing or wounding 13 of them.

The commandoes which made these attacks were under Gen. Viljoen, Trichard and Pretorius. The enemy fought at close quarters with utmost determination.

All the garrisons have been strongly reinforced. The places attacked are all within a short distance of each other, on the railway to the east of Pretoria. The railway has been torn up in several places, but is now being repaired.

Colonels Hickman and Plumer have arrived here. During Gen. French's operations at Kilp Riversburg, their columns captured three wagons loaded with provisions that were identified as being part of the supplies that were distributed by the British for the relief of the Boer inhabitants of Johannesburg.

The authorities, in recognition of the services of Lumsden's Horse, are paying passages to them on their return to India. This contingent equipped themselves at their own expense, and paid their own passage from India to South Africa.

Capetown, Nov. 29.—Gen. Knox, by a rapid march of 26 miles, succeeded in getting in front of Gen. Dewet, placing himself between the Boers and the Orange River. Dewet is now believed to be going eastward to join Hertzog at Bloomplaatz.

Col. Pilcher had a smart skirmish on Tuesday with part of Gen. Dewet's command, which was conveying loot captured at Dewetsdorp. The Boers retreated, abandoning a portion of the loot and a large number of horses. Former President Steyn and Gen. Dewet were in close proximity to the scene of the fighting, but they eluded the British.

London, Nov. 29.—In connection with the movements of Gen. Knox, reported in his despatch from Capetown, Lord Roberts, in a message from Johannesburg, dated Wednesday, November 28, says that Gen. Knox occupied Dewetsdorp on November 26. The Boers, he adds, had attacked the place on November 21, and the town had surrendered on November 24. Gen. Knox, at last accounts, was pursuing the federal commando.

Lord Roberts also reports that various columns found the Boers holding strong positions in the vicinity of Harrismith, Philippolis, both in the Orange River Colony, and other widely separated points. The fighting, however, was of little importance.

The Boers were so tenacious that Col. Pilcher's men actually reached a position within thirty yards of them, where the revolver shots were exchanged.

The Boers shelled the British with 15 pounders captured at Dewetsdorp.

Ex-President Steyn and Gen. Dewet, who was breakfasting at a farm near by, rode off to the westward, leaving the British front clear. The British casualties were one man killed and six wounded.

Several Boers, who had been wounded, were found by the British.

Steyn and Dewet have since been reported to have been camped to the westward, between Helvetia and the railroad, but the commando appears to have broken up into three bodies. District Commissioner Boyle, of Dewetsdorp, remains in the custody of the burghers.

Many farmers in the district have joined Gen. Dewet.

London, Nov. 29.—So far as known here, former President Steyn is not wounded, although reports to the contrary have been circulated.

Colesburg, Cape Colony, Nov. 29.—Boer raiders have reached the Orange river. They have fired into the British camp, on the Cape Colony side, at Sandrift, killing one man and wounding two men.

THE BY-LAW CARRIED.

Overwhelming Majority in Favor of the Railway Ferry.

By a vote of 1,728 to 319, the ratepayers of Victoria yesterday decided in favor of the by-law to secure connection with the Great Northern railway by means of a railway ferry to the Fraser river. The people took more interest in this by-law than any public event of the kind in the recent history of Victoria.

RUMORS FROM CHINA.

Reports in a Vague Way From Shanghai.

Shanghai, Nov. 27.—It is reported from Nanking that all the viceroys and governors have been ordered to defend the coasts and rivers, whose security is important. It is reported in Chinese quarters, well informed, that a body of palace guards has started from Sian Fu for the purpose of arresting Prince Tuan, who is raising a body guard among the Mongol princes.

The governor of the province of Che Kiang, yielding to consular pressure, has appointed a deputy to negotiate with the British and United States consuls as to terms of satisfaction for the Chu Chau Fu massacre. It is rumored that, with the view of getting him away from Siange Fu, Gen. Tuang Fu Hsiang has received orders to traverse the province of Shan Si and Kan Su and parts of Mongolia to raise troops, but that he is not likely to obey.

