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A Break Southward

Kritzinger's and Two Other Boer Commandos Cross the Railroad.

And Are Re-invading the More Populous Districts of Cape Colony.

Have Been Resting in the Mountains Preparing for Bold Dash.

Middleburg, Transvaal, May 25.—The commandos of Kritzinger, Van Reenan and P. Schee debouched yesterday before dawn and crossed the railroad. They dashed southward, re-invading the more populous districts of Cape Colony. Fouche's command has been sheltered and resting many weeks in the Zuurberg mountains.

PROMISING STRIKE.

Good News of Quartz Discovery in Omineca Country.

Vancouver, May 25.—(Special)—S. Andrew Singlehurst was a passenger on the steamer "Ottawa" from London, British Columbia last night. He is manager for Howard Gould, son of the late Jay Gould, of New York. He brings the news of a very rich strike made by Mr. Gould's party in Omineca, which had been sinking a shaft on the lead, which had been getting wider and wider as depth was attained. On reaching the hundred-foot level he had struck the vein, which proved to be 10 feet wide. The men then unrolled the vein right across its face and this assay had resulted as follows: Five hundred ounces in silver, 4 per cent copper, and 2 ounces in gold. If this richness is maintained, it will be second to Cornwall and the biggest winner in the province. Mr. Singlehurst says that he believes that he has an enormous body of very rich ore, for the vein has been growing gradually richer from the surface downwards. It is believed that he will strike a rich pocket. He says the strike has caused much excitement in Omineca and Pat Clarke and others are bonding all the properties they can get hold of. Mr. Gould has several properties he is developing, having sold them all working at the present time. A wagon road is being built to the nearest shipping point, and now that they are secure they have a mine a large amount will be put on and no surprise is the earliest possible consequence.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Attempts Being Made to Force Filippines to Surrender.

Manila, May 25.—The prosecution against D. M. Carman, Senior Garrison and others accused of trading with the insurrectionists, is in the hands of military authorities, consider that although the convictions of a number of Manila merchants were considered unimportant, especially as Hungary in union, their trial would be ineffectual, as the consequent damages to business would outweigh the good accomplished. Unless Generals Calles and Melver quickly agree, Manila will concentrate a strong force of United States troops and surround them. Calles is firmly holding for a guarantee from the United States authorities that he will not be tried for the dredge and stricture is alleged to have committed. Melver is boasting that he will be the last insurgent to surrender.

THOSE GOLD BARS.

Steward Who Received Reward for Finding Them Arrested.

Berlin, May 25.—Theodore Magers, the bedroom steward of the North German Lloyd steamship Kaiser Wilhelm for hours, who cleaned and obtained Gross, who on April last at Bremen found the three gold bars behind a corine in the specie room, has been released from the specie room at the arrival of the steamer at Cherbourg. The reward of 10,000 marks offered for the recovery of the gold, has been arrested at Bremenwald at the instigation of the North German Lloyd company, charged with being the man who absconded the gold from the specie room.

U.S. COLLEGE SPORTS.

Harvard Won by a Score of Forty-Four Points.

New York, May 25.—The track and field championship of the Intercollegiate Athletic Union of the United States, was contested today at the Berkley Oval. For the championship cup, Harvard was the victor by a score of 44 points. Yale came in with 30 1/2 points, which gave her second place, and Princeton came in third with a total of 16 1/2 points.

LOOKS LIKE MURDER.

Body of Man Found Near Berlin, Ont.

Berlin, Ont., May 25.—(Special)—Monno Shantz, a farmer residing about two miles from town, which goes through his bush this morning was startled by finding the body of a man buried with his feet and part of his head uncovered. Authorities were notified and an inquest held this afternoon. The condition of things pointed to murder. From all appearances the body was put there to be found last fall.

FEMALE SUFFRAGISTS.

Women Paying Taxes or Owning Joint Property May Vote.

Christiansburg, May 25.—After consultation the upper house of the lower house of the Norwegian parliament has passed the bill providing for universal communal suffrage for men and giving the suffrage to women paying taxes on an annual minimum income of 200 kroner in rural districts and 400 kroner in towns, or owning property jointly with their husbands who pay taxes on such incomes.

ALL HOPE ABANDONED.

Entombed Miners in Universal Colliery Are Given Up.

London, May 25.—All hope of saving the 78 entombed miners at the Universal colliery has been abandoned, although the work of rescue continues.

SUPPOSED DROWNING.

News From Fort William of a Canoe Accident.

Fort William, May 25.—Word was received yesterday of the drowning of a man in Shebandow lake, about one hundred miles west of here, on the line of the construction of the Canadian Northern railway. On Thursday Fred. Malefants and another, who were also known, started across the lake in a canoe, accompanied by a dog. Yesterday the dog returned to camp and acted in a peculiar manner. A search was begun and the canoe found floating on the lake. No clue of the men has been found, and it is supposed both were drowned.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Vice-Admiral Sir Cyrius Bridge, R.N., and Staff in the City.

