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d Press.) e 1.-Albert Koenis d the contents of a dy of Police Officer self instantly killed revolver of Officer near the Southern late last night.

T FOR OTIS.

Press. 1.-The Chronicle E. S. Otis is looked dquarters as the the department of ntment of Otis to o have been settled time ago, and to al of the General. AIN WRECKED.

1.—The fast pa e San Antonio and oad, known as the 30 miles south of e washing out of a hn Hines and Fire-illed. No passengers

E IN INDIA.

1.-In the Senate California) pr ganizations and inasking Congress to on for the relief of e of India, and he rred to the commitDay by Day At Mafeking Alone With the Watchers in the Little Town in British

Bechuanaland. Suspicious Disappearance of Cats and Dogs--Sad Condition

of the Natives.

Now that Mafeking is relieved, and the gallant little town on the Buluwayo plentiful, railroad, one can read with more equanimity the scanty words that have come

drink. It is almost probable that boiling four stone. would improve it, but wood is so scarce that it is barely possible for the people to cook their meals, and there is none to spare for water-boiling. Just imagine, then, a mid-day thirst, and an attempt to slake it with this deadly stuff, heated to a few degrees above blood temperature. I have not come across a filter in the town. Perhaps that article of civilzation has not yet made its way up here. As for drinks as commonly known, noses that I see walking about.

A Sorry Mount. We look at our horses occasionally and mentally cast off the probable weight and succulency of the meat they will yield. There is one mount here that I will draw the commissariat officer's attention to when the time comes. It is the war-steed used by the representative of the Times. Last Sunday morning I borrowed the arrangement to ride over to a native stadt and Outpost Kopje, a couple of miles out of town. When I mounted him he had a short nap, and then he worked up steam and got his engines going dead slow, equal to about a knot per hour, according to the patent log, which, like all patent things, never lies. I thought at the outset that he was one of those horses that begin the day's work slowly, and then warming up, refuse to be held in; but I was mistaken. He kept up that walk all the time, and occasionally went to asleep and refused to wake up until he was ready. Then he would root up a tuft of grass and and remember that they are a week's out. You newspaper fellows don't murch it, and when I gave him the spur march nearer the seaside, where in know everything. When the Boers get the occasion, and the honor due such a he only threw his hind legs into the air he only threw his hind legs into the air peace they will listen to the whisperings had news they always fight like devils. momentous event as the surrender of and tried to get rid of me. It is an another the peace they will listen to the whisperings had news they always fight like devils. Pretoria, Mayor Hayward called the nowing thing when your barse takes led and trebled when knots of negroes snigger at you and young white gamins advise you to "Get off his neck." inside him," or "Get down and look ap you if you have "forgotten the key that the deprivations of the ordinary necesyou wind him up with." At last I had sities of life, the doubts and fears, the bridle and help him up the rise, and ation of evils inseparable from life durwhen I approached the town on my reling a protracted siege, have left their turn I again mounted and rode in at mark on only too many. the same old less than funeral pace, trying to assume a look that said, "I've been riding hard outside for hours, and it is more—it is a day of rest and safety. horse, and grinned. I wish I had known ourselves in the quietude of the country-him as well before I took him out. I side. It is pleasant in the Old Country gave him a farewell dig with the spurs before I dismounted in the hotel yard, and he had life enough left to work up a look of extreme malice before he went asleep outside the stable door. He was

cut of action.

Suspicious Disappearances. small. Observing that the numbers were thinning out, I asked our only police-sergeant if the animals were crossing lines, and he replied that they were being got rid of, as they sometimes bay at the moon and howled by night. which gave the Boers the direction of

broods of them running about near my and yet so few, of our friends. Occaquarters a week ago, and now I only see one red-haired kitten where its relatives used to gambol to the number of fifteen. There is generally more in tinned meat There is generally more in tinned meat than meets the eye, but as we are hard around the town, and then the mind pressed in a siege, I, for one, will not grumble. In other towns similarly situated have the folk not been reduced to relating to what may be occurring outeating rats, and been glad to get them? side. If they are rats, knowing what was dished up to them, should we not be wildly thankful, without actually knowing what After all, what can you expect for 4½d. After all, what can you expect for 4½d. Seventh day as a day of truce has created no surprise. They are capable of any form of treachery, and the wonder thrown into buckets and kept for the solution of the solution bogus hares and questionable goat-meat? the Boers no longer invest the walls of scraps are few enough, but the bones are have been wholesale, and the work

The Starving Natives.

