RAILWAY TO KOOTENAY.

In the Boundary Creek country, in Vancouver, and again in Victoria the Hon. Mr. Sifton expressed the opinion that the time had arrived for giving the Coast and Kootenay direct railway connection. In speaking to the representative business men of those places this view was given unreservedly, and while no plan has yet been matured as to how this railway will be built or as to the route to be taken, there is no doubt at all as to the intention of the Minister of the Interior to press upon his colleagues the urgency of the work. Mr. Sifton is impressed to a greater degree than many of the leading men of the province, with the enormous undeveloped wealth of the Kootenay country, and is prepared as a minister to do what he can to assist in the construction of necessary railways, as well as in the adoption of a policy that will ensure the smelting and refining of our ores in our own country. We are nearer to a direct all-rail line to the Boundary country than is generally thought possible. A first link in that highway will be the railway from Victoria to the Fraser river valley, and while the Times has no authority to speak for the Ottawa government, we know that we are but reflecting the views of the Western member of the cabinet when we say that no trifling obstacles will be permitted to stand in the way of the accomplishment of this object. If Victorians should say on Thursday next that they want the railway, the effect would unquestionably be to encourage the Ottawa government to help those who are not afraid to help themselves.

OUR POLITICAL LEADERS.

In the political life of Great Britain it is never urged as a reason why a man should not occupy a high political position that he is not an Englishman, in the narrow sense of the word. Some of the greatest of the many great men who have inscribed their names on the scroll of fame in that country have come from Ireland and from north of the Tweed, and it is to the honor and glory of Englishmen that all such have been welcomed, with open arms and hearts and that never a pang of jealousy seems to have been stirred in any quarter because many distinguished leaders in statesmanship, in war, and in all departments of public life have been chosen from the neighboring kingdoms. The Tuppers are not built that way. Neither are the Wallaces, nor any of the men who at present aspire to the leadership of the Conservative party. Perhaps this is not unnatural, all things considered. Compare their qualifications for leadership with those of the man at present at the head of the Canadian government and point out how it is possible for them to arrive at any other conclusion? They say Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a Frenchman, and that is practically the only reason they can urge at the present time why he should be condemned. Compare the patriotism of the man who is thus assailed with that of those who for the sake of power would have passed a law compelling the people of Manitoba to change their school system, an act which would probably have resulted in civil war and the dismemberment of the Empire, and say whose course has been the more patriotic? They brought the forces of a powerful church and all the race prejudice they could arouse against the Liberal leader and his followers in Quebec, but their appeals were in vain, and patriotism and loyalty to the man whom not only French-Canadians but all Britons delight to honor carried the day. Thus was Canada saved from a course which might have ended in a great national catastrophe and the deluge which Sir John Macdonald foresaw precipitated upon the Tory party. In the light of the history of the political parties in this country during the last few years no one will be surprised to read that some Conservatives now favor annexation as a means of escape from the pit which they have digged for their own feet. But that insane fit will be of short duration. The party will shortly again be in its right mind. It will become ashamed of its present leaders, turn them all adrift and enter upon a career of which patriotic Canadians need not be ashamed. It will take many years to accomplish this work, but without a thorough renovation and a policy which contemplates a united Canada and a united Empire the assaults upon the Liberal stronghold will be in vain.

NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION.