H. M. S. Virago came into the inner harbor yesterday afternoon and made arrangements for the visit of the S. Surveyor for the purpose of landing the commandant-in-chief of the China station, who is making a brief visit to this city on his way to take up his important duties. Vice-Admiral Sir Cyrius Bridge with his wife, was received on the Quadrangle by Capt. W. W. Green.

The Vice-Admiral and his staff are quartered at the Driard, the party consisting of Sir Cyrius Bridge, vice-admiral; Capt. Arthur W. Carter, Flag-officer D. R. N.; Capt. H. L. Smith, secretary. It is understood that the Admiral will be the guest of Admiral Bickford today, and will sail for China by the Empress of Japan tomorrow.

GOLF CHAMPION.

Taylor Beat Jack White in Final Round

London, May 25.—J. H. Taylor, the open champion of Great Britain, today beat Jack White by four up and four down, in the final round of the 72-hole golf match.

Gossip on German Affairs

Declarations to Austria-Hungarian Delegations Are Received With Satisfaction.

Feeling of Weariness Over the Drawn Out Negotiations in China,

Berlin, May 25.—The declarations of Count Colachowski, the imperial minister of foreign affairs before the Anhalt Parliament, that Germany must go far for the interests of the German people, and the statements of the action of the administration board of the Central Metal Trade Association to be held at Chicago next Tuesday, and until then it is not thought likely anything of importance will develop.

The feelings throughout Germany of tiredness of the war still continue, and even includes the Emperor, who during Count von Bulow's visit to the Reichstag yesterday informed regarding the present status of the machinists strike reported any new developments in the situation today. The members are anxious to see the action of the administration board of the Central Metal Trade Association to be held at Chicago next Tuesday, and until then it is not thought likely anything of importance will develop.

RUSSIAN FINANCER'S SUICIDE.

Allows a Railway Train to Run Over Him.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—President of the Kharkov chamber of commerce, committed suicide on Friday by jumping from a express train to run over him near St. Petersburg.

He was a financier of great influence. His death was due to financial difficulties and will embarrass many institutions.

GRAND FORKS LACROSSE.

Nelson Team Beaten by the Boundary Town Men.

Grand Forks, May 25.—There was a large attendance at yesterday's lacrosse match between the Nelson and Grand Forks teams. The home team had an easy victory, winning by a score of 8 to none. A ball was given in the open house in honor of the victors.

GERMAN SQUADRON.

Called Home From China by Cable Orders.

Berlin, May 25.—The German naval division in the far east consisting of the battleship Kurfurst, Kaiser Wilhelm, and the brandenburg, Wisconsin and Woerth, and the despatch boat Helm, has been ordered by cable to return home.

STILL DRATING.

Presbyterian Assembly Talk Long on Revision of Confession.

Philadelphia, May 25.—The Presbyterian general assembly took today another step toward revising the confession of faith, by rejecting the minority report, which had been offered as a substitute amendment for the majority report. The vote was 271 to 234.

ITALIAN SHAKER.

Violent Earthquake Frightens People at Coni.

Turin, May 25.—A violent earthquake was experienced here and at Coni (a town 55 miles S.W. of Turin) and elsewhere at 6 o'clock this morning. Aborigine did not finish. J. O. C. was declared the winner. The two others were distanced. All bets and pools are off.

Three-fourths mile—O'Connor, first;

Berlino, second; Palmer, third.

Expressmen's race, four entries—Gold Boy, first; Beauty, second; Ned, third.

ARRAIGNED.

Former Commodore of White Star Line in Trouble.

New York, May 25.—Capt. William Thompson, the commodore of the Thompson Flower Medical Company, formerly commodore of the White Star line, was arraigned in police court today on a charge of forgery and held in \$100 bail for the grand jury. Capt. Thompson is charged with having placed the signature of Mr. Nugent by fraud on a document to some \$1,000 gold bonds in 1897. One of these bonds was sold to Mrs. Reed.

DEADLY ERUPTION.

Volcano Outpour in Java Killed Many People.

The Hague, May 25.—An official despatch from Batavia, Java, says three Europeans and 17 natives perished as a result of the recent eruption of the volcano of Keloeet.

To Help Riflemen

Government Giving Assistance to Secure Ranges For New Clubs.

Valleyfield Census Shows Factory Town Has Doubled in Population.

Dr. Robert Bell Is Appointed Director of the Geological Survey.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 25.—Additional clauses to the regulations respecting rifle associations provide that where there is no government range, help towards maintenance and rent of private ranges will be granted on the basis of a dollar per head for an association of forty members, and an additional fifty cents per head up to strength of eighty members.

