

children who will not be eager to be enrolled among the competing companies.

THE RIFLE MATCH.

At Clover Point, the rifle men commenced their competition under conditions which were everything to be desired, but which changed later in the day, and a gale of wind prevailing during the afternoon and evening, very much against good scoring. Major Williams acted as range officer, with Major Hibben and Captain Williams as assistants. The scores were:

Match A—200 yards—	Score.	Prize.
Corporal Fletcher	32	\$5.00
Captain Williams	31	4.00
Sergeant Lettice	29	3.00
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Mr. Marleue	29	2.50
Gunner Fulliger	29	2.00
Major Hibben	28	2.00
Sergeant Winsby	28	1.50
Corporal Anderson	28	1.00
Gunner R. J. Butler	28	1.00

Match B—500 yards—	Score.	Prize.
Gunner R. J. Butler and Sergeant Lettice, 34; absolute	32	5.00
Corporal Anderson	31	4.00
Gunner Webb	31	3.00
Private Pike, R. M. L.	31	2.50
Major Hibben	31	2.00
Bombardier Bodley	31	1.50
Sergeant Winsby	31	1.00
Bombardier Currie	30	1.00
Captain Williams	30	1.00

Match C—600 yards—	Score.	Prize.
Gunner Duncan	25	4.00
Corporal Richardson	25	3.00
Sergeant Lettice	25	2.00
Sergeant Winsby	25	2.00
Major Hibben	25	2.00
Mr. Butler	25	2.00
Corporal McTavish	23	2.00
Gunner Webb	23	1.00
Staff Sergeant Winsby	23	1.00
Bombardier Fletcher	23	1.00

Match D—Aggregate—

Major Hibben	84	5.00
Gunner Duncan	82	4.00
Gunner Webb	84	3.00
Captain Williams	89	2.00
Sergeant Winsby	89	2.00
Gunner Butler	80	2.00
Mr. Butler	70	1.50
Gunner J. B. Green	70	1.50
Bombardier S. Bodley	70	1.50
Sergeant Winsby	77	1.00
Corporal McTavish	77	1.00

THE NAVAL DISPLAY.

During the afternoon the holiday makers crowded to Esquimalt in contingents which sorely taxed the capacity of the cars. The tramway company doubled the accommodation for the occasion, but even then it was lamentably insufficient for the people who wished to view the battle ships. One conductor, between the hours of one and five o'clock, took over seven hundred fares, and when it is remembered that five other conductors were doing a similarly thriving business, a slight estimate of the amount of the total receipts may be gathered.

The naval town was an eddy, and the ships themselves were crowded in. The exception of the Sparrowhawk, which is out of commission, and from which fluttered a solitary ensign flag. The other vessels, with the exception of the Virago, had boats playing to and from the wharf, and all afternoon these were filled with sightseers. The Phaeton had a steam pinnace in service, but the other boats had to be propelled by the tars, their conductors, a slight estimate of the amount of the total receipts may be gathered.

On the vessels the petty officers and gunners were kept busy explaining the different parts of the ships and of their armaments. The tars were especially attracted to their guests and explained every detail with minuteness, answering the most absurd questions patiently. Occasionally the long suffering sailor would be obliged to resist a little rivalry in sheer self defence. For instance, a gushing female from the Sound, and one of the gunners had a conversation beside a Nordenfled machine gun.

"Oh, what do you do with this gun?" "Well, mum, you see 'ow it is. These jerry that we wears 'em we knits them on this machine."

And then the seaman, with a face as impenetrable as that of a sphinx, gravely pursued his practical joke, by showing his fair but credulous companions the needles which did the trick to the accomplishment of many "Well, wells," and "in shies."

But such instances were both pardonable and rare, and those who wanted to do so, could obtain a very accurate idea of a fighting ship and of its capabilities by their visit yesterday to the men-of-war.

The Virago, the only destroyer in commission, was not generally visited as no boats pulled from her. The authorities doubtless took the precaution of a big gun on her deck, and it is also understood that the admiralty do not favor the indiscriminate exhibition of the capabilities of these little thunder bolts of the sea.

The decorations before mentioned were pretty and effective, the streamers and flags being harmonized as only tars can do it. When the visitors had tired of viewing the fleet most of them passed on to the dry dock, where they had the opportunity of seeing a merchant liner—the Garonne—minus her usual setting of sea. This ship also was gaily decorated.

This long after eight o'clock before the last of the visitors returned to town.

