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She Crosses the Pacific in a Howling Gale-Great Improvements on Board Ship.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, December 14, THE "WARRIMOO" HERE.

Captain Roberts to Be Known No Longer as Skipper of the Popular "Kingston."

The R. M. S. Warrimoo from Sydney, Suva and Honolulu completed an exceptionally rough passage yesterday afternoon, arriving at the ocean dock shortly after 2. Her bows showed the hard buffeting the waves had given her; yet it was only the paint, that had suffered, for the ship came through the storm without the loss of a rope. The log shows that the Warrimoo left Sydney on November 20, Suva on the 26th, and Honolulu at midnight on the 4th instant. She had strong winds and head seas all the way from Fiji to Hawaii, and rough weather the entire distance from Honolulu here. As cargo she had not this time her usual long list of consignments, the total being but 490 tons. The shipments included 253 cases of meats, 50 bunches of bananas and 4 cases of pines for this city, and consignments of similar for this city, and consignments of similar character for Vancouver, San Francisco, Port Townsend, Sea tie, Boston, New York and Philadelphia. Among the passengers to Victoria were the following in the first saloon: Mr. C. B. Allyn, Mr. F. F. Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. Soarff, Mrs. Lenehan, Miss Cross, Miss Hesps, Mr. John Weir, Mr. M. Gershel, Mr. B. James, Mr. G. R. Burt and Mr. Henley. There were 36 in the second class. Nothing save the severity of the weather marked the trip over the steamer disphared her Victoria. the severity of the weather marked the trip over; the steamer discharged her Victoria consignment and her freight for the South and passed on to Vancouver shortly after 4 o'clock. Since her last call the popular Warrimoo has seen several changes. There has been a general move around among the officers owing to the precision. officers owing to the promotion of Second Officer Lawrence to the Miowera. His juniors on the Warrimoo have been moved up, and Mr. Samuel Mortimer made fourth officer. There have also been great altera-tions of the ship itself. During the ship's stay at Sydney, several hundred men were kept working night and day. A complete duplicate electric light instellation, an insu-lated hold capable of carrying 6,000 car-cases of frozen mutton, and the necessary refrigerating machinery, comprise part of the improvements that have been made.

The ship has also had a new second saloon put in, on the lines of the alterations made on the Miowera, after these improvements had been completed, the vessel had a very successful trial trip, running outside the Heads from Sydney with a party of about twenty preminent gentlemen aboard. A run to the northward was made and on the return the engines were let out. With averything in favor Linds British refrigerating machine in her attended, with chambers fitted for fruit and dairy produce, etc., also a chamber for excellence of the departed officers meet. The Warrimon is fitted with a See patent ash ejector, worked by water, and a Kirko Ity evaporator, so that free hard a Kirko Ity evaporator and a Kirko Ity evaporator, so that free hard and protection would at the cartery and a Kirko Ity evaporator, so that free hard and protection would at the cartery and a Kirko Ity evaporator, so that free hard and protection would at the cartery and a Kirko Ity evaporator, so that free hard and protection would at the land of the second season in the land. Of these one is Amount in the land of the second season in the land. The mountaint was thrown throught the opinion of intelligence people was favorable to buying the water has a second weeting of its second season in the Ity evaporator, so that free hard and protection would take a protect which the cartery and a Kirko Ity evaporator, so that free hard and protection would take a protect which the cartery and a Kirko Ity evaporator, so that free hard and protection would take a protect which the cartery and a Kirko Ity evaporator, so that free hard and protection would take a protect which the cartery and a kirko Ity evaporator, so that free hard and protection would take a protect which the cartery and a kirko Ity evaporator, so that free hard and protection would take a protect which the cartery and a kirko Ity evaporator, so that it is a protect of the control of in reserve the usual fire arrangements. The last year's secretary. Upon the motion of cooking ranges are very extensive and are Mr. Redfern it was resolved to adjourn till cooking ranges are very extensive and are Mr. Redfern it was resolved to adjourn till fitted up in the very latest style, and the January 3, when a lecture will be given by strong feature about the place is the ex. Rev. Mr. Jenns. If a sufficiently good musquisite cleanliness of the galleys. Of the passenger accommodation the main saloon has been refitted and painted and decor-ated, and is the full width of the ship. The ports are contrived so as to allow the breez to penetrate all through. The new second cabin before mentioned is beautifully fitted up to accommodate about 50 passengers. There are large ports in the cabins affording splendid ventilation. The cabins are two-berth, while others are suitable for