The state of starvation observable in wrote and managed to send by runner to picked up. In fact, as cargo is thrown the nearest friendly station the follow- overboard to lighten a sinking ship, so are the poor little Kaffir boys sacrificed The more I think the more I mar- by their heathen parents. The reason vel at the comparative slightness of the why the girls are saved is because later epidemic of fever. There are men else on they will be taken to wife, and bewhere who would give any price to fore the bonds of wedlock are tied their raise a thirst such as most of us are fathers will get their commercial value king it is different. The water taken when I put him on my list as an extra from the river is like liquid mud. It servant. I measured him, and the tape holds in solution grains of the river bed, told me that the span of his wrists was and goodness knows how many species almost two inches, his ankles two and of bacilli. It would take a pint of pure a half, his thigh five, and his chest water and a spoonful of Condy to clean twelve and three-quarter inches! His glassful of it and make it safe to weight turned the beam slightly under

Hopes. By this time we expect the forces around have begun their advance, in which case some of us hope to be back in civilization before midsummer. It will take a good deal of rest and fit diet to pull some together again, and I am afraid that next month, when the climate will be at its worst, we will miss many faces that we see pallid around us to-day. It will be an act of mercy if I told you some time ago that all the high and middle grade liquors had given out. Now the thirsty souls live on popnative wines, and the general runs of trade run so well and fatally known to those who have ever been on the West of Coast. Even these will soon peter out, and then well, the color will leave some noses that I see walking about.

Natal or elsewhere. I kadw those Boers, and the premises in the business pertion, and their residences in the business pertion, and thei told you some time ago that all the the government offer the entire populasiege, the sight of the battered houses and the shell-ripped roads and the ruin observable on all hands will often give them cold shivers long after the cannon have ceased to roar and the fighting men have laid by their implements of war. Change of air, of scene, and of association alone will have power to mend their broken health, and save a good number of the premature demises that will occur among those who to-day are experiencing the continual presence of the angel of death, whose dark wings hover over the devoted town night and

Again, a week later, he writes:

to dismount and tow the animal by the thousand and one upsets, the conglomer-A Broken Truce.

Sunday at home is a lay of rest; here appreciate the luxury and blessing of a It is even more still to vs. It is as if slow walk to finish vp." But all the we had passed a year in the grinding people I passed seemed to know the mill of the busy city, and then found still asleep when four negroes lifted him forth from their ditches and holes on the Such is the description of the run- Sabbath morning to spend a day of ed hair-trunk that they hire to you in freedom. Their feelings as they go back this part of the world. He is good as a to answer the roll at nightfall are akin curio, but is hardly the sort of steed to those of the schoolboy who returns to that is best fitted to carry one into or what he erroneously considers the hardest work in life after vacation at home. Full congregations attend the church I mentioned in a former letter that the place swarmed with dogs both great and of war are seen on the tuilding. Shells have come in through the roof and ploughed away the ceiling boards and left their marks elsewhere; and as the parsons prays for immunity from battle, murder and sudden death, the worship pers think of the cruel nombardment of the past week, and the mind is carried

To-day we spend our Sunday under How Victorians Celebrated When dangerous auspices. The Boers have kept up a sniping fire since the early is behind the strange name on the menu morning, and bullets occasionally fly card, to have our appetite appeased with over the town. Tais going back on their solemn promise to observe the order thrown into buckets and kept for had the townspeople in a crowd in the the purpose of a soup kitchen that has open, and then turned their artillery been opened. Goodness knows, the upon them. Then the slaughter might would have been wone quickly.