Thirty printers were dismissed from the government bureau today, although departmental work is still being done by outside offices.

The first complete census return is from the town of Valleyfield, Que., which doubled its population in ten years.

Militia officers who served in South Africa are to send to the militia department the record of their service in the field.

At today's meeting of the cabinet, Dr. Robert Bell was appointed director of the geographical survey department.

On the occasion of the approaching visit to Canada of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, they will be received by Prince Edward, Duke of York, and his household staff of eighteen with a large number of servants. Lord Wenlock is head of the household; Sir Arthur Biggs, who was private secretary to Queen Victoria, accompanies the Duke as private secretary. Lady Lytton, Lady Coke and Hon. Mrs. Keppel are ladies in waiting to the Duchess.

ANOTHER LYNNING.

Negro Hanged by Mob in a Kansas Town.

Wichita, Kas., May 25.—A special to the Eagle says that Bill Campbell, a negro, was hanged at Pond Creek, Oklawaha at 10 o'clock tonight by a mob of 300 persons, who broke down the jail to him to the scene of his crime and hanged him to a "reformer" tree. The name of the man Campbell was hanged was the fatal shooting of Deputy Sheriff George Smith.

MACHINISTS' STRIKE.

No New Developments in the Situation Yesterday.

New York, May 25.—Neither side in the machinists strike reported any new developments in the situation today. The members are anxious to see the action of the administration board of the Central Metal Trade Association to be held at Chicago next Tuesday, and until then it is not thought likely anything of importance will develop.

Besides the sports arranged by the committee, there was another attraction that was well patronized, particularly by the strangers, and that was the throwing open of the vessel of H. M. Scott to visitors. A large number went to Esquimalt to visit the representatives of Britain's navy on the North Pacific station.

RIFLE MATCHES.

Wind Interfered With Shooting at Clover Point Yesterday.

The shooting in the rifle competitions commenced at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. A strong wind was blowing from the southwest, and the spectators were among the best events on the celebration programme. The friendly rivalry of the soldiers and sailors caused a good deal of interest to be taken in the different races. The sailors entered into the sports with all their usual fun and good humor, and the evening parade and concerto all passed off without a hitch, and the committee was greatly pleased with the results.

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The hundred yards dash was a fine race, ten sailors and one soldier entered. After a hard struggle, Scott, of the Waspire, was first, with Anson, of the Waspire, second.

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The Day In London

A General Observance of the Holiday in the World's Metropolis.

King Edward Presents New Color to Scots Greys at Horse Guards.

London, May 24.—There was a general observance of Victoria Day. The law courts and government offices were closed. The pupils of the various schools had a holiday, and there were the usual ringing of bells and the firing of salutes at Windsor and at the military and naval stations. There were special observances of the day in Australia at the Cape and in India.

King Alfred presented a new color to the Scots Guards this morning on the Horse guards parade ground. Subsequently His Majesty witnessed the ceremony of trooping the colors so long associated with the anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria. Queen Alexandra, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke and Duchess of Fife, and the Duke of Cambridge witnessed the function from a window overlooking the grounds which was thronged with a fashionable gathering.

Sir Alfred Milner has arrived. When Sir Alfred arrived in London an unusually distinguished crowd greeted him at the platform. The first person who welcomed him was Lord Lansbury, who warmly welcomed him. Then in quick rotation came Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Roberts, A. J. Balfour, Lord Wolseley, Mr. Brodrick, Lord Cranborne and others, and he had a hundred Dukes and other prominent friends. All remarked how well Sir Alfred was looking. He chatted with Lord Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain, and then went out of the station. A fair sized crowd cheered him heartily.

THIRTEEN LOST.

Baltimore Sinks in Lake Huron and All Crew Drowned.

Bay City, Mich., May 24.—A special to the Tribune from Tawas City says: "A terrific northwester prevailed all day and night. The steamer *Winnipeg*, coal laden, broke in two and sank of Asuble this morning before daylight. Thirteen were drowned, including a woman and a boy. The tug Columbia, of the Great Lakes Tug and Steam Dredge, and two loaded lighters for the Soo, was caught in the storm. The lighters and dredges were lost, parting their steel cables. One of six men missing. While searching for her tow, the Columbia picked up two men from the Baltimore, on a raft. They were almost dead, and were taken to East Tawas. Another man was on the raft, but was lost despite the efforts to save him."

The schooner *Monmorey*, which went around the Charlottetown Islands seven days ago, was found adrift. Her crew left her Thursday. The Tawas life-saving crew made a trip to her at midnight, and rowed 18 miles in the storm, braving the wind, but found no one aboard. The Columbia picked up her dredge tonight, but the lighters and the expensive machinery they carried, and the six men are still missing. The wind is still blowing.