families. All are well fitted up with conveniences for the voyagers. On deck, in connection with the passenger equipment, is a commodious smcking-room, the panels are of marble and the floors tesselated. AN OLD FRIEND IN A NEW ROLE. Cantain Roberts, who has long been mas-Captain Roberts, who has long been master of the steamer City of Kingston, has resigned his position to Captain Clements, the former pilot of the ship. The reason of Capt. Roberts' resignation is due to his connection with the new steamboat enterprise, of which he is one of the chief premoters. He is interested in placing a steamer on the Alaska route and left yesterday on the steamer Chilcat for Alaska to see what the prospects are. Captain Roberts is one of the most popular captains coming into Vic-

A San Francisco dispatch of yesterday says: Some anxiety is felt concerning the chip India, Capt. Marriman, overdue at this port from Nanaimo with coal. The India Jet Nanaimo 19 days ago, and must have encountered more or less heavy weather ever since that date. The ships L. J. Morse and Jabez Howes sailed eight days after the India and both resched San Francisco two days ago. The India is a wooden vessel. She was built at Bath, Maine, in 1868 and has no present rating at Lloyds. She has not been spoken since leaving Nanaimo.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

The second search made by the United States revenue cutter Richard Rush for the lost bark Ivanhoe has proved fruitless. The Rush, after cruising along the coast of Van-couver Island, returned to the Sound yes-

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last evening to San Juan, at 1 large number of riage ceremony, which was followed by

The treasurer of the British Columbia Benevolent Society gratefully acknowl-edges the following Christmas subscriptions received yesterday: "H. Brackman, \$10; Robert Ward, \$25; G. G. Sauer, \$3; B. C. Pioneer Society, \$25, and Alexander Wil-son, \$12

There was a fire of considerable magnitude some miles out of town during the early hours of yesterday morning. Rumor had it during the day that the pr mises destroyed were those of Mr. Tracey of Strawberry Vale, but no definite information could be obtained yesterday.

"OUR Departed Premier and the Lessons of His Life and Death" will be the subject of the Rev. Joseph Hall's sermon on Sunday morning next at the Centennial Methodist church, Gorge road. Rev. J. H. White will present the claims of the Columbia Methodist College in the evening.

PORT SIMPSON can now beast of the first gentlemen's club in the North. It is known gentlemen's club in the North. 11 is known as the Wanderers' Club, is incorporated and has the following officers: J. M. Lindsay Alexander, president; Jno. Flewin, vice-president; Rev. F. L. Stephenson, hon. secretary; W. T. S. Monat, tressurer. Their successors are to be appointed elected annually by ballot.

THE Horticultural board are taking steps the Horionitural board are at the steps to compel the proper spraying the set trees, now that the winter month for the best opportunity for getting the cif fruit pests. A number of people in the city and vicinity have been warned that non compliance with the regulations published by the board will be followed by prosecution in the cents. The first of these cases will probably be instituted in a day or two stituted in a day or two.

Yow Fook and Ah Quong, the two gam bling house doorkeepers, who frustrated the object of Cnief Sheppard's Chinatown raid object of Culef Sheppard's Chinatown raid a few evenings age, were charged in the police courty esterday with obstructing the police. Fook pleaded guilty and was fined \$40 and costs; Quong said "not guilty" and was assessed \$50 and costs. Both were EARTHQUAKE AND VOLCANO. advised to tell their countrymen that anyone convicted on a similar charge in future would get six months imprisonment.