Mainland connection is not the only matter over which it behooves Victorians to stir themselves. There are well-authenticated rumors from all surrounding cities that great preparations are in progress to gain possession of the increasing trade with the opulent North. New finds are constantly being reported up there, the population is steadily increasing and will soon be distributed over an immense amount of territory, yielding wealth of every description that the heart of man most does covet. Seattle captured most of the passenger business last year, which is not the least important of the trade of that northern region, by reason of the fact that from that city the fastest and the best fitted-up steamers plied. But the people over there are not disposed to let what a less enterprising community might consider well enough alone. They are going to put on faster and larger boats, and more of them. Vancouver is moving in the same direction. An offer has been submitted to them by the C. P. N. Company which, it accepted, it seems to us, will leave Victoria entirely in the shadows of business obscurity. Perhaps some of our business men, men thoroughly conversant with the Northern trade, may take a different view, but that is how it looks to us, unless things are not altogether as they appear. To be sure, George McL. Brown thinks the proposition of the C. P. N. Company to the Vancouver Board of Trade an excellent one for both cities. But we must be excused if we cannot enter into his enthusiasm. It may of course be all prejudice, but it is a fact that it occurs to the minds of the majority of Victorians that the C. P. R. has not been generous in its treatment of this city, and when one of the officials of that road says that a scheme which has in view the withdrawal of all the fastest of the C. P. N. Company's steamers from Victoria and placing them on the run to the North, with Vancouver as the terminus of their route, we must be excused if we regard Mr. Brown as looking at the matter entirely from a Vancouver standpoint. We believe most of the Victoria merchants will coincide with us in this. We should have steamers running direct from Victoria to the North, and coming direct to Victoria from the North, and nothing less than that will be satisfactory. Our merchants control the major part of the Northern trade, and we are convinced they will never submit to being converted into a flag-station by the C. P. R. or any other company. Our trade should warrant the placing of vessels on this run as good as those plying from any other port on the coast, and we shall have them. There are timorous people who foresee evil things in store for this city because of the agitation at present convulsing our business community. There is no occasion for alarm. We are on a solider foundation than any of our rivals. The present agitation is a healthy sign, and once we secure the rectification of the wrongs which we have been compelled to endure in the past we shall soon assume our rightful place in the front of the procession.

KRUGER AND THE POWERS.

It is necessary once more to direct attention to the fact that the Associated Press dispatches, in as far as they relate to affairs in South Africa, are not reliable. The British people are not panic-stricken because of recent occurrences in their possessions, nor are they at all alarmed at the presence of Oom Paul before the seats of the mighty in Europe. It seems the present spasm of activity among the Boer guerillas still in the field is part of an arrangement entered into between the men who are doing the fighting and the schemers who do the talking and the money spending to convince a continent which to a certain extent is hostile to Great Britain that now would be a good time to intervene and that the insurgents are far from being subdued. Perhaps the Associated Press man has entered into the spirit of this arrangement also, or perhaps he merely wishes to please an element of his readers in the United States. We do not believe for a moment that it has entered into the mind of any European statesman that it would be well to reconsider the determination arrived at previously not to attempt to intervene between Great Britain and the Boers. It was felt then that the British would not tolerate such a thing for a moment, and there is no indication that they are in a different frame of mind now. The war was forced upon them by the invasion of British territory, and it has resulted in the rout of the invaders and the annexation of their dominions, as every power in the world with the exception of the Boer republics knew would be the case. The hysterics of the French people do not prove that they have any particular love for the South African Dutch. The advent of Paul, the Great Apostle of Freedom, however, has given them another chance to exhibit their insane jealousy of Great Britain. We do not know that the French government will be moved by such demonstrations, but we do know that the government and the people of Great Britain will not be any more than they would if the representatives of the republic should take it into their heads to urge the other powers to tell Britain to stay her hand before she had completed the work that was forced upon her by the insane ambition of the Boer leaders.

Little progress is being made towards the settlement of the intricate Chinese problem. That is a matter over which those who are familiar with the state of affairs in the Celestial Kingdom are not greatly perturbed. It was felt at the time foreign troops were landed that it would be a long time ere they were withdrawn. And it will be a considerable time. In fact it is doubtful if they will ever be taken away. It is impossible to see how a settlement satisfactory to China and the powers can be effected. Matters will simply drift along, with the powers adding to their spheres of influence as opportunity presents itself. The Chinese will be gradually driven back as the Indians were in North America, but they are too numerous and too sturdily vital to be exterminated, and the task will be a more difficult one than the Pilgrim Fathers had to deal with because of the great density of population. Whatever happens, it may be taken for granted that some of the powers at least are in China to stay.