The dead: Capt. W. H. Place, master of the boat; Mrs. M. Place, wife of Captain Place; stewardess; Capt. Brethen, first mate; John Deale, second steward; Edward Owen, wheelman; G. W. Sears, wheelman; Albert Winnings, watchman; P. Marcus, chief engineer; William Barker, fireman; P. Kreuger, fireman; August Anderson, deck-hand.

DAN MCLEOD ARRESTED.

Wrestler Charged With Swindling in Connection With a Match.

Montreal, May 24.—Detectives O'Keefe and Capt. MacMahon today arrested at Hamilton, Ont., Dan McLeod, wrestler, and Manager Perry, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud, swindling, and misappropriation of over \$2,650 in a recent wrestling match here between McLeod and Pons, the French champion. Thompson alleges that he gave money to Perry to bet on Pons to lose, and that he also claims to have evidence that Perry did not bet a cent, and also fixed the match to make it appear that Pons really lost. McLeod who was generally known here as "George Little" and Perry, are now at the Central station and will appear before the magistrate in the morning.

VON WALDERSSEE

Will Leave China at End of This Month

Berlin, May 24.—The statements in the London press that Count von Walderssee has informed the Chinese authorities that he will not leave Pekin until the court shall return, and he shall have an interview with Emperor Kwang-Hsu are entirely unfounded. The officials here say Count Walderssee will leave Pekin about May 31 for Japan. Germany is trying to charter a vessel for the return of her troops. The first vessel can sail in about two weeks. The German troops remaining in the province of Peihchihi will be less numerous than the British and French forces.

CANADA AT GLASGOW.

A Splendid Exhibit Which Attracts Attention.

From Montreal Star
Canada is certain to be well represented for her excellent showing at the Glasgow exhibition. Of all the colonial collections hers is the most complete, while it is one of the most representative and comprehensive in the exhibition. "The Canadian products," the representative of one London paper, is to remark after viewing the Canadian exhibits, "are the very remarkable. Canada with her great forests is the largest producer of paper pulp in the world, and considerable quantities of this product are shown in this department." Another paper says: "The Canadian section is to be worth a journey to Glasgow." There can be no doubt that to the many thousands of visitors who will flock to the exhibition this display of Canada's resources will come as a great revelation.

BISHOP MOREAU DEAD.

He Was Roman Catholic Bishop of St. Hyacinthe.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., May 24.—Mr. Moreau, Roman Catholic Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, died this morning.

IN OTTAWA.

Celebration of Victoria Day Spoiled by Wet Weather.

Ottawa, May 24.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Borden are to be married this evening. The leader of the opposition expects to be in Ontario about a week, reaching his home at Halifax on June 3 or 4. Mr. F. D. Monk, M.P. for Jacques Cartier, will join Mr. Borden in Ottawa.

The first celebration of Victoria Day in Ottawa, while generally observed, was spoiled by wet weather. The statue of Her late Majesty, erected on Parliament Hill, was dedicated by the Duchess of Cornwall and York when she visits Ottawa in September.

Jules Siegfried, formerly minister of commerce of France, will be in the city this afternoon to speak at a conference with Mr. Tarte this morning.

Speaker Broderup has just given an interesting ruling on a point of parliamentary procedure. A motion was introduced from the Commons to the Upper House before the passage of the bill increasing the indemnity to \$1,500, and the question arose whether he should be paid his indemnity for the session at a higher or lower rate. As a senator he was only entitled to five days' indemnity. The Speaker is bound to pay him the sum of \$1,500 indemnity.

Mr. Powell, counsel for Malby, made a simple argument, and left no point of law or fact unmet. The interest of his client, Mr. Yates, who championed Brooks, presented his views of the case succinctly. Mr. McLean's address to the house of lords was an admirable specimen of pleading.

Mr. Powell argued that the offence charged in the indictment did not lie in the nature of the conduct or the statute law of Canada, and therefore felt constrained, though reluctantly, to discharge the charge.

John Davis opened yesterday at 10 a.m. John Davis was sworn and examined by Mr. Powell. He had practised medicine for over 20 years. Had no experience in cases of diphtheria. Witnessed death of the child, and aid was administered on that fatal morning.

Witnesses deposed that the throat of the child was extremely swollen, and the symptoms would be distinctly recognizable.

Counsel described the symptoms in the child as being those of diphtheria, and witness to the administration of antitoxin would have been available, but not one of the medical witnesses had gone so far as to say that that would have had the effect of saving the child's life.

The court was asked if the crown was bound to swear upon the assumption that death was caused by strangulation.

The court had nothing to do with the religious convictions of the prisoner, or his method of exercising his religion. The question was, was he quite prepared to assume responsibility for the conduct of a man in the commission of an offence or the neglect of any legal obligation.

He appreciated the difficulty of such a case as the matters requiring proof transpired in a room cut off from the rest of the building.

The application of the principles of evidence, however, in the particular case concerned, must remain the same.