THE late but not lamented purser of the steamer Arawa gave a last exhibition of his distinguished consideration for British Colney with a party of about twenty preminent gentlemen aboard. A run to the northward was made and on the return the engines were let out. With everything in favor she turned the 17.6 knot measure. The steamer was previously docked, and amongst her alterations are a new second-salcon, beautifully fitted, and capable of holding about fifty people. She is also fitted with a Linde British refrigerating machine in her afterhold, with chambers fitted for fruit and dairy produce, etc., also a chamber for frozen meat. The Warrimoo is fitted with a consideration for British Columbia Columbia newspapers and newspapers and newspapermen on his farewell run to Australia. When a few days out from Victoria he, it is said, carefully by the Commander of H M S. "Dart."

The Australian steamer Warrimoo, just also the moist Pacific. The incident seems to illustrate the character of the departed officer; the Canadian-Australian line will no doubt prosper just as much without him.

ter is not then made, the society will probably disband. Mr. Loewenberg helped to enliven the proceedings last evening by some planoforte playing, while Canon Beanlands and Mr. Stephenson gave recitations.

Wong Day and Wong Tung, cousins and regular attendants at a white man's night school here, are the inventors and introschool here, are the inventors and intro-ducers of a new weapon of attack and de-fence, which is somewhat in the nature of a sandbag. It consists in the main of a piece of rubber hose about eighteen inches long, one end of which is closed with a heavy plug of wood. "Him great for dogs," the inventors agreed with glee. The police instead of complimenting the Chinese on their ingenuity gathered them in for carry-ing concealed weapons, upon which charge they were convicted in the magistrate's court yesterday. The two lads claim that they have been molested very frequently of they have been molested very frequently of late by a gang of white hoodlums, and it is believed that it was for their benefit and not for that of the dogs that the weapon was prepared. As they promised never again to carry such weapons about the streets no penalty was imposed.

MRS. A. T. WATT, in her lecture yesterday on "The Music of Shelley's Poetry," began by showing how Shelley's desires for music extended beyond earthly melodies to the music of the spheres, to the finer harmonies of a rarer atmosphere. His car was attuned to hear the voices of nature and above all other poets he is the laureate of the wind. He could distinguish sounds from the moist earth and the living grass. To him even the bells of the hyacinth pealed forth a music so delicate, soft and intense, was felt like an odor with the sense. The cavern's music so delicate, soft and intense, was felt like an odor with the sense. The cavern's echo spoke to him with a thousand tongues. The melody in his verses is produced by the ordinary poetic devices, but there is an inner melody, harmony of thought and feeling and subject which is spiritual as well as musical. In his poetical compositions there are suggestions of all musical instruments. To hear the throb of the violin and the deep roll of an organ, the tinkle of a mandolin and the soft strumming of a guitar.

Rush, after cruising along the coast of Vancouver Island, returned to the Sound yesterday morning, first landing Capt. Brown, her pilot, here. At Nettle island the lifebucy belonging to the Ivanhoe was obtained from the natives, who had found it several weeks ago. The stern end of a ship's dingy and some other fresh wreetage was found in the same vicinity in Barday sound, but nothing further than the buoy to indicate that it belonged to the Ivanhoe. The Rush's cruise extended to Cape Scott, and Captain Hooper visited every settlement and trading post, making diligent in equiries and offering inducements to the natives for information; he was, however, unable to find any trace of castaways on the island.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The Nordt Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung advocates the revival of the old cartal with which Bismarck worked on the reichatag. Its atterances are regarded as less important than formerly, as it is said to have lost its inspiration from the Wilhemstrasse.

noe, so plaintiff took action. Judgment as reserved. Mr. Charles Wilson, Q.C., r appellants; Hon. Mr. Davie for re-

THE poultry thieves have transferred their attentions to the Edmonton road. Fifteen chickens and two ducks were stolen rom a resident of that locality during Wednesday night.

