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chief organ to bring against its own as soon as the time is ripe for its at 200, 500 and 600 yards is the first acquisition by diplomacy or force. Of at 200, 500 and 600 yards is the first The Goldstream stakes, seven rounds party. Ordinary people can see no differ-course nothing is said about this openly match for Saturday. Either Martini Henri or Snider rifles may be used. The ence in the results of protection in Can-ada and other countries, and may there-plan will be carried out in due time. Henri or Snider rifles may be used. The match for Hon. J. H. Chapleau's cup

won last year by Mr. J. D. Taylor,

who is unfortunately absent from the

province and will be unable to defend

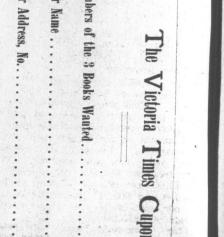
next on the programme.

charge of Smith.

THE WHEEL. MISSOURI WHEELMEN.

Sedalia, Mo., July 24.--The bicycle races to take place this afternoon have attracted a large crowd. The S. Louis delegation arrived this morning,

Extras



fore be excused if they fail to find wherein the Conservative method of applying the Siberian railway there may be difthe blister is wrong; but the Empire, beferent opinions. The steppes of western Siberia are susceptible of settlement and ing possessed of superior wisdom, may be cultivation and may add a considerable able to point out the fault and suggest a area to the wheat fields which compete remedy, this being necessary for the further success of the government which it serves.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

France wants to take from Siam the strip of territory lying between the Mekong river and the Annamese territory which she has already gobbled. As the French are already in possession of this ern trans-Baikal, with the supply of minterritory, and as the Siamese have no navy worth speaking of to oppose to the French ships, they will in all likelihood achieve their purpose. It is also quite likely that having once extended her territory to the eastern bank of the Mekong. France will hunt up some excuse for taking more of the Siamese country, and it could be furnished by the proposed railseems to be a grave question whether she does not contemplate the total absorption of Siam. That would interfere for capital, its commercial prospects R. with British trade interests and would would not warrant its construction for bring French and British territory together. A great many people seem to think that Britain will therefore join in the quarrel and protect the Siamese from has further French aggression. Then a story the has been set afoot to the effect that Russia is prepared to assist France if any such situation is brought about. We are vading China from the west. The much inclined to regard all this as purely imaginative. It would pay neither Great Britain nor France to engage in a war will be for the sake even of the whole of Siam. Unless the rulers of the two countries entirely lose their senses they will not look upon a small territory as sufficient compensation for the waste of millions in money and thousands of lives. Of course there are "jingoes" in both countries, but rival in the east. It is undoubtedly a we should trust the very large majority perception of these possibilities which who are possessed of some common sense has made the project a favorite one in the imperial circle and brought about to overcome the mischievous work of the the conditions necessary to secure its fools. Surely modern civilization is an early execution. The official order empty name if great nations feel themcalls for the completion of the entire selves at liberty to prey on weaker neighroad in 1904; and while it seems hardly possible that the work can be combors and seize territory to which they have no claim. What is immoral in the pleted in ten years with the means at hand, there is little doubt that the case of an individual ought to be considered immoral in the case of a nation.

it this year. The last match of the meeting is the Ottawa team match. Enwith those of America. The river valleys of the Amoor region are also capatries are confined to the twenty comble of cultivation and may in time suppetitors having the highest aggregate port a large population, while the Ousscores. The eight competitors making the highest scores in this match will souri country is known to be rich in comprise the Ottawa team. Six of coal and iron. The long stretch of over them must be efficient members of the 1,500 miles from Tomsk to the headquaractive militia of the province. ters of the Amoor, however, can never have much local traffic. The climate THE RIFLE. and soil alike forbid settlement, and a small business in horses and cattle from

SATURDAY'S MATCHES. the nomad herds and in lumber from The last match in the Military Rifle League series was fired at the Goldthe forests of the Irtish and the Weststream range Saturday, and Victoria is assured of the prize offered to the batnovoi, will be the most that can be extalion shooting the greatest number of

teams throughout the series. The summaries are given below :-Victoria Rifle Club (ten men) Company (eight men)..... Company (ten men) .387

THE AGGREGATE WINNERS. Victoria Rifle Club.

Martin B. C. B. G. A. Team.

The main purpose of the line is not commercial, however, but military and The trans-Caspian railway At New Westminster there was a very consolidated and made permanent changeful light but the wind was favor-Russian power in Central Asia able. The shooting fell away off, and and its extension to Khokand and Tash-Westminster teams end with rather diskend, now well under way, will make appointing scores, which were as folan excellent supply line for an army inlows:-Team No. 1, 724 points; team No. 2 (9 men), 504 points. Geo. Turnbull. Siberian line on the other side will be who led up to this match in the best aga base line for operations from the gregate, scored 77 points. north and east and the ancient empire

The annual meeting of the B.C.R.A. placed at a serious disadvanwill open at Goldstream on Thursday. tage. The shrewdest of the Chinese The entries are very numerous. Victoria, statesmen are aware of this and their Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, efforts to strengthen their northern fron-Plumper's Pass and the Navy will be tier are in contrast to the supineness of represented. the English, who seem now, as usual, to

For the day's shooting D. Dunkin rely altogether on their naval force headed everybody with the excellent to check the designs of their great | score of 83.