Dr. Davis had sworn that no medical man would be called to judge of the prisoner's conduct.

He was asked if he had any objection to the thoughts that had passed through his mind as to the doctrines expressed by Mrs. Yates, and whether she had not been corroborated to some extent he could not have believed her.

He held that the court must accept the evidence of the medical man concerned.

He had had doubts of the common law.

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MYSTERIES IN LIFE.

A clergyman in a city pulpit last Sunday evening told his congregation that they ought not to worry about the mysteries of life, for by and bye, and he meant in the next world, they would understand them all. This is a very pleasant thing to say, and there is some authority for it, for Paul said that now we only know in part, but by and bye we shall know even as we are known; but there is such a thick cloud of uncertainty over the nature of a future life that it is only a figure of speech to talk about our knowledge in that state. It is really hardly worth speculating about. Things happen according to certain laws and some of us are wise enough to see the end from the beginning. So far as any of us can tell, there may be a greater difference between the highest type of man and a purified soul in the next life than there is between an unbaptized and the type of man just mentioned. Science thinks it can perceive a complete chain of being from the simplest form of animated existence to the perfect human being. Whether we have reached the climax of physical existence or there may be a high condition of animate life yet to be attained, we cannot know. Whether after what we call death there is an evolution, which continues indefinitely until the creature is absorbed in the Creator, must remain unfathomable. We may draw what inferences we like from analogy, but we cannot hope to know. Our self-consciousness tells us that our existence can hardly be a consummation, and that there must be something higher. The yearning for immortality, the refusal to believe that death ends all, the peopling of the shadows with mysteries are all indications that our nature demands something more than the present life. Therefore we stand confronted with so inscrutable a mystery that it is hardly worth while thinking of the smaller incomprehensibilities arising out of our every day life. If you have ever stood beside some great torrent, rushing between lofty rocks and over many obstructions, you will have noticed that, although the water is going impetuously forward, with a force that nothing can stay, there are eddies and places where cross-currents and often counter currents occur. This is something like the onward sweep of existence. It moves steadily forward to its appointed destiny, but there are cross currents and counter currents in it. As in the case of the river, if we could concentrate our gaze upon one point and see nothing else, we might think the stream was running up the canyon, so in life, being compelled by our very nature to take a restricted view of things, we are not able to tell what the tide is setting.

People talk of the mysterious ways of Providence when something sad happens, but there is as great mysteries surrounding us all the time. Who can tell the mystery of sight? The scientist can trace the rays of light to the retina, but there are stops. His investigations are as completely barred as though a mountain of adamant were between the retina and the brain. Who can solve the mystery of sound? How is it that the rhythmic beating of air waves in the ear awaken in our hearts the courage which prompts heroic deeds, and even the peace of God, which passeth understanding? Who will solve the mystery of smell which enables us to catch the odor of the hillsides, yellow with the gold of the heather? What is the mysterious force which binds human souls together in the chains of love, so that we prefer the welfare of others to our own? Mysteries—the world is full of them, and when you have solved one, there may be some sort of reason in asking questions about the others.

It is announced that Mr. James J. Hill is about to give to the executive management of the Great Northern system and his in New York. Is Brother James going to assume the pastoral role and annexe himself with belli et amari?

THE NEXT CONFLICT.

Mr. James J. Hill says that the next great transportation conflict will be for the trade of the Orient. He is of the opinion that the Pacific Northwest will capture the most of it, but he does not lose sight of the serious opposition that will have to be encountered. Europe has a choice of two routes to the Orient,

beside that across America, namely via the Suez Canal and via Cape Horn. The Atlantic seaboard of the United States has the Horn route equally available with Europe. These considerations will make it imperative for the great transportation companies which aim at doing business across the Pacific, to strengthen all their carrying facilities. Mr. Hill showed almost a year ago that he was alive to the necessities of the case, and he began the construction of great freight ships. The Canadian Pacific is equally on the alert, and its ocean fleet is to be strongly reinforced.

The development of this trade will mean much for northern Canada, for a line to the north of the Canadian Pacific and reaching the coast in the neighborhood of Port Simpson, or even further south, would have easier grades than any other transcontinental railway, and a shorter trans-Pacific ferry. It is quite possible that the keenness of competition may make it desirable for Pacific lines to make a port on Vancouver Island their terminus, making connection by fast car ferry with the lines on the Mainland.

We are likely to witness in the Pacific Northwest very great activity during the next few years, now that the trouble in China seems to have come to an end. Naturally Seattle and Vancouver, being the mainland termini of railway systems, expect to be the termini of the steamship lines, but the geographical strength of Vancouver Island's position must not be lost sight of. If there were land across the Gulf of Georgia, no railway would stop until it reached Victoria or some other seaport on the island. But the water is no obstacle. It affords the cheapest possible roadbed for the conveyance of cars, and car-ferry is no longer an experiment. We therefore feel that the interest of Victoria in the development of trans-Pacific commerce is a very lively one, and that we have just as good a chance of benefiting largely by it as we would if our city were on the Mainland.