Tun children of Victoria West school are arranging to make their usual Christmas contributions to the city's poor, and are quite enthusiastic over their charitable pro-

THE Divisional court met yesterday, Jus-bices Walkem and Drake presiding, and dis-allowed the appeal on behalf of plaintiff in Cressell v. McPhee from an order of Mr. Justice McCreight for plaintiff to give security for costs Mr. J. C. Brydone-Jack for appellant; Mr. L. Crease for respondent.

THERE was but one victim in the police drunk. The circumstances of his case are briefly set forth thusly: Dick George swallowed too much champague; his neighbors were quick to complague; so policeman Perdue, without further ado, took Dickie in out of the reces. out of the ragne.

One of the most attractive places on New Year's day will be the Y.M.C.A. rooms. From noon until evening there will be an orchestra in attendance, and in the evening the members of the Victoria Conservatory of Music will furnish a first class concert programme. Other arrangements for the day are well in hand.

AT St. Joseph's hospital yesterday morning, First Officer Cole, of the N. P. steamship Victoria, passed away. He had been in the hospital but one day, his death resulting from peritonitis growing out of a perforated gastric ulcer, for which he had undergone an operation. When taken to the hospital he was in a half crazed condition and beyond relief. He was a young man—a stranger here; his people, it is understood, live in Liverpool, Eng.

A SCRATCH team was picked to play against the Royal Marines at Macaulay Point on Saturday, at a meeting of the Vic-toria Wanderers Football Association held last evening in the Y.M.C.A. rooms. The team chosen is as follows: Patrick, goal; Hook and Pettricrew, backs; Goward, McGregor and Milligan, half backs, and P.den, Goward, Johnson, McCann and Dick, forwards. This match is for the purpose, chiefly, of getting the Marines in trim to meet the Nanaimo Rangers the following Saturday in competition for the British Col-

An Entire Village of Natives Swept Into the Sea at the Island of Ambrym.

once fertile fields as with an appropriate

At Epi on November 2 there was a severe earthquake in the early morning which opened an entirely new grater for the volcano on the west side of Ambrym, about cano on the west side of Ambrym, about fourteen miles distant, and all the next day the whole island trembled. Since then it has opened in five or air different places. Even the island of Epi, much less affected, had on the 17th of November felt 63 distinct shocks and for weeks been covered by clouds, ashes and smoke. Traders and planters living on Ambrym island have fied to Port Sandwich (Malicollo) the nearest port, in many cases abandoning all their possessions. On the 13 h November an earthmake shock rocked Ambrym from east to sessions. Ua the 13 n November an earunquake shock rocked Anbrym from east to west, causing the land on which stood a small native village, to slip, with the humble homes of the inhabitants many of whom

were within, into the sea. It is impossible accurately to determine the extent of the fatality, but the lowest estimate of the loss of life is fifty. Owing to the recentness of the disaster, details were not available when the Warrimoo left the Southern seas, although the natives from all the volcanic islands were flocking to the

the volcanic islands were flocking to the centres of population for safety.

A special correspondent of the Sydney Morning Herald, writing from Epicarly in November, said: "Ambrym island is still in violent eruption. The outbreak commenced on the 16th of October, at an old crater in the centre of the island. The lava stream extends from the crater to near Dip Point at the western end. The centre of stream extends from the drater to hear Dip Point at the western end. The centre of the kland is a mass of lava One stream was seen by H. M. S. Dart to enter the sea on the morning of the l6th ultimo to the east of Dip Point. A column of steam arose 4,500 feet. There were violent submarine explosions of steam in the immediate violety and outbursts of smoke and fir south of the Mission station. 'Dust fell heavily. The Dart embarked over 80 natives from Dip Point for safety. Frequent earthquakes were felt as far as Malekula, many of them severe. The Dart is watching events. Some of the officers have ascended the crater, which is one mile in diameter and 1,000 feet deep. Dense smoke continues to issue from the crater. The lava streams are running slowly toward the sea and cooling. All the western end of the island is covered with a deposit of fine sah. As far as at present can be ascertained the loss of life has been sixty—killed by the great landslip and by falling stones."