THE LACROSSE MATCH.

At the Caledonia Grounds the schedule match between the home team and the Nanaimos proved, as was expected, one of the most popular fixtures of the day, and fully 2,500 people lined the fences or occupied seats on the altogether inadequate grand stand. It was one of the largest lacrosse "games" in the history of the national game in Victoria and the immense crowd of spectators was well rewarded for the game throughout.

There was not so exciting a game as the spectators witnessed of the home ground. It was clean and well contested. The Nanaimos boys showed the result of careful training and persistent practice, in this respect having a little the better of the home team, although the Victorians proved themselves the masters in competition and in a knowledge of the game.

George Williams was probably the best in evidence, playing a splendid game throughout, sure and swift, tricky when in possession of the ball, cool-headed and in every way as reliable as old.

Norman, Beltry, Norman and Stephen were in good form, Norman particularly arousing marked enthusiasm by his brilliant play. White and Burns of the new men did good work, and Dewar, except

for one or two misses, acquitted himself well.

Of the visitors Miller at point and "Mike" Finlan at centre proved they had not lost their old time skill and stamina which made them such valuable members of the older organization with which they were connected, but at present a new player, was perhaps the "star" of the Coal City combination.

Eleven games were played, of which the first three were played at Esquimalt, and the remainder at Nanaimo. The games were remarkable for shortness, only four exceeding five minutes in duration.

Game 1: 4 mins.—After the usual preliminaries the players settled down into pretty close attacks on the respective citadels, the Bays being on the defensive for a few moments, but Blain making a splendid run and passing to Stephen who threw to White, the trick was done.

Game 2: 8 mins.—Williams, the "star" Schofield ruled off for an unintentional foul committed under great excitement, and White did the scoring, securing the ball out of a scrimmage behind the Nanaimo net.

Game 3: 4 mins.—The goal keepers had their hands full from beginning to end, the Victorians developing some very neat combination play. Nanaimo's defence improved wonderfully and Haggart secured the ball passed to Hilbert, who secured the game.

Game 4: 1 min.—Ended apparently almost as soon as it began, and remarkable for a very neat pass from Burns to Patrick Smith developing out of an attack of more than usual vigor by the Coal City men. Hilbert scored most effectively for Victoria.

Game 5: 8 mins.—One of the longest games of the match, characterized by the Scholfield's effective checking and the temporary dismemberment of Joe Martin. Walter Miller was also hit in the mouth and both men had to be attended on the field. Hostilities being resumed, one of the prettiest combinations of the day was effectively carried out between Blain, Smith, Stephen and Schofield, the last named putting the ball into the net amid a most enthusiastic round of applause.

Game 6: 5 mins.—Play was developed and got the ball several times by extraordinary clever play, and but for a misjudged throw by Williams (his only one of the day), the game would have gone to the home team, then Miller relieved very effectively and Burns scored.

Game 7: 8 mins.—One of the fastest of the afternoon, some very close checking being done. Burns secured from a face off, passed to Smith, who pushed along to Stephens, and a fortunate throw ended it in favor of Victoria.

Game 8: 30 seconds.—One of the prettiest of the match. Victoria's superior combination was well in evidence, the ball travelling like lightning from centre to Stephens, who scored.

Game 9: 8 mins.—Hilbert saved what looked like a certain score for Victoria, developed out of good all-round superior play by Beltry, White and Williams. Hilbert was well served by McGinnis, who played like a veteran scored for the Coal City. Blain well to the front among the Victorians and loudly applauded by the spectators. The best game of the day.

Game 10: 30 seconds.—Another whirlwind game, Blain, Williams and Stephens being the principal figures. Pretty combination play resulted in a goal for Victoria, Stephens making the shot.

Game 11: 2 mins.—Hilbert horsed de combat for a few minutes. Norman stopped in first-class style and a Smith-White-Stephens combination resulted in another goal for Victoria.

The ground was exceedingly slippery, but the weather conditions were excellent.

Mr. W. E. Ditchburn refereed the game and gave universal satisfaction. Messrs. George Wilson and M. Barr were the umpires. Messrs. T. Sussack and D. Smith timekeepers. Mr. Geo. Coldwell, field captain for Victoria; Mr. Reynolds, of Vancouver, field captain for Nanaimo.

Summary.