Round the Town. from behind the sturdy bastions at long the stadt of the Baralongs is said to witfrom benind the state of the outer world of ness. I was among the Matabele during tion. One would willingly give a week ish arms in South Africa and the anaied townstolk and their protecting garri-son. Reading between the lines, one gathers something of the pluck that up-held these men and women in their dreadful hour of trial, and can appreheld these men and women in their that set me wondering how the display ings of victory of troops in South Africa.

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the roasting afternoon, and makes the

roasting afternoon, and makes the mucous membrane as dry as a limekiln sharply, and it was almost possible to of them be true, force you to conclude fested in the great struggle that is nearor the throat of an Egyptian mummy. count every bone in his frame. He did that there is very little nenesty in South ing its conclusion in the South African The J.B.A.A. Chub house was beautiful-Thirst! You can raise a glorious one in not whine for "skoff" (food), but like a Africa, and that you cannot accept an Egypt, and the commodity is common little brick demanded work! It was im- introduction to a luminous body without marked has been the influence upon J.B.A.A. member, H. D. Helmcken, con-

funeral. You heard she was sniped yes recently concluded. terday?" You pity that man because he has lost his mother-in-law, and you allow him to escape. No. 2: "Didn't that big gun give it to 1.5 yesterday? I thought they would never give up. I think they must had had good news from Natal or elsewhere. I know those Boers,

noying thing when your horse takes which will do more than all the doctors hundred and two wagon-leads yesterday? meeting of the patriotic committee, as charge of you; but your chagrin is doub- in the world and all the remedies in the They got seven wagon-load of ammuni- chronicled in these columns yesterday. pharmacopoeia to restore them to the tion, too. Believe me, my boy, those to arrange the programme of the day's on their way to church turn round and health that they have lost during the fellows intend to stay to the bitter end. events. Owing to the shortness of the terribly trying times we have passed I know the Boer better than any other period allowed for preparation-a mat-"Get through, with their alarm; their dangers, man here." At the hospital you get ter of a few hours—there was no general their crushing weight of cares. The among a cluster of convalescents, who parade, but the cheering crowds who at yourself," or, again, when they ask hopes deferred, the treacherous climate, clamor around for news. After half a marched in constant procession through comes charged with big gun theories.

The Big Gun. "I tell you they must have had-mush room to her breech-heard yesterdaygoing to stay-leaving in hundreds-two hundred wagons—an children—big gun—heard at Dixon's—ho—big gun—rainy season—big—won't stay—big—big gun—for cavalry—gun—if we had some Dra—Belyea delivered brief addresses, dwell—stay and stay brief addresses, dwell—stay and stay brief addresses, dwell—stay and stay brief addresses, dwell—stay brief addresses, goons—big gun—artillery—gun—mounted infantry—big gun—bad news—gun—good ing on the heroism of the British troops take the opportunity to slip into the hos-pital, and when you have done your business there you get out through the back door and make a flanking march to-wards home. You wards home a fort commandant returning to ditch.
He grips you and begins, "I think that big gun—" but before he has time to premises for the afternoon, which was get farther you are fifty yards away, observed as a public holiday in accordand he stares after you with open mouth, ance with Mayor Hayward's request. and he stares after you with open mouth, wondering what hurry wrenched you away from listening to his home-manuther manual factured evelusive information.

As on the occasion of the receipt of the children's Protection Act. The deputation then retired. factured exclusive information.

tion, and if she had not been out there during the past four months the inhabi-tants would have had but little to talk about."

They Heard of the Fall of Preturia.