BOARD O'F ALDERMEN.

Mr. Hawks' Report on the Waterworks Discussed at . Special Meeting.

It Is Laid Over for Further Cons. d. eration-Want the British Manicipal System.

A special meeting of the city council was held last night, the water question being the principal subject discussed.

R. Dinsdale wrote offering to excavate the rock in the engine room, under the engine bed of the power house, to the depth of four feet below the present level, and rebuild with stone in cement to the level of the floor for \$320.

The water committee recommended that G. W. Anderson's proposition to lease land at Elk lake be rejected and that the water commissioner be empowered to expropriate the land.

ALD. MUNN did not think that any haste

expected to buy now was not a very large comfort. ALD. HUMPHREY said that most of the growl came from working men, yet the council could not set men to work clearing up land round the lake till the city owne some land to clear. Most of the people he had spoken to on the subject favored buying

Graphic Description of the Eruption by the Commander of lit was unfortunate that the city had to purchase land, but it was a case of necessity, and the longer they waited the more they would have to pay.

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was sent in with the understanding that it them. What must be the feeling of those adopted. He offered for a sliding scale of remuneration from 1 to 5 per cent. to carry out the work, the latter for assuming the work, the former for casuming the in the asylum, when with a little practical whole work, the former for consultations

Testimonials to Mr. Hawks' ability as a hydraulic engineer were read from the Taco-ma Light and Water Co. and a number of others.

ALD HARRIS objected to going over to the American side—for an expert. He thought that a competent man to look after the work could be found on this side. Mr. Smith, Mr. Keefer or Mr. Wilmot could do for city water is first catch your expert, pre-

people not having the power to vote for the commissioners. He might favor com-missioners otherwise, but he was opposed to paying a \$4,000 salary to the commissioners. paying a \$4,000 salary to the commissioners.

ALD MUNN moved "That the council while commending the earnest desire of the Premier to improve municipal government in the Province of British Columbia, is in the Province of British Columbia, is nevertheless of opinion that the founders of our municipal legislation have made the mistake of following American rather than British models; that the system is often more responsible for defects in the carrying out of civic undertakings and civic administration generally than the individual composition of the different councils; that the British system, as exemplified by the city of Birmingham with its board of aldermen and common council, with the legislative and executive functions of the city government thus separated the one from eight over and executive functions of the city government thus separated the one from the other, with its provision for the retention of experienced and capable men in the service of the city, thus ensuring continuity, system and thoroughness to municipal work service of the city, thus ensuring continuity, system and thoroughness to municipal work at a minimum of expense, is greatly preferable to government by commissioners who obtain office by appointment, unless, indeed, it is admitted that representative institutions are a failure and that the people are incapable of regulating their own affairs."

ALD Dween favored the resolution. He

was opposed to the ratepayers not saying who should govern the expenditure.

ALD. HUMPIREY was not sure whether the method proposed by Ald. Munn would work here.

ALD. LEDINGHAM believed that the desire for some change from the present system assemed to show that aldermen should be elected for a longer period than one year. An alderman under the present system might be just gesting well to his work when the end of his year came and he would be kicked out. He thought perhaps it would

do no harm to have this board of commissioners permissible, but the Mayor and one commissioner at least should be elected by the ratepayers and no salary be more than \$2,000 a year.

ALD. KRITH WIJSON thought the bill was a step in the right direction; the city was to a certain extent floundering in the dark. There was a great lack of knowledge as to how to run the city; but he hoped the new association would discuss these matters and h. looked for great things from them in the futing. The government should be asked to lay over the act for a year, the council not being ready for it.