DOWIE SCORES.

Faith Healer Lace Workers Admitted to United States.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The treasury department to-day decided to admit the lace makers and their families who were brought to this country by Dr. Dowie, the divine healer, and the founder of Zion City, to Illinois, to teach others the art of lace making. This is a reversal of the action of the Philadelphia immigration officials, who had decided that the workers should not be admitted to this country.

Counting Ballots Still

Judge Wedderburn Over Rules Objections Raised for Colonel Domville In Kings.

Martin, Conservative Candidate Declared Elected In East Queens, P. E. I.

Hampton, N. B., Nov. 27.—On opening the electoral court for the re-count of Kings county ballot, Judge Wedderburn overruled objections raised and ordered the counting. On the first package being opened, counsel for Col. Domville, Liberal, objected that the ballots were not printed upon the water-marked paper supplied by the clerk of the crown in chancery, as provided in the Dominion Election Act. Counsel for Fowler, the Conservative candidate, held that the objection should have been taken when the ballots were counted by the deputy returning officer.

For the purpose of the case, Judge Wedderburn held that the last objection good, and an adjournment was made to December 5. An appeal has been taken from this decision, and counting will be suspended until it is tried out before a Supreme court judge.

Halifax, Nov. 27.—Martin, Conservative, has been declared elected by a majority of ten in East Queens, P. E. I.; there will be a re-count.

CARELESS MR. MAXWELL.

Thoughtlessly Allowed His Name to Be Used For Atlin Leases.

Vancouver, Nov. 28.—(Special)—Frequent interruptions characterized the Liberal labor meeting this evening, when Mr. Maxwell spoke on Sir Hibbert Tupper. Early in the evening a torch-light procession was formed, and for an hour paraded the streets. Maxwell first went into a discussion of trade questions, and when he was referring to Sir Hibbert Tupper as dishonest over the Yukon and other questions, J. Coote, of Atlin, arose and tried to ask a question. He came to the platform amid a great uproar, and then asked Mr. Maxwell how many hydraulic leases he held in Atlin.

Mr. Maxwell answered that he had carelessly allowed his name to be used, but had later prohibited this, and he had no direct or indirect interest or benefit in Atlin. Maxwell concluded by a condemnation of Sir Hibbert and the Conservatives generally.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Opening Session of District Convention of Inter-Denominational Association.

The opening session of the district convention of the Inter-Denominational Sunday School Association was held in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening last.

The business session was preceded by a song service, conducted by Mr. Horace Knott. President N. Shakespeare then took the chair. The business session was then opened by the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." After a few remarks by the president, an address of welcome was given by Rev. W. Leslie Clay. This address was replied to by Rev. J. G. Hastings. Reports of schools were read, showing many interesting facts and figures. Hymn 105 was then sung, after which committees were appointed. Reports from the following Sunday schools were then read, viz: Victoria West Methodist Sunday school, Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school, Emmanuel Baptist Sunday school, St. Columba's Presbyterian Sunday school, Centennial Methodist Sunday school, Spring Ridge Methodist Sunday school.

"Spirit Divine" was then sung. The following committees were appointed: Nominating, Rev. Barraclough, R. B. McMicking, A. B. McNeill, E. A. Lewis, Rev. David Reid; resolution, Dr. Lewis Hall, John McKenzie, W. H. Bone, David Ballantine, A. Huggett.

Then followed a very interesting paper on the topic "Chief End of Sunday School Work," by Mrs. Gordon Grant. A spirited and valuable discussion followed. A paper by Mr. J. M. Campbell was given on the topic "Christ, the Model Teacher." This was a most excellent and carefully prepared paper, and well received. "How to Teach the Sunday School Lesson to a Primary Class," was the next number of the programme. This was an object lesson, and given by Mrs. Losee.

Destroy The Wall

Provisional Administration Decide to Demolish Defences of Tien Tsin.

Punitive Expeditions German General Says Are Pacifying the Country.

Berlin Press on Policy to Preserve Harmony of Powers.