In an article dealing in vigorous fashion with the Conservative party generally and its leaders especially, Mr. E. King Dodds, at one time a great Tory stumper, pays his respects to Sir Hibbert Tupper as follows: "Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, though elected in a Nova Scotia constituency, now that he is but a plain M. P., pays but little attention to his parliamentary duties, and his connection with the bolters as one of the chief manipulators, added to his egotistical qualities, has left him without any following. Superlative bumptiousness like seven hours' speeches becomes wearisome. That the name is not one to conjure with any longer in Nova Scotia is illustrated by the returns, 14 Liberals, 6 Conservatives."

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Hon. Mr. Sifton expected to reach Victoria Friday night, but was persuaded by Vancouver friends to change his plans and speak in Vancouver on that evening. Having an engagement at Medicine Hat to-morrow night, he was compelled to leave here on Sunday evening. Mr. Sifton is particularly interested in Victoria, and regretted his inability to meet the business men of the city on this visit, but in all probability will be with us again in the course of a few months, when he purposes going to Dawson. But why should the Colonist grumble; have we not Col. Prior and Mr. Earle everlastingly with us.

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It is not surprising to be told that at the late elections in the Province of Ontario the Liberal candidates were only about 3,000 votes behind the Conservatives in the province as a whole. Leaving out the cites of Toronto and Hamilton, where the Conservative majorities were very large on account of the appeals to bigotry, there seems no reason to doubt that the Liberals carried the province and that but for the effectiveness of the gerrymander the parties would have been very evenly divided. That is all that has been gained by a policy which has utterly destroyed the usefulness of the present leaders of the Conservative party.

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier had nearly three thousand of a majority in Quebec East. As an Eastern contemporary remarks, there will be no recount there. But according to Sir Hibbert Tupper the Lower Canadians are base people for giving such an exhibition of pride in the man who has made a name for himself in all parts of the world and has furnished a beautiful example of the catholicity of British institutions.

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A number of letters have been received for to-day's issue on the railway question, several of them about midday. The Times goes to press at 3.30 p. m., and it is impossible as a general rule to handle the ordinary news received after that hour, much less correspondence. This, along with the fact that our columns are crowded to-day, will explain the omission of several letters.

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We can assure the Colonist that Mr. F. J. Deane does not appear before the electors of Yale-Cariboo as secretary of the Chinese commission when campaigning for Mr. Galliher. He appears as an elector of the constituency. Employment for a month or two as the secretary of a commission does not take away his rights as a citizen.

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If Hon. G. W. Ross were to become Minister of Justice the Dominion would secure the services of an able man. However, as the Mail and Empire is the only authority for the statement that he is to succeed Hon. David Mills, also an able man, there is no likelihood that it is true.

A SEVERE CASE OF ITCHING PILES.

Well-known Minister Escaped a Dangerous and Painful Operation and Was Thoroughly Cured of Piles by Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Rev. S. A. Duprau, Methodist minister, Consecon, Prince Edward County, Ont., states: "I was troubled with itching and bleeding piles for years and they ultimately attained to a very violent form. Large lumps or abcesses formed so that it was with great difficulty and considerable pain that I was able to stool. At this severe crisis I purchased a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, but I had little or no faith in it, as I had tried various remedies before and to no purpose.

"Now, imagine how great and joyous was my surprise to find that just the one box cured me, so that the lumps disappeared and also the external swelling. I feel like a different man to-day and have not the least doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment saved me from a very dangerous and painful operation and many years of suffering. It is with the greatest pleasure and with a thankful heart that I give this testimonial, knowing that Dr. Chase's Ointment has done so much for me. You are at perfect liberty to use this testimonial as you see fit for the benefit of others similarly afflicted."

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Steamer Danube, which leaves for Skagway this evening, will have a light freight, and few passengers booked for the voyage.

Foreigners Implicated

Five Italians, Four Greeks, and a Frenchman Arrested at Johannesburg

In Connection With Conspiracy to Take the Life of Lord Roberts.

Lodon, Nov. 27.—Lord Roberts has sent the following dispatch to the war office from Johannesburg, dated Nov. 26th:

"As reports of a plot against my life will probably reach you, I think you should know the facts. It is my belief that there was a plot in existence, and five Italians, four Greeks and a Frenchman were arrested on November 16th and are now awaiting trial. Their intentions were to explode a mine under St. Mary's church during the morning service held at 11 o'clock on November 18th."