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Alb. MUNN's resolution was carried and the council adjourned.

LEFT THE LAZABETTO. Sanitary officer M. J. Conlin and those who accompanied him to the Darcey Island is zarette yesterday were fated to meet with a surprise. On the cocasion of the last official visit, on the 27th of September 1 of this district, and Major Townley, who

ALD. MUNN did not think that any haste was required in purchasing the watershed. The idea that it was necessary to buy the land to prevent the pollution of the water was untenable. The filth on the watershed did not compare with the filth at the bottom of the lakes. The people of the city were entirely opposed to buying the watershed.

ALD. DWYER did not agree with Ald. Munn. If the watershed had been bought years ago it would have cost less than at present and to put off buying it only meant that in years to come the land would cost more. The opinion of Mr. Hawks and Mr. Wilmot was that the purchase of part of the watershed was absolutely necessary.

HIS WORSHIP remarked that what it was expected to buy now was not a very large

TREATMENT OF LUNATICS.

To THE EDITOR : - After reading the report of the commissioners appointed to inquire into the state of affairs of the West-

Smith, Mr. Keefer or Mr. Wilmot could do the work perfoctly well.

ALD MUNN said it was strange that Mr. Hawks in his report had not said whether the bad taste could be removed from the water by filtration.

ALD KEITH WILSON stated that Mr. Hawks had said, when here, that if the water were properly filtered and the algae growing in the lake cleared away that bad taste would be removed.

ALD STYLES agreed with Ald. Harris that it was a mistake to send over to the States for a man.

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After a long discussion as to whether Mr. Hawks' plans should be carried out, the council finally laid the question over till monday night.

The bill dealing with the government of cities, now before the legislative assembly, was then taken up and read.

ALD. Vigelius did not believe in the people not having the power to yote for the filter bed will be covered with the same between the walls of the receiver and present filter beds. The beds. The reverse current of water will not wash it off—nothing less than the strong stream of a hose under a good pressure will remove it. The tenacity and adhesive power of this filthy matter should not be underof this filthy matter should not be under estimated. In a year's time the filter beda will have to be dug up, and the result will be filter beds too small to do the work of downward filtration and the perpetuation of existing nuisances. The council has on hand the building of cesspools instead of filters.

MORE EVAPORATION.

TYPHOID IN LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The origin of the typhoid fever epidemic that has raged in troit with the Vatican relies which were this city for several months, and which has baffled alike the health authorities and private physicians, is now believed to have been discovered. A short distance out of London is a tract of land of over one hundred acres devoted exclusively to the raising of water cress, of which the English people, poor as well as rich, are great consumers. A few days ago a delegation of health officials, believing that they had traced a connection between this epidemio and the use of this cress as food, paid a visit to this farm, and made the extraordinary discovery that the water that flowed through the ditches for the propagation of the cress was strongly permeated with sewage, and that, consequently, the germs were absorbed by thousand bunches of cress are brought into the city of London from this farm every day, the wonder is that the epidemic has not assumed the form of a veritable plague. The authorities have done all that they can do be authorities have done all that they oan do be authorities have done all that they can do be be be only issuing an order prohibiting the sale in the city of water cress from this locality.

HOOD'S parille Cures

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In my body ached with the dreadful Rheumsnatism which followed a severe cold. My sufferings were awful. I could not dress myself or comb my hair. My husband had to carry me up and down stairs. I was scarcely able to nurse my little one. Within two weeks after I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, I felt better. Shortly I was able to walk up and down stairs without help and finally I was cured. My friends thought I was sumed the form of a veritable plague. The hanks to God for his blessing on Hood's Sarsaparilla, I now enjoy good health. Mrs. John Blackburn, Lower Five Islands, Nova Scotia the city of water cress from this locality.

HOOD'S parille Cures. been discovered. A short distance out of

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Award.

GENERAL HERBERT HERE.