Game.	Won by.	Scored by.	Time.
1	Victoria	White	4 min.
2	Victoria	Smith	8 min.
3	Nanaimo	Hilbert	4 min.
4	Victoria	Smith	1 min.
5	Victoria	Schofield	8 min.
6	Nanaimo	Brown	5 min.
7	Victoria	Stephens	8 min.
8	Victoria	Stephens	1/2 min.
9	Nanaimo	Hilbert	3 min.
10	Victoria	Stephens	1/2 min.
11	Victoria	Stephens	2 min.

THE GUN.

The Victoria and Capital Gun Clubs engaged at Oak Bay during the afternoon, among the competitors being Ellis, Denham Kimball and other experts from the Sound. The conditions were not favorable to good shooting, the wind being too high and the light not of the best.

The results follow:

In the first event for Class A shots, 12 singles, Kimball broke 14; J. Switzer, 12; Denham, Smith, W. Adams, Minor, B. H. John and H. N. Short, 11 each; O. Weller, E. E. Ellis and Taylor, 10. The scores in Class B were below the average. Taylor broke 11; L. Young and Capt. Sears, 10; H. Porter and E. J. Wall, 7. In Class C, W. A. Smith broke 6; H. Borde, 5; H. Smith, C. Becker and W. Haggart, 4.

Of the Class A shots in event No. 2, also 12 singles, Kimball and Denham broke 13; Denham and Adams, 11; Ellis, MacIure and John, 10; Weller and Bickford, 9.

Capt. Sears in Class B beat the best score of the Class A men, breaking 14; H. Porter got 11; Borde, 10; and Wall and H. Short, 9.

Denham made a straight 15 in the third event, but was hard pressed, Kimball getting 14; John, 13; and Ellis and Rowe, 12.

The Tacoma team, Smith, Kimball and Denham, won the team shoot, with 45 out of 50; Ellis, Rowe and Borde, got 43; and Capt. Sears, Adams and Weller, 42. In event No. 3, 21 singles, Capt. Sears broke 18; W. Adams, 17; Ellis, Kimball, MacIure, Adams and John, 15; Bickford and Minor, 14; and Smith, 12.

THE ILLUMINATIONS.

After dinner the crowds surged out to Beacon Hill, an ever increasing stream of pedestrians filling the approaches to the Park. A conservative estimate of the number of people assembled on the hill during the evening places it at 20,000, and as the steady glare of the colored lights lighted up the scene it was impossible to deny that those who placed the figure so high were in all probability within the mark.

Of the display it is not too much to say that it proved one of the most successful and universally satisfactory events of this celebration, for everything went off without a hitch, with the exception of the fire balloon, with which the program should have commenced. The wind blew too strong for the aerial ball of fire, and it finished an inglorious existence on the ground.

The rocket display was equal to all expectations and the set pieces especially the international representation of John Bull and Uncle Sam, underlined with the query, "Shall we divide the earth?" were uniformly excellent.

The illuminations committee will deserve a special vote of thanks for the performance of their duties for they had succeeded in converting the Park into a veritable fairyland. Japanese lanterns strung along the avenues, bordering the lake and stretching away as far as the eye could trace the lines amid the trees, shed a soft radiance around, inviting the mind to the conjuring up of fairy scenes and the harboring of sentimental and poetical ideas. Such an opportunity for young men and maidens to promenade along the sequestered walks lighted with such charming effect must surely have resulted in many an attachment being brought to the point of a "satisfactory arrangement," for the young man must indeed be possessed of the marble heart who could withstand the combined effect of companionship with the girl of his heart and those surroundings.

All classes were represented in the throng, "carriage folk" there were in plenty, and this suggests the reminder that the authorities are to be thanked for the excellent provision of the vehicles be allowed on the grass and for the closing of the piece of road to the north of the hill, arrangement which added immeasurably to the enjoyment of the spectators who were on foot. Old men and women, young men and maidens, children in arms, in go-carts and in buggies, made up the throng. Chinamen were there in hundreds, and the chorus of exclamations proceeding from thousands of throats made up such a roar of applause that it needed not the thunder of hand clappings which rewarded several of the principals to testify to the content of the crowd.

Of course there were some growlers, "kickers" who wanted to know if the city "had money to burn?" that it could afford to spend several hundred dollars in fireworks, but fortunately they were in the hopeless minority. The greater portion of the celebration funds were expended in that magnificent pyrotechnic display was well spent.

The parliament buildings, illuminated from dome to ground floor, presented a magnificent spectacle, and was spoken of by thousands of visitors as one of the most pleasing sights they had ever seen. The opinion was general that the addition of outside illuminations was not necessary to set off that magnificent pile which presented an object of admiration from all parts of the city.