The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says he hears that President Kruger has petitioned the powers for arbitration under The Hague convention; that two powers acceded to his request, but all the others rejected the petition.

Gen. Dewet.

Lorenzo Marquez, Nov. 27.—A detachment of 80 mounted Portuguese troops, with two guns, crossed the river this morning to Catembo. It is reported that Gen. Dewet is in Portuguese territory.

Council and Arbitration.

Paris, Nov. 27.—The president of the municipal council will propose to-morrow in the council a vote to arbitrate the Transvaal dispute.

Late this afternoon M. Rochefort, accompanied by a deputation, including Deputies Milleveri and Paulin-Mery, Senator Provost DeLaunay and M. Copee, proceeded to the Hotel Scribe and presented Mr. Kruger with a sword of honor, destined for Gen. Cronje, now in prison on the Island of St. Helena. M. Rochefort spoke of the patriotism of the Boers, and expressed the hope that the "syndicate of thrones" will some day be overthrown by a "syndicate of presidents."

During the day a thousand students formed in procession in the Latin quarter, each school preceded by a band and the whole headed by a magnificent bouquet of chrysanthemums, with ribbons in the French and the Transvaal colors, and inscribed: "The students of Paris to President Kruger—for the fatherland and right." The students marched to the Hotel Scribe. There President Kruger appeared on the balcony and saluted them.

Kruger and Dr. Leyds drove to the foreign office, where they were received by the minister of foreign affairs, Delcasse, with whom they had an interview lasting three-quarters of an hour.

A delegation of four students entered the hotel and presented a bouquet to Mr. Kruger, who, accompanied by them, appeared on the balcony, arousing great enthusiasm among the students, who numbered 2,000. A body of the students stationed themselves below the window from which the money had been thrown, singing anti-English songs and shouting, "Down with the English!" No disturbance, however, occurred.

When the attention of Leyds was called this afternoon to the statement attributed to Pearson, former commissary general of the Transvaal army, and cabled from New York, that Kruger would soon proceed to the United States, he replied: "The rumor is without foundation. Nothing has been said regarding such a movement."

Pearson's Opinion.

New York, Nov. 27.—Commissary-General Samuel Pearson, the Transvaal refugee who arrived here yesterday, said to-day during an interview that it was Gen. Buller who was by all odds the best of the British generals in South Africa. He added: "If Roberts were taken out of the command in South Africa, the English army would mutiny to-morrow. They love him, but they hate Africa. The man most hated in South Africa by the Boers is Kitchener. There is not a man in our army who would not shoot him on sight. He is the man who butchered the negroes in the Soudan, and he would not give Botha half an hour at Colenso to take our women and children away from the lines."

Gen. Pearson denied the characterization of their operations as guerilla warfare, saying: "We have always about 1,500 or 2,000 men and a train of baggage wagons. They can never catch us."

He considered Louis Botha the greatest man in the Boer army.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

James Simpson and Louis Methios have been arrested in Detroit with about $400 in their possession of bills stolen from the Dominion Bank at Napanee. 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Lebel, of St. Jerome, Que., married seven years ago and now have eleven children. On December 1st, 1899, the mother gave birth to twins, and on November 19th last, triplets were born.

Leslie Grant, aged 21, committed suicide on Monday night, by hanging, in his father's barn, at Granton. No cause is known.

George H. Perley, of Ottawa, has purchased the interest of A. H. Buell in the Hull Lumber Co., paying about $150,000.

Robert Campbell, editor of the Pilot Mound Sentinel, died suddenly yesterday of pneumonia.

Martin, Conservative, has been declared elected by a majority of ten in East Queens, P. E. I.; there will be a recount.

Col. Hance Gracey, formerly a well known militia officer and commander of the 36th Battalion, Peel county, died in Toronto on Monday of paralysis, after a lingering illness.

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Seeking Intervention

Ex-President Kruger Sounds M Delcasse Regarding Attitude of France.

Republic Will Not Take Initiative, but Might Encourage Such a Movement.

(Associated Press.)

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.