(From Friday's Daily.) Chaotic demonstration and exultation reigned supreme in Victoria yesterday. The unparalleled succession of patriotic The monotony of life here is not im- celebrations and manifestations occasionhides and horns and feathers and such the Queen's Birthday celebrations, but were fountains, wheels, showers and amounts to \$297,825. how the latter made their money. You acterized yesterday's impromptu mani-

enough in India, but in those countries possible not to take him up, and he grin-running the risk of knowing a man who you can contrive to quench it. In Mafe-ned with delight and rolled his eyes ought to be dressed in white do Here is a sample of the general con- the traditionary reputation of this city versation, excluding the topics I have for loyalty, to place on record in unmisentioned. You go out for an hour's takable terms the expressions of rightwalk, and you are stopped by half a cous pride in the wonderful power of dozen persons at different times; No. 1. the Empire of which it is a part.

from down country. They always fire the kindly beams of King Sol allowed tion in this city is never complete. hard when they get ond news—those of preparations that unfortunately could Boer fellows. Well, must be off. "Go-not be carried into effect in the second not be carried into effect in the second ing to look after my mother-in-law's day of the Queen's birthday celebration

Long before daylight yesterday flags you mustn't tell them that I told you." synonym for doggedness and defiance, Then he hauls out a week-old lie, and would fight to the bitter end. That the to your relief departs with the air of a wonderful fortifications which had been man who has done you a good turn, constructed around this city so completebut does not want payment for it. You ly as to render it, according to current feel relieved when you cannon off No. opinion, impregnable, had been placed 3, who begins: "Whew! it's hot. I won- there for nothing, was not taken into der when this siege will be over. I'm consideration for one moment, and confairly fed up with it. Why did they fire sequently the decorations and patriotic that tig gun so much yesterday? I hear ornamentations which gave our city a they've got news of sorts. It must have striking appearance had for the most been either good or tad. I believe they part been taken down. But the rapidity were busy because they intend to clear with which they were reinaugurated can in a day or so. Good-day, old chap. be conceived when it is noted that the Don't get sniped crossing to the hos- streets were already gay with bunting pital," Crossing by the hospital traverse, and emblems, when many merchants Again, a week later, he writes:

It Is Once More Sunday.

The homesick one says that it is one week nearer the week nearer the reflects that it is one week nearer the revenge he desires and victory for our terday? I wonder why? I daresay they arms; the people worshipping in the know that Joubert has been killed. I spired church across the road pray for got the tip on the quiet vesterday; and "peace in our time"; the sickly long for Cronje's been mortally wounded at Modthe change that will make them well, der River. Oh, don't ask how I found

> minute's conversation, one of them, or the streets, among them enthusiasts compossibly three, start in with "the big ically attired, certainly carried out this gun." The conversation is fairly same feature to perfection. In the afternoon for a minute or so, and then the air be- there was a demonstration of school children at Beacon Hill, where the ceremony of flag-raising on the top of the hill was held. The cars to the hill were crowded, and as many as 5,000 people were gathered around the flag-staff when the proceedings commenced. The Fifth news-I know better than-Boers." You and the national importance of the occawards home. You meet your last man- cheers. In the city, scenes equally as en-

Chinese merchants did a rushing busi-Yet perhaps the presence of the 96- ness in firecrackers, and a constant fupounder is a blessing in disguise. She silade throughout the afternoon punctu-forms the one stock topic of conversa- ated by the heavier detonation of the bombs, was but a preface to the splutter and noise in the evening. At the conclusion of the proceedings at the hill yesterday several of the firemen "fired" a sa- his sympathy for the war sufferers by lute of twenty-one bomb-shells, amid the contributing to the bazaar in china and

ward, decorated Government street with flags and lanterns, to add to the splen-

The approach of dusk was the signal for thousands to be on the streets, Govrnment street, which was closed to ve icular traffic, presenting a beautiful ap pearance, the flags, bunting, lanterns, stringers of electric lights, the electric effects outside the premises of the B. C. Electric Railway Company and Hinton's, the flashes from the firecrackers and the cheering, contributing to a scene grandly picturesque and decidedly start-

One of the first to commence the evening's proceedings was Mong Kow, who for a couple of hours gave a right royal demonstration on Cormorant street, where a corps of assistants were busily engaged in throwing out pack after pack of whizzing, spluttering firecrackers and bombs, until the vicinity was illuminated by meteoric flashes from the ingenious detonating contrivances which can only be obtained in Chinatown. Thousands of packs of crackers must have been exploded, representing many hundreds of dollars, as a tangible evidence of Mong

Kow's patriotism. Several thousand people assembled at glorious effects which were received with urer, Dr. Fletcher.

