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Roberts' Despatches

They Make Interesting Reading **But Throw No New Light** on War.

Broadwood Is Not Blamed for the Disaster at Sanna's Post.

Tranquility of Transvaal Depends on Disarming of the Inhabitants.

London. Feb. 9. - Public attention has again been turned to South Africa by the despatch reinforcements and the publication of Lord Roberts' mail despatches. Rumors have been in circulation that Mr. Chamberlain has reconsidered his South African policy, and was contemplating a round table conference with John Morley and Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, and

Lord Roberts' despatches are not regarded as giving any further elucidation of the conduct of the war, but they are miteresting as proving that throughout the campaign he never had sufficient men, horses or supplies to cover such a vast field of operations.

Looking at all the circumstances, Lord Looking at all the cifcumstances, Lord Roberts says the campaign was the most unique in the annals of war, and he pays the highest tribute to the gallantry and worth of the troops, declaring that "no finer force ever took the field under the British flag."

cluding the narrative of General Baden-Powell, who says the newspaper corre-spondents gave him much trouble, "as the enemy received a great deal of information as to our circumstances in Ma-feking from the newspapers."
Sir Geo. White gives an account of the siege of Ladysmith and of the struggle of the population and the garrison against starvation and enteric fever.

THE BY-ELECTIONS.

Writs for the by-elections in Nanaimo City and Vancouver were issued yesterday. The nominations will take place on Monday, February 18, and the polling on Tuesday, 19th, the following day.

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Montreal, Feb. 8.-A Watt & Co., im porters and manufacturers' agents, have assigned for the benefit of their creditors, with liabilities of about \$30,000.

southern Pacific stocks is to be finished by an issue of \$40,000,000 Union Pacific 4 per cent. ten-year convertible gold bonds, underwritten by John Loeb & Co. The bonds are to form part of a total authorized issue of \$100,000,000 Union Pacific 4 per cent. ten-year convertible gold bonds, underwritten by John Loeb & Co. The bonds are to form part of a total authorized issue of \$100,000,000 of bonds, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent. and not less than 3 per cent. yearly. The bonds will be secured by certain collateral in the company's treasury, as well as by a first mortgage on about 1,300 miles of road, forming part of the Union Pacific Railway Company's present system not now mortgaged.

Canada to

The King

Address to His Majesty Passed by the House of Commons.

The Premier and Leader of the **Opposition Make Eloquent** Speeches.

An Expression of Devoted Loyalty to the Throne and Empire.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The business of the

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WANTS ARBITRATION. Still Another Attempt to Get Europe to

Interfere.

Brussels, Feb. 8.—In the chamber of deputies to-day, a petition inviting Belgium to offer to arbitrate between Great Britain and the Transvaal was debated at some length. The foreign minister, M. B. Tavereau, said the government did not object to the petition being referred to a committee, but they considered the author of the petition misunderstood the meaning of Article 27 of The Hague convention, under which it was desired to act.

CARTWRIGHT REMANDED. Formally Charged With Seditious Liber at Capetown.

Capetown, Feb. 8.—Mr. Albert Cartwright, editor of the South African News, who was arrested yesterday, charged with criminal and seditious libel, was formally charged in a police court here this afternoon, and remanded in £2,000.

THE QUEEN'S STATUE.

Windsor, Feb. 8.—The recumbent statue of the late Queen Victoria, chiselled 30 years ago, is being prepared for its place on top of the sarcophagus by the side of the Prince Consort's

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Horizon

Peaceful

Even in Her Death Queen Victoria Has Strengthened Friendly Bonds.

Britain, Germany and Portugal Are Closer United Than Ever Before.

Nicaraguan Canal Difficulty Likely to Be Settled Without Slightest Friction.

London, Feb. 9.-A comprehe view of the international situation reveals only improved prospects for conunued peace and harmony. From the British standpoint, Queen Victoria's death appears to have strengthened, rather than weakened Great Britain's position among the nations. A sufficient time has elapsed since Victoria ceased to reign for the foreign office to feel the political pulse of the capitals of Europe, and the briefest examination, commenced in no spirit of cocksureness, resulted in a feeling of safe security at Downing street. The foremost factor in this, naturally, is Emperor William's attitude. Responsible officials here make no attempt to conceal their elation at the circumstances attendant on His Majesty's visit. They do not shut their eyes to the dissatisfaction the Emperor has caused among certain sections of his subjects, but rely implicitly on the imperious force of Germany's ruler to successfully overcome the internal obposition among the nations. A sufficient

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for services in connection with the funeral of Queen Victoria has caused somewhat of a shock to officers of both army and navy, and corresponding enthusiasm among the rank and file. It is quite without precedent, and has done more to popularize King Edward with his sailors than could any other act. The officers are beginning to see the King's motive in according the sailors an exceptional honor. Some of the army officers are bitterly complaining of an innovation since Lord Roberts took command of the forces, by which they are obliged to wear uniform whenever they go to the war office. Whatever his purpose, Lord Roberts in this way and many others is trying to down the prejudice of the majority of officers against appearing in public in uniform. Soon officers' uniforms are likely to be as common in London streets as privates' uniforms are now.

POULTRY SHOW CLOSES.

Nanaimo, Feb. 9.—The poultry show closed this afternoon. Judge Down gave a public exhibition of scoring, and then tested a number of leading breed ers and fanciers in the same. The direc tors and officers are elated over the fin-It is understood that Fred. Young has

definitely concluded not to come out against Hawthornthwaite in the provincial by-election on the 19th inst., and probably the latter will go in by acclamation.

Twixt Earth And Heaven

Japanese Ordered Deported By One Law and Held By Another.

Vancouver Firm Purchases Marble Quarry For a Large Sum.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Raiders Deserting

Dewet Treats His Men Cruelly and Many Are Leaving Him.

His Brother Points Out the Hopelessness of Further Resistance.

Boers Suffer Heavy Loss in Unsuccessful Attack at Bothwell.

London, Feb. 9.-The Weekly Despatch states that it has good ground for saying that information has been received in an authoritative quarter in London that Commandant Dewet late on Friday attempted to escape along the Smithfield-Bethulie road, but was foiled by a strong body of scouts. Subsequently Knox intercepted another movement, whereupon Dewet retreated and was forced over the Basutoland bor-

and was forced over the Basutoland border.

Cradock, Cape Colony, Feb. 9.—Boer raiders are nine miles from Graaf Reinet, and are also in the neighborhood of Rosmead.

Herschel, Cape Colony, Feb. 8.—(Friday)—A deserter from Gen. Dewet's force avers that Dewet treats his men cruelly, and frequently sjamboks. The deserter was arrested by the Boers after he had surrendered to the British, and was given 25 lashes. Many Boers are deserting. President Steyn and Gen. Dewet personally shoulder rifles.

Capetown, Feb. 9.—Gen. French has occupied Ermelo, in the Transvaal. Six thousand Boers retired.

The Boers violently attacked Smith-Dorrien's outpost at Bothwell on February 6, but were driven back with heavy loss.

Bloemfontein, Feb. 5.—(Tuesday)—The text of a portion of the letter from Piet Dewet, chairman of the peace commission, to his brother, Christian Dewet, appealing to the latter to surrender, was published in the Post to-day. It is as follows:

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