INDOOR ATTRACTIONS.

There was a small audience at the Victoria theatre, when Blanche Walsh and Melbourne MacDowell presented "The Girl of the Year." The presentation was one of the best ever seen in this city. Every character was presented with a true conception of the part and again and again the audience burst into a tumult of applause, which did not subside until the curtain rose on the finished actor and actress bowing their thanks to the delighted spectators. Critics have not overstepped the bounds in classing Miss Walsh as an equal of Fanny Davenport.

Melbourne MacDowell is seen as Le Baron Scarpa, the head of the police of the Roman states, an inquisitor who tortures his victims and executes whom he will quietly. He is an actor whose superior is seldom seen at the Victoria. Arthur Elford, who took the role of Casare Angelotti, the artist, a reader of Voltaire, a free-thinker and at heart a revolutionist, labored that he fully appreciated the characterization of the dramatist conceived for him, by his manly presentation of the brave lover.

The support given by the company was very good, and the evening was a success. An innovation which found great favor with the audience, particularly as it was on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday, was the singing of the National Anthem by the company at the close of the performance.

This evening Sardo's great drama of St. Petersburg and Paris, Fedora, will be presented.

At the New Savoy, the Trilby and the Delmonico "standing room only" sign was displayed early in the evening. The performances were of more than usual excellence.

Among the notes yesterday to the city are the Oddfellows, who came over from Vancouver yesterday. A large number returned last evening, but the remainder are spending a few days in the city. Among the latter is Mr. H. J. Rickard, the British Columbia agent and manager of the Independent Oddfellows, published in Toronto, and with which is now incorporated the B. C. Oddfellows, a publication which Mr. Rickard established in the Victoria City.

The celebration will wind up on Saturday afternoon and the attractions provided are of sufficient interest to induce many of the visitors to remain over. The bicycle races at Oak Bay Park will be the "star" event, although the ball game in the open air at Caledonia Grounds will have its share of patronage. The cyclists, Frank J. Cotter and J. M. Chapman will provide the most important event of the afternoon, commencing their tandem race, the winner of two to be declared the victor.

Half a dozen cases of pocket-picking were reported to the police yesterday, the most serious of which was the complaint laid by Mrs. A. H. Brown, of Victoria, who lost a purse containing a check for \$150 and about \$20 in coin. The theft she believed to have been perpetrated at the provincial museum. Mrs. Mills, of New Westminster, also lost a purse containing about \$30 on one of the Esquimalt cars. No arrests have so far been made, although the police have been very alert and have a keen look-out for suspicious characters.

How much money would be represented by the tobacco, cigars and cigarettes consumed in Victoria yesterday?

Why should a herd of bullocks be driven through the principal streets of the city in the middle of a day of celebration such as yesterday? Is a question that was asked by the passengers on a street car on Douglas street, whose progress city-wards was blocked by a band of about 60 bees.

The grand stand at Beacon Hill was much missed last evening, hundreds of ladies and children bemoaning the want of seats. The committee should have provided for the occasion.

Among the holiday visitors at the Dominion hotel to-day are a quartette of Seattleites on matrimonial intentions bent. They are: Mr. Wm. F. Kennedy, connected with the Puget Sound mill, Mr. Guy, a successful Klondiker, and Mr. W. Vanstone and Mrs. Sutherland.

It is Reported Commissioners Will Support the Action of Kautz.

Mataafa Claims He Has Upheld the Treaty and Saved Lives of Europeans.

THE WHEEL.

The cycle races at Nanaimo took place yesterday with the following results:

Professional.

Half mile Open—Frank J. Cotter, first; J. M. Chapman, second; S. Swanson, third. Time, 1:10.

One-mile Open—First heat: F. J. Cotter, first; J. M. Chapman, second; S. E. Marshall, third. Time, 2:24.5. Second heat: R. Tossell, first; Virgil Hall, second; S. Swanson, third. Time, 2:35. Final: Virgil Hall, third. Time, 2:34.5. The limit was 2:25, the race was run again, and the time was reduced to 2:23, with the men in the same places.

Two-mile Handicap—J. M. Chapman, first; Virgil Hall, second; F. J. Cotter, third. Time, 6:23.