YACHTING. SPEED OF YACHTS.

The speed displayed by Lord Dunraven's yacht Valkyrie in several races in British waters has excited considerable consternation among the yachtsmen here and made them fear for the safety of the America's cup. By every possible comparison she is far fleeter than any yacht hitherto produced on either side of the Atlantic. Yachtsmen here dread that if the Valkyrie only maintains the

same record when racing for the cup the American yacht, whichever it may be, "will not be in it," unless some most unlooked-for accident favors it, and such casualties are always occurring-making "the best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft aglee."

But the racing qualities displayed the Valkyrie may well raise the hopes of our countrymen for her success. . In at least one of the races on the other side not only the Valkyrie, but the 'yachts' Britannia and Satanita also attained a speed equal to 153-8 knots an hour, for all three sailed over a 50-mile course in about three and one-quarter hours, a rate which has not been approached by a long way as yet on this side. Of these three yachts the Valkyrie has prov- 20:22.

was escorted to Sicher's notel." After breakfast the visiting clubs had a threemile run to Forest Park. At 11 o'clock there was a parade through the principal business and residence thoroughfares. The races will be started promptly at 2:30. The meet is the largest ever held in this state, and it is believed that the present record for a mile, 2:44, will be considerably reduced. BROKE WORLD'S RECORD.

London, July 22 .- The 24 hour bicycle race between French and English record breakers was completed at Herne Hill to-day. F. W. Shorland won, covering 428 miles and 440 yards, thus beating the world's record of Jules Dubois, the French long-distance wheelman. Bil. lake was second, covering 410 miles and 110 yards. Hammong covered 398 miles, Crocker 388, Lacille 387, Sames 334 and Chereau 318. FAILED TO WIN.

Tacoma, July 22 .- William Clarke, who started on Thursday to break all previous records of a day's ride on a bicycle, by riding to Portland between two suns, was worsted by the bad roads between Centralia and Kalama. He made the run to Kalama in fairly good time, but beyond Centralia he walked most of the way. Some of the farmers told him it was difficult for one to ride a horse over the roads, and that there was no show for a bicyclist. Mr. Clarke

went on as far as Kalama and returned by train. WHOLESALE BREAKAGES. Detroit, July 22 .- In the presence of 25,000 people this afternoon Frank Waller, of Indiana, who had an allowance of 30 seconds, won the first time prize in the Hilsendegen international road race in one hour, seven minutes and twelve seconds, breaking the world's rebe asked for; it is a beautiful sheet of cord of one hour, eleven minutes and water and its banks present plenty of fifty-nine seconds. W. R. Hensel, of Foronto, won the second time prize in one hour, ten minutes and twenty-three seconds. Among the 180 riders eriered

for the time prizes, from all parts of the country, twenty-one broke existing Amercan records. The scratch men finished ing. in a bunch in 1:13:07.

THE OAR.

HANLAN-GAUDAUR RACE. Orillia, Ont., July 22 .- The single scull race for the championship of America beween J. G. Gaudaur and Ed Hanlan here to-day resulted in a disappointment for 10,000 spectators. The men were to 1. called out at 7 o'clock, and at the word Go" Hanlan secured a slight lead. They owed dangerously close together all the way up the course, and at the first mile the oars became locked, and the men ceased rowing for several minutes. After the scullers became separated, Hanlan ontinued on alone, and rowed over the course in 21 minutes and 12 seconds.

Gaudaur turned back and claimed a foul. Referee Douglass decided that the race must be rowed over on Monday. The North Pacific Oarsmen's Association have elected the following officers for the year: President, A. G. Ferguson, Vancouver; Vice-President, Brook White, Portland; Secretary-Treasurer, H. E. Judge, Portland. The Burrard Inlet Club secured second place in the junior

fours. GAUDAUR BEATS HANLAN. Orillia, Ont., July 24.-Gaudaur won the race to-day against Hanlan. Time. I WELLISS THAT

Albion C. C. E. Martin, b Maitland.... Savory, c Napier, b Laurence... Schwengers, c Stanley, b Hornby... S. Innes, b Maitland... A. Green, b Carter... G. Fowkes, b Laurence... W. Thomas, b Laurence. Falls, not out..... Taylor, b Hornby..... Extras *******************

Total The Victoria junior cricket club de-FELL; or, NOT PROVEN. By Charlotte M. Braeme, author of "Dora Thorne." No. 3. UNDER THE RED FLAG. By Miss M. E. Braddon. No. 4. KING SOLOMON'S MINES. By H. defeated the dockyard on Saturday after a great game No. 4 battery was defeated by C bat-No. 4. KING SOLOMON'S MINES. 2. Rider Haggard. No. 5. AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGH-No. 6. THE CORSICAN BROTHERS. By tery on Saturday.

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No. 11. THE BELLE OF LYNN; or. THE MILLER'S DAUGHTER. By Charlotte M.