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THE HOLIDAY.

There never was a finer day than yesterday. Victoria usually has good weather at this time of year, but for the Twenty-Fourth, the weather bureau surpassed itself. The crowds on the streets were like all Victoria crowds, well-dressed, but not too much so, good-natured and orderly. The people of this good town have a reputation far and wide for knowing how to conduct themselves on a holiday. As fine a sample of self-government as need be asked is afforded by the annual regatta. Thousands of people attend in hundreds of boats, in carriages, in railway cars and on bicycles, but no one ever gets in any one's way or interferes with the sport. The great democratic maxim, which is the foundation of the common law of England: "So use your own rights as not to interfere with the rights of others," is the rule of the occasion. Visitors from the United States express their astonishment at the entire absence of any effort to police the Army, but they also acknowledge that there is not the least necessity for anything of the kind. Take the morning procession as another example of popular self-government. In an American city a squad of police would march in front to clear the way. Here a citizens committee publishes the route of march, and the public clear the way of their own accord. The whole thing is the outcome of good citizenship, neither the provincial nor the municipal government has anything whatever to do with it.

The various events of yesterday were well managed. There was no friction and little loss of time. That is what makes a holiday a success. When people know that the various items of a programme will be brought off at the hour advertised, they can govern themselves accordingly. The various committees are entitled to much credit for the unostentatious, but thoroughly business-like way in which all the arrangements were made and carried out. The Vancouver service is very good in its way. The Charmer is comfortable and makes her trips on time. But the tourist business never will be developed until the time between here and Vancouver is cut down, and day-light trips both ways are made. Do

you know that the Colonist is likely to find it necessary to once enlarge in order to make room for its advertising without sacrificing reading matter too much. But there is no reason why our contemporary should be cross about this. It does not have to enlarge because we do, for we can tell it frankly that we would not add an inch to the size of the Colonist simply because the Times found it necessary to print extra pages. Our notion is to print a paper that will pay. If it will not do it, then the time comes, if it evolves, that it will only pay to get out a four-page paper. We are glad to hear from the Times that it is very prosperous. We are also glad to hear that it is free and untrammeled. But why tell people the latter? If readers cannot find it out for themselves, independence is not a particularly valuable asset in a newspaper.

Under the new plan of army reform, the United Kingdom is to be divided into six districts, in each of which there will be maintained a complete army corps. The corps will be commanded by a general with experience in warfare, and will be complete in all particulars. Great attention is to be paid to perfecting officers and men in manoeuvres, and less time will be devoted to routine drill. The artillery is to be improved and better hospital and transport service established. The idea is to have three army corps ready to start abroad at any moment, leaving three others at home. To accomplish this an increase of 126,500 regulars and 49,000 trained volunteers is provided for. When the army has been thus strengthened, the British force on a peace footing will be

not let any one suppose that we are asking for daylight trips for the Charmer. We are not asking for anything, but are simply pointing out what Victoria will have to get before she can hope to enjoy the full advantages of her unsurpassed situation.

We do not know that it is worth while speaking about these things. A prominent and wealthy business man, who was asked recently what he thought of an effort being made to get a better steamboat service between here and Seattle, dismissed the question by saying that a Victoria man would be a fool to invest a dollar in a steamer of any kind. This is undoubtedly a rich city, but the people do not seem willing to employ their money in enterprises calculated to promote the growth and importance of the locality where they made it. Not long ago, a Victoria merchant was told of the great success which had attended a Vancouver merchant in the Yukon. He replied:

"Well, he had to make a stake or go broke." Sometimes we think that if more of Victoria people "had to make a stake or go broke," they would be more on the alert to take advantage of new lines of business. As things are, too many of our people are too comfortably situated to feel the need of great effort.

This is for them apparently a satisfactory state of affairs. But it is just possible that they may be making a mistake. There is such a thing as being too certain of the future. There have been many instances where a comparatively poor, but enterprising community has got so far ahead of a richer and more sluggish one that the latter never could catch up, and had to see its commercial prestige pass to another.

In the United Kingdom

Regulars.	Men.
Reserves.....	156,000
Militia.....	90,000
Yeomanry.....	10,000
Volunteers.....	250,000
Total in U. K.	481,000

Out of the United Kingdom

Regulars.	Men.
Indian troops.....	115,000
Colonial forces.....	110,000
Total out of U. K.	405,000

Grand total for the Empire...1,086,000

TO COLONIST READERS.