Two-mile Lap—Frank J. Cotter, first; J. M. Chapman, second; S. Swanson, third. Time, 1:13.25. Second heat: R. Tossell, first; Virgil Hall, second; S. Swanson, third. Time, 1:11.25. Final: R. Tossell, first; Virgil Hall, second; S. Swanson, third. Time, 1:12.46.

Amateurs.

One-mile Novice—First heat: T. Lytle, first; Frank Jenkins, second; E. H. Pittendrigh, third. Time, 2:38.45. Second heat: Charles Kennedy, first; Charles Morgan, second; W. A. Anderson, third. Time, 2:40.35. Final: T. A. Lytle, first; Charles Kennedy, second; Charles Morgan, third. Time, 2:51.

One-mile Boys—J. Hancock, first; Chas. Kennedy, second; E. H. Pittendrigh, third. Time, 2:38.

Half-mile Open—First heat: R. Haddon, first; T. A. Lytle, second; W. Hunter, third. Time, 1:13.25. Second heat: R. Haddon, first; T. A. Lytle, second; W. Hunter, third. Time, 1:11.25. Final: R. Haddon, first; T. A. Lytle, second; W. Hunter, third. Time, 1:12.46.

One-mile Open—First heat: R. Haddon, first; T. A. Lytle, second; W. Hunter, third. Time, 1:13.25. Second heat: R. Haddon, first; T. A. Lytle, second; W. Hunter, third. Time, 1:11.25. Final: R. Haddon, first; T. A. Lytle, second; W. Hunter, third. Time, 1:12.46.

Two-mile Handicap—E. E. Blackmore (25 yards), first; W. Hunter (scratched), second; Jess Edwards (150 yards), third. Time, 6:11.

Arbitration and Mediation.

Sir Julian Pauncefote on the Attitude of the Peace Conference.

He Thinks Delegates Will Favor the Establishment of a Permanent Tribunal.

London, May 25.—The correspondent of the Daily News at the Hague says: "Sir Julian Pauncefote entertains the hope that the conference will favor the establishment of a permanent tribunal for arbitration and mediation. He says what is wanted is to secure prompt and certain ways to international justice. This is the right way to discourage the use of force. The mere fact of the existence of such a tribunal would exert a potent influence in behalf of international justice."

BURGLARS DISTURBED.

Mrs. Fitzallen, who resides at 58 Quadra street, is living in daily dread of a return visit of burglars who early on Sunday morning, between the hours of 1 and 1:30 paid an informal call to her residence. She came to the Times office this morning and wanted the story of the morning call "put into the papers to warn other people that burglars were in evidence in the city."

Mrs. Fitzallen says a girl who sews, Mrs. Hartney, rooms with her, and on Saturday night she came home late and set down in the kitchen upon her heels a little lot of stove. This was the only light she had. After a short time she was disturbed by a noise and heard a scratching at the window. Looking up she saw a form going slowly upwards. She then jumped up with a shout and the would-be burglars bolted, carrying away the ladder with which they were endeavoring to get up into the back window of the building.

Mrs. Fitzallen and Mrs. Hartney sat up all night awaiting for a return of the burglars and their vigil was rewarded about 3 o'clock by the sight of four men loitering about the back of the premises. No further effort was made, however, to enter the building.

Mrs. Fitzallen notified the police on Sunday and on Sunday night two officers came up and looked over the place. No trace has yet been found of the early morning visitors.

THE FIRE RECORD.

St. John's, N. B., May 25.—A serious fire broke out about noon to-day in the Indian town district of this city. All the apparatus in the city was summoned, but up to 1 o'clock the flames were not under control. At that time about 30 buildings had been destroyed.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 25.—The fertilizing plant of Walker Strathmore & Company was destroyed by fire to-day. An employee is believed to have been burned to death. The loss is \$100,000.

Paterson, N.J., May 25.—Nightingale's silk mill was destroyed by fire to-day. The factory contained 200 looms. The loss is \$50,000.

DEATH OF MASTER MASON.

New York, May 25.—James S. H. Durand, formerly Grand Master of the New Jersey Grand Lodge of Master Masons, died to-day in Jersey City. Durand was 67 years of age. He had been ill for some time.

THE FRASER RISING.

Lillooet, B. C., May 25.—The river is still rising. The water is so high that it is raining.

CHINESE RAILWAYS.

Feking, May 25.—An imperial edict has been issued giving assent to the building of the Tien Esui-Chin Kiang railway.

SENOR CASTELAR DEAD.

Madrid, May 25.—Senor Don Castelar, the distinguished Republican orator and statesman, is dead.