The Several Matters Which Will Engage His Attention for the Next Few Days.

School Results to Determine Future Plans-Company for Westminster -The New Rifle.

Major-General Herbert agrived last night on his long expected official visit. He is accompanied by his Aide de-Camp, Capt. Streatfeild; Col. Lake, Quartermaster-General; and Capt. Evans, of the Royal level of the floor for \$320.

The offer was accepted.

R. B. McMicking, city electrician, wrote expressing his regret at becoming so innocently the occasion of considerable warmth of expression at last meeting. He had thought the council were waiting for his report, and had no desire to be otherwise than faultlessly respectful in its presentation. Received and filed.

H. Dallas Helmcken, M. P. P., wrote that he would give the proposed amendments to the municipal act his best attention. He regretted that the council had not yet given an expression on the act relating to the government of cities. Received and filed.

The water committee recommended that the committee recommen

a satisfied by Drs. O. M. Jones, J. C. Davie, E. B. C. Hanington and I. W. Powell—the latter gentlemen paying a special visit to the latter gentlemen paying a special visit to the efficiency of the city health officers was thus sustained it was thought all hope for Ah Sing had been abardoned, and nothing more was thought of him or word spoken concerning his dreary fate.

Disappointed in their efforts to release their countryman by open methods, it is believed that Ah Sing's friends went quietly to work almost immediately. It is certain that he did not escape from Darcey island unaided, and it was gathered yesterday from the other lepers that he was spirited away by his friends. The peculiarity should be in the city health of the city health officers was thus sustained it to the ements and his present visit since his appointment to his present clare, make a few months ago, but which was unavoidably postponed. Col. Lake now makes his first visit since his appointment to his present clare, makes his first visit since his appointment to his present clare, and the was unavoidably postponed. Col. Lake now makes his first visit since his appointment to his present clare, being that which in ordinary course he expected to make a few months ago, but which was unavoidably postponed. Col. Lake now makes his first visit since his appointment to his present clare, and the was unavoidably postponed. Col. Lake now makes his first visit since his appointment to his present clare, and the was unavoidably postponed. Col. Lake now makes his first visit since his appointment to his present clare, and the was unavoidably postponed. Col. Lake now makes his first visit since his appointment to his present clare, which in ordinary course he expected to make a few months ago, but which in ordinary course he expected to make a few months ago, but which in ordinary course he expected to make a few months ago, but which was unavoidably postponed. Col. Lake now the same pointment to his present visit since his appointment to his present vi

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General Herbert expressed the hope that General Herbert expressed the hope that something can be done shortly in the way of reorganizing a company of artillery at Westminster, as he considers that that place is a good location for a company and should be able to keep up one if established. He did not contemplate taking any immediate action with respect to the desire to have a company at Nanaimo, and had not planned to go there on this trip.

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As to the arm of the force, to modernize which General Herbert has been untiring in his efforts since taking charge in Canada, he was hopeful that the Martini, Metford might be issued to some land to clear. Most of the people he had spoken to on the subject favored buying the land.

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> the lates with the given to their corps when the greatest authorized strength of any in the Dominion; and though no parade has yet been called for, as the school work has yet been called for, as the school work has a presented general drills, it is hoped that he OUR EXPERT.
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> To the Editor:—The receipt for hare will see abundant evidence of endeavor to make use of the advantages lately secured.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Robert Trethaine and Dr. Trublook, representing the International Peace society, were at the department of state yesterday with the object of inducing the U.S. government to attempt to revive the scheme broached before the pan-American congress for a treaty providing that all differences between American nations be settled by arbitration. Most of the countries in the congress were disposed to adopt the method, but a few aggressive countries, like the Argentine and Chill, opposed it. Although the United States would have the most to gain from such a treaty, no effort has been made to carry out the project. the project.

NAPLES, Dec 13 -The U S. Cruiser De-Chicago last year, has arrived here.

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