London, Nov. 29.—"The representations of Prince Ching, Li Hung Chang and others to the Chinese court that the powers are dissatisfied and are threatening action on the Yang Tse Kiang to stop supplies," says the Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post, wiring Tuesday, "are reported to have an effect, and it is said that the court is likely to take measures to meet the powers."

Another correspondent reports from Pao Ting Fu that 3,000 Germans, under Gen. Kettler, and 2,000 French troops, under Gen. Bailloud, concentrated there recently for the winter, with the intention of making frequent expeditions north and south to punish reputed Boxer villages.

Prince Ukhtomsky is in daily conference with Li Hung Chang, and meets Prince Ching occasionally. He regards the outlook as dark, even if the powers agree, for he says China may reject the terms, and then will come war, rebellion and famine. Prince Ukhtomsky favors allowing China to govern herself, the powers holding the ports until she reforms herself and undertakes to protect foreigners.

Russia, the correspondent asserts, has no intention of annexing Manchuria, although she will have to have more Cossacks there in order to maintain a dominating influence. He is convinced that, even if others make war on China, Russia will not.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—A despatch from Pekin, dated November 27, says that a German military official recently ordered the seizure of the steamer Irene, flying the Chinese flag, as she had on board a cargo of telegraph material which it was alleged was intended for the Chinese. Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, the despatch adds, was notified, and immediately rescinded the order.

A despatch received from Tien Tsin, dated November 26, says: "The provisional administration here, in which Great Britain, Germany, the United States, Russia, France and Japan are represented, decided to-day to demolish the wall and fill up the ditch around Tien Tsin."

The war office has received the following from Count von Waldersee, dated Pekin, November 27:

"Numerous expeditions carried out by the allied troops appear to be gradually bringing about the desired pacification of the country. Remote villages frequently request military protection against the Boxers."

The semi-official Berliner Post, in the course of an evidently inspired article, replying to the suggestions of more leniency in the punishment of guilty Chinese officials, made by the United States government, says:

"Since doubts have been expressed here and there as to whether it is advisable to insist upon death for the ringleaders of the anti-foreign movement as an irrevocable decision, it should be pointed out that such doubts cannot be traced to considerations of humanity, as if some power regarded such a punishment as too severe. The fact is rather that all the powers are convinced that the ringleaders deserve death; but the question has been raised on various sides, as to whether such a measure should be insisted upon from the standpoint of political expediency.

"So far as Germany is concerned, she has never insisted upon the execution of specific persons, but has repeatedly declared that she laid chief emphasis upon the harmonious action of all the powers in punishing the guilty. This attitude corresponds with the guiding principle of Germany's policy, which seeks above all else to preserve the harmony of the powers."

Washington, Nov. 28.—The British ambassador and the Chinese minister were among Secretary Hay's callers at the state department to-day, conditions in China being the subject considered. Information has been received from the southern viceroys, reporting the most pacific influences in China, showing great concern on their part as to the reports that an anti-punitive expedition is on its way against Shan Si province.

Annual Dinner.—At the regular meeting of the Sons of England, it was decided to hold their annual dinner on December 12. A committee was appointed from both lodges, and arrangements have been made with Mr. Jenson, of the Dawson hotel, for the use of the dining room for that evening. In former years the sale of tickets was so great that the committee have decided to limit the number of tickets this year.

Interesting Relics.—There is on exhibition in one of the show windows of Harry Salmon's cigar emporium, corner of Government and Yates street, some interesting relics of the war, brought back by Mr. Seymour Hastings O'Dell. They consist of an empty pom-pom shell, Boer ammunition bag, a Queen's chocolate box, bearing Her Majesty's kind words of New Year's greetings and autograph, and numerous other objects of interest, among which must not be forgotten (at any rate in a smoker's eyes) a briar pipe, with Mr. O'Dell's regimental number carved thereon. This is one of the pipes presented to each member of the Canadian contingent by Mr. Salmon on their leaving, and is highly valued by Mr. O'Dell, it having been a great solace during many weary watches of the night throughout the campaign.