The Canadian patriotic fund now many other splendid novelties, including expressions of approval and appreciation. But the grand finale was the piece city, died this morning.

city were excellent, and each well-known countenance was greeted with cheering. ation by a splendid freworks display at joy. A Toronto dispatch says as much his residence. On the James Bay flats a huge bon-fire was ignited and here the brations as would put up a pretty good Victoria City band, which played so excellently on the streets during the after--':Hello You are out under fire, too? As far as weather conditions were con of the fire department headquarters, on May of last year. Wasn't the big gun busy vesterday? cerned the occasion of celebration was Guess they must have had bad news of the most auspicious character, and the firemen, without whose aid a celebration of the legislature continues to be ob-

> navy crowds of bluejackets were on the Pe streets, who celebrated with their customary enthusiasm. One party escorted through the street a very seedy looking spicuous feature of yesterday's celebra- of Fredericton, N. B., to exclude liquo tion, bearing between his formidable dealers from membership of Orange teeth the words: "What we have we'll lodges. The resolution will now remain

made night hideous with horns and other noise-producing contrivances, while people walked and ran through Government street, trailing ignited bombs and firecrackers. The noise was deafening, and heightened by the fusilade of Capt. Gibson's string of crackers at the corner of Government and Yates streets, and those exploded from the Bank of Montreal building and on the opposite corner, The LONDON & BRITISH COLUMBIA electrical illumination of G. C. Hinton's premises was beautiful, the vari-colored letters of "Roberts" being strikingly displayed. The electrical display of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company's premises was also inexpressibly grand, the words "God Save the Queen" and "Victoria" being splendidly exhibit-

The demonstration continued until an early hour this morning, and it can truly represented by shares-was absorbed in be said in the light of the day's celebration that for the time being Victoria was "mad with delight."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

A deputation from the W. C. T. U. interviewed the aldermen of Vancouver Monday night. Mrs. S. H. Brown said that the matter of an industrial school of some sort was what they wished to speak of. There was a great necessity, she said, of something of this sort throughout the province. Another member of the deputation also spoke of the necessity of leading the children in such a way that they would be good citizens by and by. Mrs. Brown thought that the institution would need a little money to start it, but after that it would be to sell any of the share holdings excep all right, and the young people could at a great sacrifice, and this was why learn trades and such things. The saving of these young people for time and eternity was a very important work. The mayor said that though the council very heartily sympathised with their object, he considered it was a provincial matter, and he thought it was a good idea to secure aid from aspiring members of the Provincial House. Ald. McQueen was heartily in sympathy with the idea. was heartily in sympathy with the idea, nd he thought it a matter of great imortance that should be taken up by the gislature. He did not know that the city could give any help just now, in the present state of their finances. Mrs.

From the Queen down the best people are co-operating to make the bazaar in aid of the war sufferers a success and the stalls are attended by titled personages and the elite of London society. Emperor William of Germany has shown the town. I receive the explanation with suspicion. I have my own theory. What has become of the cats, too? They do not bay at the moon, There were two not bay at the moon, There were two not bay at the moon, There were two not the direction of the direction of the contributing to the bazaar in china and his opinion, in every way satisfactory. August Broehm, near Forest Junction, the afternoon a number of men under jesty bearing the Imperial signature, and the contributing to the bazaar in china and the contributing to the bazaar in china and the contributing to the bazaar in china and his opinion, in every way satisfactory. The cheers of surrounding thousands. In the afternoon a number of men under jesty bearing the Imperial signature, and the report, which was seconded by Mr. The house was completely under instructions from Mayor Hay. 1900," by the Emperor himself.