The disproportion between the reading matter and advertising in recent issues of the Colonist has been very great. It will only be temporary. The enterprising business men of the city, in utilizing the columns of this paper, is something quite without precedent here. There is nothing in the nature of a boom in business and no special inducements are offered by the paper. Indeed, our rates are higher than they have ever been. The demand for advertising space is simply the result of the recognition by our merchants and others that advertising is the life of trade, and the Colonist the best means of reaching the public.

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VICTORIA AS A RESORT.

"This is the most beautiful place I

was ever in," So said a resident of Chicago to the Colonist one day this week.

He said what pleased him most were

the many beautiful homes and the delightful surroundings of the city.

He could not say very much of the business portion of the town, for the business

blocks were not built for show.

But you can see fine business blocks

almost every where. What you cannot

see in other places at least you can

see them in a few other places, are the

ornamented with flowers and beautiful

homes surrounded with trees, with lawns,

shrubbery, matched with vistas of water,

snow-capped mountains, charming rural

scenes easily reached by first-class roads.

The writer of a programme for a Seafarers excursion to Victoria last year said:

"The drivers around the city are won-

derfully beautiful. There is no need to

tell you which way to go. Just take any

road and you will not make a mistake."

We do not suppose that any one is pre-

pared to say off-hand which he regards

as the prettiest drive out of Victoria.

One fine afternoon a couple of years ago

the Lieutenant-Governor of Kentucky

was driving through the park with some

gentlemen from the city, when a very

obliging whale came in sight and spout-

ed. His attention was directed to it, and after watching the huge beast for a few moments, he said: "I saw it and you know I saw it, but I will not dare tell any one else that I did. Just fancy what would become of my reputation for

accuracy back in Kentucky if I were to

tell them that I was driving through

your park, looking at snow-capped moun-

tain peaks easily reached by first-class

roads." The whale was loaded with freight, and the Flora soon followed her. When the three boats reached Hootalinqua, they took in two more men and a greater number of which were cattle. Arrangements had been made to have the steamer take the cattle down to Dawson and the steamer will therefore keep to

the river. The two boats will be taken to Lake Le

Barge and there take a canoe.

The Flora made up to the White Pass &

Yukon, and made the start from Lower

Le Barre for Skagway.

The Flora arrived at Skagway on May 17.

They had comparatively light loads of

freight and

the three boats were not required to

wait for the tide to go out of Five Fingers.

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**Sir Wilfrid Laurier Expects High
Jointers Will Reassemble at
Early Date.**

**Formal Closing and Speech from
the Throne in After-
noon.**

From Our Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 23.—In the Commons this morning the Premier, in presenting documents concerning the claim of MacKenzie & Mann, with respect to their contract for building the Yukon railway, said the amount of the claim first was \$510,000. This had been reduced by \$200,000, taken off for the saving effected through using material in other work. Still further deductions would be made. One part of this was 15 per cent. profit on expenditures. If the claim was to be considered on equitable grounds this profit could not be allowed. Before coming to any conclusion the government considered the matter should first be subjected to a judicial audit.

Mr. Borden asked whether the joint high commission would reassemble at an early date; and if so, would the Alaskan boundary question be before the commission. He thought the longer the United States was able to remain in possession of the disputed territory, the harder it would be to get justice for Canada.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that the expectation was that the commission would reassemble at an early date. It must be brought to an issue of some kind. If the two countries could not agree, then must know it and see what course we should afterwards. The most important question before the commission was the Alaskan boundary. It was a matter which must and undoubtedly would be settled either by fair compromise or by arbitration. If the commission did not reach a decision and they well contribute to its general advancement and prosperity of the Dominion."

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and Grand Night Car-
nival.**

A typical Victoria May day; a big crowd of visitors and a programme of amusements, such as has made the Queen City of the West famous all along the coast, ushered in the first celebration of Victoria Day. The attendance from the country and outside cities was fully up to expectations, Vancouver sending over a particularly large contingent to "root" for the baseball team. It was a long programme, but even after the day's sport the large majority were equal to the amusements provided for the evening, and until late last night the streets were crowded. The procession filled in the morning splendidly, and was over in time to allow of all getting to the Gorge, where the star attraction, the regatta, was held. While the regatta, of course, got the largest crowd, there were still hundreds, yes, thousands, for the ball game, and many private picnics held at the resorts in the vicinity of the city. A word of praise is due the transportation companies for the manner in which they handled the crowds, the street railway company having all their available rolling stock in operation on the Esquimalt and Oak Bay routes, while the E. & N. railway, tugboats and vehicles managed to all wish to go to the Gorge. Of accidents there were none, except of a very trifling character, and on the whole the day passed off most successfully. Tired everybody was, but still anxious for another day of merrymaking; and safe it is to say that none will be glad when it is over. Every thing of favour in the programme was carried off with a flourish, and the weather that all-important part of a holiday—well, could not have been better if made to order.

THE PROCESSION.