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No. 14. NURSE REVEL'S MISTAKE. By

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No. 16. A STUDY IN SCARLET. Conan Doyle. No. 17. ROCK RUIN; or, THE DAUGH-TER. OF THE ISLAND. By Mrs. Ann S.

No. 18. LORD LISLE'S DAUGHTER. By

No. 19. THE ARMORER OF TYRE. By

George Eliot. No. 21. A SCARLET SIN. By Florence

Marryatt. No. 22. THE SEA KING. By Captain

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THE TIMES.

· Victoria, B. C.

Cobb, Jr. MR. GILFIL'S LOVE STORY. By

Charlotte M. Braeme, author of

Warden. MERLE'S CRUSADE. By Rosa

AUUALLO. No. 6. THE CORSICAN BROTHERS. By Alexander Dumas. TY DAYS. By Jules Verne. No. 7. LADY GRACE. By Mrs. Henry Wood. No. 8. AVERIL. By Rosa Nouchette THE CRUISE TO PEDDER BAY. The members of the canoe and yacht clubs who planned the cruise to Pedder Bay on Saturday have every reason to Carey. No. 9. THE BLACK DWARF. By Sir congratulate themselves on its success. There was only one drawback, for which Walter Scott. No. 10. A NOBLE LIFE. By Miss Mu-

they were in no wise responsible, namely, the inconstancy of the wind. This rather interfered with the sailing part of the programme, and Capt. Foot's able little steamer, the Spinster, was called on for some service in the way of towing. Capt. Foot in many other ways contributed to the success of the cruise, and those who took part felt much indebted to him. Five yachts and a host of canoes went down to the bay on Saturday, some of the more enthusiastic canoeists finding their own motive power. The trip down was very enjoyable, the camp on the shore of romantic Pedder inlet was found a most pleasant spot, and the return journey yesterday was equally satisfactory, except that the wind refused to hold out. The success of the cruise in every respect was so great that a repetition is very likely. No finer objective point for a cruise than Pedder inlet need

attractions for the camper.

No. 22. THE SEA KING. By Captain Marryatt. No. 23. THE SIEGE OF GRANADA. By Sir E. Bulwer Lytton. No. 24. MR. MEESON'S WILL. By H. Rider Haggard. No. 25. JENNY BARLOWE. By W. Clarke Russell. No. 26. BEATON'S BARGAIN. By Mrs. Alexander. No. 27. THE SQUIRE'S DARLING. By THE GUN. Charlie Martin, of the Globe Hotel, No. 27. THE SQUIRE'S DARLING. By Charlotte M. Braeme, author of "Dorn. has gained the silver medal offered by No. 27. THE SQUIRE'S DARLING. By Charlotte M. Braeme, author of "Dora. Thorne." No. 28. THE RUSSIAN GIPSY. By Alex-ander Dumas. No. 29. THE WANDERING HEIR. By Charles Reade. No. 30. FLOWER AND WEED. By Miss M. E. Braddon. No. 31. NO THOROUGHFARE. By Chas. Dickens and Wilkie Collins. No. 32. THE GREAT HOGGARTY DIA-MOND. By W. M. Thackeray. The above books are well printed and bound in paper covers. They are sold regu-larly at retail for ten ceats each, so that our offer exables our readers to buy them at one-third of their value. It is a chance to secure standard works of fiction at mere-ly nominal cost One of the above coupons will be pub-lished in every issue of the Times until further notice. Cut out and save them until you have four, when they can be sent to the office and the three books of your selection obtained. Then you can again save the coupons until you have four more when you can secure three more books, and se on. We make this liberal offer, whereby some the Nanaimo gun club, for the three highest scores in a series of pigeon shoot-

LACROSSE.

The bricklayers of Nanaimo have chalenged the men of the same trade in Victoria for a lacrosse match. The Capitals beat the Shamrocks at Ottawa on Saturday 6 to 1. There was only 15 minutes of actual play. The Torontos beat the Cornwalls 5 Nanaimo will have a good' lacrosse

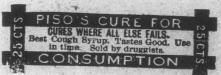
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Montreal Herald:-Too often in the past the Government appreciated the importance of equalizing revenue and expenditure, but went about it in the wrong way. It recklessly increased the national expenditure, and squandered millions of dollars that should never have been taken from the people at all in the erection of public works that either could have been dispensed with altogether or have been built much more economically. or in subventions to enterprises which were often nothing less than blinds for downright robbery. The Government

opening decade of the twentieth century will see the completion of the first trans-Asiatic railroad. - Engineering Magazine for June. Machiavelli's Intellectual Power. After a careful study of all those who have written about Machiavelli and commented on his work, "The Prince," since his death in June, 1527, an Italian scholar comes to the conclusion that naught but blind aversion can prevent

anyone from admitting that Machiavelli was the greatest of Italian prose-writers. holding in prose the same position that Dante holds in Italian poetry; and, moreover, that naught but blind aversion can keep anyone from discerning in Machiavelli's writings a weighty intellect, and in his works and life a man no worse than has reformed its course somewhat in many others of that country.