Welland Canal Dynamiters Now at Work in the Kingston · Penitentiary.

Fatalities at Montreal and Galt-Village Almost Destroyed by Fire.

(Associated Press.) Kingston, June 1.-The Welland canal dynamiters have been set to work in the penitentiary. Dulman is assisting the masons in rebuilding the cells, Molan is

in the machine shop and Walsh is break-

Ottawa, June 1 .- Mayor Macdonald, of Toronto, has wired the Governor-Several thousand people assembled at Beacon Hill in the night to witness the 7th, be proclaimed a Dominion holiday balance of the fireworks exhibited by for general thanksgiving for the bles sentiment throughout the day, which for Mesers. Hitt Brothers, and the display ings of victory of troops in South Africa.

The Royal Society concluded its sessions and fervor has never been was certainly a fine one. The weather last, were most favorable and the various designs were beautifully perfected, the whizzing rockets, the myriads of vari-colored sparks and lights producing

> Montreal, June 1.-Mrs. Hague, wile the tumbling globe, which evoked many of George Hague, general manager of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, in this

> on the Bank of Montreal windows in the was run over and instantly killed by an engine in the above yards at noon to-

The celebrations which followed the reported surrender of Pretoria were cou tinued in Ontario cities and towns and part of Quebec again last night, in some places the citizens going mad with powder had been burned during the cele siege of Pretoria. The customs receipts of this port for

noon, rendered a splendid programme. A May of this year were \$733,067.90, an huge bonfire was also ignited in front increase of \$48,681,90 compared with

structed by the wrangling of both sev-Yesterday being general leave in the ernment and opposition members over Lockport, N. B., June 1.—News has just reached here that the village of West

Green harbor, about five miles from this place, has been almost wiped out by a corest fire raging in that vicinity, Sixteen buildings were destroyed. There was little insurance and a number of families Galt, Ont., June 1 .- Fred Hall, the 17-

hold," and he looked as though he meant as a notice of motion for next year's Several parties, comically attired, lasted for five hours. Hon, N. Clarke Wallace was re-elected grand master. there being no opposition

Halifax, N. S., June 1.-Capt. Galt. of the wrecked Elder-Dempster liner Mont-pellier, has been suspended for three months. Capt. Smith, of the Admiralty Court, having given judgment to-day declaring that Galt was negligent in not using the lead sufficiently.

GOLDFIELDS, LIMITED.

The annual general meeting of this company was held on Monday, at the Cannon street hotel. Mr. Henry W. Foster, M. P., who presided, explained that when the company took over the assets and liabilities of the former com pany the whole of the then undistribut ed profit-£83,465, the bulk of which was the capital, thus enabling the share assets taken over to be valued at a very low figure. The advantage of this policy to the shareholders would be considerable in the future. In other words, if this company's holding of shares in the Ymir Gold Mines, the Whitewater Mines, and the Yukon Goldfields had appeared in the accounts at their market price, and if their Enterprise shares had been taken at par, excluding all other share assets, the profit, instead of being £27,256 for the period under review, would have been £98,000. The realization of the company's share assets was alone necessary to produce a large profit. Unfortunately, the miners' strike in British Columbia had so interfered with operations as to render it out of the questi holding in the Ymir Gold Mines was between 60,000 and 70,000 shares, in the Whitewater Mines 38,000 shares, in the Enterprise (British Columbia) Mines 52,000 shares, in the Ruth Mines 37,000 shares, and in the Yukon Goldfields about 17,000 shares. In speaking of the Cascade water and electrical power undertaking, which this company had con-ditionally agreed to acquire on favor-able terms, he said that it was expected that large returns would be obtained when all the works were completed. Out of the profit of £27,256, the directors recommended a dividend of 15 per cent.. payable in fully paid shares in the En-terprise (British Columbia) Mines, Their prospects for the current year were, in