**Striking and Effective Features of the
Morning Parade.**

Victoria Day dawned on a cloudless sky, with just enough wind stirring to cool the air and render it perfect for outdoor enjoyment. During the early morning hours the principal streets were a scene of activity, the hundreds of bunting flags in putting the finishing touches on the decorations of their business places. Government, Yates, Johnson, Douglas, Fort, Broad, Cormorant and other central thoroughfares were made gorgeous with flags, streamers, and bunting. The flag of the U.S.A., and the flag of Canada waved from hundreds of staffs, while the store windows were ornamented with tasteful devices and combinations of color. The city board of works had given the streets an extra good cleaning, so that the city looked its best, everything being as neat as a new pin.

Long before the hour appointed for the procession—10 o'clock—the streets were crowded with expectant sightseers. All Victoria was out, and the spectators crowded the sidewalks, forth the quota of visitors and by nine o'clock the streets were packed with a mass of gaily dressed, happy-looking humanity. All sorts and conditions of men, women and children moved in compact bodies along the lines, and in the rear of the route seeking advantageous positions from which to see the parade. Windows, doorways and roofs were crowded, and when the head of the procession appeared, round the corner of Douglas and Yaletown streets, movement on the sidewalks was quite impossible, so closely were the spectators packed.

The parade, though not so large as that of last year, was very creditable to the community, and was a success, it must be remembered, that they had little time to organize and promote the affair. In former years people prepared for the Queen's Birthday procession for weeks in advance, but this year the celebration, owing to the coming of May and Yule, was much more sudden, and many who would have taken part were prevented from doing so by lack of time to perfect their arrangements. Yesterday's parade, under the circumstances, went beyond the expectations of a great many, and certainly did honor to those who had it in charge.

The order of the procession was as follows:

Marshal.
Fire Department.
Fifth Regiment Band.
Representative Flot. Sons and Daughters
Business Flot. C. C. Pottery Works.
Business Flot. Brackman-Ker.
Com. Dept. Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
Business Flot.—M. Mayard.
Business Flot.—Burt Bros.
Business Flot.—M. M. Burns.
Young Canada with Orphans.
Victoria City Band.
Representative Flot. Native Sons.
Business Flot. Cold Storage.
W. Dickinson and His British Bulldog.
C. C. Pottery Works.
Business Flot. Smith & Sampson.
Representative Flot. R. Braysaw.
Business Flot. Miners.
Comic Flot. Esquimalt Bicycle
Inland Band.
Flot. Indian.

Mayors and Councilmen in Carriages.
Private Citizens in Carriages.

If put to the vote, it is safe to say that a large majority of the spectators would declare the Native Sons of British Columbia the most attractive feature of the procession. The young men, led by stalwart young British Columbians, erect and stately as Douglas fir, and the jolly crew of youngsters, just embarked on the voyage of life, formed an inspiring picture.

Young Canada, as represented by the children of the Protestant Orphans' Home, was another distinctive feature which was much admired.

In contrast with these, and illustrating the parting of the past and future of the community, was the Flot. of the Cariboo Stage, a stirring reminder of the old pioneer days, which evoked many a bitter or pleasant memory in the hearts of the older spectators.

The Esquimalt Flot. was an elaborate affair, designed and well carried out by the Sons and Daughters of St. George, a group appropriately attired and having some young ladies, representing Britain, Canada, Australia, India and Africa, and featuring dressed-all-in ladies by soldiers in the uniforms of the various branches of the service, blue jackets and marines. The ensemble was very effective and elicited much praise and admiration.

The comic side of life was not forgotten in the parade, for there were four funny, fanciful freaks, chief of which was an aggregation brought together by Mr. Henley. They acted in this particular comedy were antics of a most suggestive role, and their efforts caused a great deal of amusement. An ancient hansom cab, driven by a nondescript, containing two passengers of like de-

scription, and harnessed to a mule decked out in artillery uniform, delighted the children. Fletcher Bros. were accountable for the alabaster. There was what the programme called an "Esquimalt Bicycle," which was a caricature of a knife grinder's barrow, engineered by two odd-looking mortals in fantastic costumes, and painted in a style which gaily alighted, inviting the populace to use a certain kind of spray for insect pests. The man in armor, though he may not have considered himself, funny, was about the quaintest, most grotesque figure in the lot.

There were several business floats and decorated advertising devices. E. Mayard had an immense camera, mounted Smith & Champion, upholsterers, contriving a giant Turkish lounge which would accommodate scores of people. It moved along on rubber tired wheels, which took the place of the ordinary rollers.

The Brackman-Ker Company had a fine display of their various manufactures artistically displayed and profusely decorated with flags.

M. R. Smith & Co.'s float might be called a crack-jack, for its component parts were small and caskets of all sizes and designs. It was added along an attendant distributed largesse in biscuits and candies, which was eagerly scrambled for by the boy.

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