

THE WARSHIPS' FIGHT.

An Imaginary Conflict Between the Sea Giants of Modern Naval Warfare.

The Terrible Destructive Power of Big Guns Fiered in Deadly Earnest.

She was painted all grey, from her two huge funnels to the water-line; with her long hull, and her angle of upper works joined together amidships, and descending forward upon the round turret, from which projected the long barrels of the twin great guns; she was like a castle set afloat upon a decked ship.

But, by this time, three black dots all plumed with smoke have risen over the rim of the sea. The battleship, altering her course, steers straight for them; and her broad keel shows for a moment the deep sea grave of the sunken ship.

Now our battleship, down in the armored casemates which open off the mess-deck, the guns' crews are standing at their stations, awaiting orders, alert and cool as on parade.

Down in the swaying stokeholds the stokers have coal into the glowing furnaces, the engineers of the watch keep a wary eye on the jumping water in the gauge-glasses which are attached to each boiler, and the engine room is under the sound of the ponderous machinery, feeling the bearings warm, the smoke swift and over-heated.

At the moment the watch upon the other battleship, followed by a few moments of unshakable suspense, from our battleship, the chain of bubbles was sent to pass safely across her, and, at the same moment, the straining ears of the torpedo lieutenant, there came the enormous sound of a battering explosion.

GOLD FEVER'S VICTIM.

A Former Steamboat Operator Named McKinnon and Two Companions Drowned.

News Brought Down by Captain T. Foster, Who Returned Yesterday from Glenora.

The gold fever has claimed three more victims. Capt. Thomas Foster, who returned to Nanaimo early Wednesday morning on the steamer Islander, coming to Victoria by the noon train, has been to Glenora, making a trip up the Stikine river, after having taken the Canadian Development Company's steamer Victorian to Wrangell.

McKinnon was taking a party of five men into the Yukon country and had reached Telegraph Creek with their outfit, when the captain decided to start over the trail. Before making the start, however, McKinnon decided to visit Glenora for his mail and taking two members of his party, started down the river.

McKinnon was well-to-do and was planning the expedition of which he was the leader. Considerable money was found in his pockets when the body was picked up.

WEDNESDAY'S BALL GAMES. At Cincinnati-Cincinnati, 5; Brooklyn 3. At Pittsburg-Pittsburg, 8; Philadelphia 3. At Louisville-Louisville, 8; New York, 4. At Chicago-Chicago, 20; Baltimore, 4; called, rain. At St. Louis-Boston, 8; St. Louis, 4. At Cleveland-Cleveland, 5; Washington, 4.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Sessions Will be Held Daily. But Nothing is to be Made Public Just Now. Washington, May 25.—About three o'clock this afternoon Sir Julian Pauncefote and Sir Louis Daries called upon the President at the executive mansion.

NOTES OF THE WAR. New Location for Cervera's Squadron—Porto Rico Cable Still Working—Pension Roll Opened. Cape Haytien, May 25.—A rumor which cannot be confirmed is circulated here to the effect that the Spanish Cape Verde squadron under Admiral Cervera, generally believed to be at Santiago de Cuba, is now at Cienfuegos.

MOVING ON MANILA. First American Army to Sail for Foreign Shore Now on the Pacific. San Francisco, May 25.—The start was made for Manila late this afternoon and the first American army to sail for a foreign shore is now on the Pacific. The transports carry about 2,500 men. The expedition, which is under command

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JEDDAH WINS THE DERBY.

A Remarkable Number of Runners and the Favorites Did Not Perform Well.

Epson, Eng., May 25.—The 218th renewal of the Derby stakes (6,000 sovereigns), was run at the Epson Downs, today. Derby day opened fine and pleasantly cool. The remarkable number of runners, 18, which was unequalled in the last 23 years, coupled with the openness of the result, added greatly to the interest of the event.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER. Mr. Joseph Martin to Head "Independent Liberal Ticket in Provincial Contest." Passengers Luckily Escape in Tramway Run-Off—Quiet Celebration of Queen's Birthday.

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TRAMWAY ACCIDENT. The tramway between Vancouver and Seattle was the scene of a somewhat serious accident, last night about eight o'clock a heavily laden passenger car running on the track.

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Northern Prospectors the Victims of Indians in the Hootalinqua.

A Triple Drowning on Lake Bennett—Skagway's Sporting Ambition.

Just before the steamer Islander left Skagway for home—on Friday last—word came in over the trail of the killing of one man and the dangerous wounding of another by two Indians, members of the Stick tribe, on McClintock river, a tributary of the Hootalinqua.

ALL EVIDENCE IN. Mr. R. F. Tolmie Examined Before the Royal Commission Yesterday Morning. Explanation of the Conversation With Mr. Richards in Reference to That \$10.

The taking of evidence before the Royal Commission appointed by the provincial government to enquire into the allegations made in an editorial in the Times that money was paid to the officials to expedite business in the lands and works department, was concluded yesterday and the commission adjourned.

Mr. Richards cross-examined Mr. Tolmie at some length in regard to a piece of land that Mrs. Tolmie was about to purchase from the Kaslo & Slokan railway, alleging in his explanation of his reasons for cross-examining on this point that Mrs. Tolmie had first applied for the land and then withdrew her application allowing the railway company to secure it, as if purchased by a private party.

Mr. Tolmie's interest in the transaction was not dropped by him and also to the controversy in the papers respecting the commission. The objections were brought out through the editor of the Times instructing the reporter for that paper, to take down a remark of the commissioner to the effect that "Mr. Richards had worked under him in the land office and that he had always been friendly to him."

DISRESPECT TO HER MAJESTY. To the Editor:—It has been a matter of considerable comment among the visitors to the birthday celebrations in Victoria that the birthday anthem has not been sung at any of the festivities on Beacon Hill or the Gorge. During the regularity with the Kuper Island band consisting of Indians to play one or two bars of the anthem, but the rest of the citizens' committee, completely ignored it in all their performances.

RUSSIA AT PORT ARTHUR. Preparations for Placing Complete Shipbuilding Plant at That Station. London, May 25.—The Navy League Journal says it is informed that Russia is negotiating with an American firm for the laying down of a complete shipbuilding yard and plant at Port Arthur.

GOVERNOR OF SOUDAN. Slatin Pasha Will be Appointed When the Dervishes Are Done For. London, May 25.—A despatch from Berlin to the Standard says it is declared that Slatin Pasha will be appointed governor-general of the Sudan after the departure of the present governor, the dervish power, by the Anglo-Egyptian expedition. The official residence of the governor-general will be Khartoum.

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