M. Delcasse let it be understood that France had not changed her attitude since he explained the government's position in the Chamber of Deputies last March. France will not take the initiative in intervention in South Africa, but will not discourage any other country doing so. On the contrary, she will join in such initiative if it is taken under such conditions as appear to her to merit acquiescence.

Mr. Kruger did not formulate any proposition, and did not intimate what he intended to do. It is believed he will take the first official diplomatic step at the Hague. It is not known whether he will ask Holland to propose mediation or open other and less clearly defined negotiations.

Reliefs for Africa.

London, Nov. 28.—While the reports of the condition of Cape Colony are regarded as somewhat unnecessarily alarming, there is little disposition to take a too roseate view of the general situation. The constant dispatch to South Africa of reinforcing drafts, and the daily fights at points wide apart, show the war is not over, and while the statement that Lord Roberts had demanded 20,000 fresh troops, is incorrect, it is a fact that he has asked for 8,000 men to replace the battalions whose wastage incapacitates them from duty at the front. These reliefs will be dispatched, but they will seriously attenuate the garrisons of the United Kingdom, inasmuch as Lord Roberts insists the troops shall be picked men, and have seasoned officers.

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Mexico promises to be a large factor in the orange markets within a year or two, as the development of groves there has recently been taken up very largely.

The population of China used to be estimated at 400,000,000 and upward. Estimates made by careful travellers in late years put it much lower—about 200,000,000.

Unsettled South

Trouble Now Brewing Between the Republics of Uruguay, Brazil and Bolivia.

The Brazilian Minister May e Requested to Leave Monte Video.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 28.—A special to the Herald from Rio Janeiro says official information of a positive character has confirmed the reports that Uruguay is about to sever friendly relations with Brazil. It is admitted that the governor at Monte Video has intimated that he is about to hand his passports to the Brazilian minister. The cabinet has decided upon the attitude of Uruguay, but in the absence of definite action it has not decided what course will be pursued.

Bolivia also is showing some feeling against the alleged support given to the republic of Acre by the authorities of the state of Amazonas.

The Bolivian minister informed the minister of war that the Bolivian troops have been hampered greatly in their work of suppressing the rebellion because supplies have been received by the insurgents through Brazilian territory.

Through its soldiers and its friendship with Peru, the Bolivian government has not been able to stop war supplies from the west. It officers, who are endeavoring to suppress the trouble, report, however, that the rebels, many of whom have come from the state of Amazonas, have no trouble in obtaining munitions by way of the Amazon and Purus rivers.

Brazil has been asked to take decisive measures in co-operation with Bolivia to end the rebellion.

A BAD CASE OF ASTHMA.

Mrs. George Budden, Putnamville, Ont., says: "I feel it my duty to recommend Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, as I had the Asthma very bad; could get nothing to do me any good. A friend of mine persuaded me to try this remedy, as he had tried it, and it proved successful. I tried it, and it cured me. I am thankful to-day to say I am a well woman through the use of this remedy. I keep it in the house all the time, and would not be without it."

DEMANDS OF THE POWERS.

Note to China Will Include Recasting of Commercial Treaties and Foreign Financial Control.

London, Nov. 27.—According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, Li Hung Chang is seriously ill, and has telegraphed for his adopted son, Li Ching Fang.

Dr. Morrison, wiring to the Times from Pekin on Sunday, says; "The foreign envoys have agreed to two propositions that were previously rejected owing to lack of unanimity. These are Sir Ernest Satow's proposals that China should agree to recast the commercial treaties, and the Italian proposal that China should consent to foreign financial control as a guarantee of the indemnity. The delay in the presentation of the note is due to the postponements by the home governments. This increases the difficulties of the position, and aggravates the dislocation of trade and finance, especially the collection of inland revenues. At the lowest estimate the indemnity is computed at £60,000,000."

Berlin, Nov. 26.—A dispatch received to-day by the Navy League here says, that Col. York's column reached Kalhan, about 100 miles northwest of Pekin, on November 18th. The Chinese troops, numbering 3,000 men, fled. A battalion of Chinese imperial soldiers was disarmed.

Macdonald Potts arrived from Vancouver last evening.

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