ROSA BONHEUR ILL.

Fontainebleau, France, May 25.—Rosa Bonheur, the famous animal painter, is seriously ill with congestion of the lungs.

ITALY AND CHINA.

Negotiations For Concessions at San Mun Bay Will Be Resumed.

Rome, May 25.—Parliament reassembled to-day. The Chamber of Deputies declined to accept the resignation of President Zanardelli, which was tendered owing to the reorganization of the cabinet. The Premier announced that negotiations with China regarding concessions at San Mun Bay would be resumed at once. The Chamber then adjourned.

RUSSIAN LABOR RIOTS.

Twelve Persons Killed and Fifty Wounded During the Riot.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—Further advice from Riga says the military in suppressing the rioting workmen at that place on Saturday and Sunday last killed twelve persons, and wounded 50.

The Queen.

A Woman Leads a Hostile Demonstration at a Gathering of Irish Societies.

Representatives Will Support Every Effort to Overthrow the British Dominion.

New York, May 25.—Representatives of more than sixty Irish societies and organizations in and near New York met last night in Fernando's Hall and celebrated the Queen Victoria's birthday. All the counties of Ireland were represented by delegates who numbered about 150 and included three women. One of these three led the hissing at every mention of the Queen and the English people and their work, until she was silenced by a direct and personal appeal from Civil Justice Wanhope Lynn, who interrupted his speech, to suppress the demonstration.

There were no offensive allusions to the Queen personally, nor was any word spoken in praise of her. The most direct allusion to her was made by Rev. Mr. McFadden, of Donegal, a priest who is visiting here, and who said he was proud that he had served time in an English prison. He declared that the history of the Queen's reign is a history of coercion and oppression of the Irish people. This declaration was much applauded.

Resolutions were adopted saying that every effort to overthrow the British dominion will be approved and supported; that as American citizens the Irish protest against any alliance between this country and any monarchy, and especially against the so-called Anglo-Saxon alliance; the convention thanks the board of aldermen of New York and condemn and repudiates as "a crime against liberty, the effort to overturn the Transvaal Republic set on foot by the British government."

Copies of the resolution will be sent to President McKinley, to the President of the Transvaal Republic, the Orange Free State and to the Premier of Cape Colony.

Further Fighting.

The Filipinos Suffer Heavily in Engagement With U.S. Soldiers.

Two Americans Killed—Native Losses—Sixty Dead and Large Number Wounded.

Washington, May 25.—General Otis to-day called the war department from Manila as follows:

"On the 23rd inst. the Third Infantry, returning to Baling, were attacked by the morning, noon and evening by a large force of the enemy, suffering in casualties two men killed and thirteen wounded. The enemy were repulsed, leaving on the field sixteen killed and a large number of wounded and prisoners."

"Yesterday the Filipinos who appeared in the vicinity of San Fernando were attacked by the Kansas and Montana regiments, who suffered slight loss. The enemy was driven through the field, leaving 50 dead, 30 wounded and 25 prisoners, and fifty rifles and other property captured. The retreat, through swamp lands saved them from destruction."

"Lawton is retreating, leaving with McArthur, at the front, regular troops to replace the volunteers."

Remains of the Dead.

San Francisco, May 25.—The remains of eighteen soldiers, who died in the Philippines, have been landed from the transport Sheridan and will be sent for burial wherever relatives or friends may desire.

A Filipino Opinion.

Manila, May 25.—The Filipino commissioners left by special train to-day. They will be escorted to their lines under a flag of truce. It is expected they will return soon.

President Conzaga, of the Philippine commission, previous to his departure, said: "We greatly appreciate the courtesy shown. We have spent some time with your commissioners incidentally considering American annexation. Its principles impress us profoundly. The plan of the government offered the Philippines seems in theory to be a good colonial system, but why should a nation seek to make a glory of a distant people who have been so long fighting against the Spanish to secure the same rights as your annexation gives. You fought the same battle in America when you fought against England."

PARIS STILL AGROUND.

Coverack, May 25.—Another attempt to float the Paris took place at 3 o'clock this morning without result. The position of this steamer has not altered, but the convulsions are looked upon as being less favorable. Another attempt to float the Paris will be made this afternoon. The holds will be pumped dry and the after holds will be filled with water so as to tilt the steamer. A good wind is blowing.

WHOOING COUGH.

I had a little boy, who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house. L. M. Moore, South Burgetts town, Pa. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Vancouver.