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# Ladysmith " Pressed.

their retreat. They are also moving their laagers nearer Lady Mish, probably with the intention of putting further pressure on the gazsison, which now seems to be suffering prettily heavily from the Lomhardment.

It is difficult, however, to conceive that Gen. Buller would make another frontal attack, especially now that the river is rising, and an additional indication that this is not his purpose is the fact that he has removed his headquarters back to Frere.

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The Boer movements northward from the Tugela are quite in keeping with the enemy's usual plan of securing a safe line of retreat.

It is known that further artillery is due to arrive for Gen. Buller, but the ibelief here is that his force even then will be too weak.

The Times publishes the following despatch from Chieveley Camp dated December 24: "Parties of Boers approached to-day within three miles of Chieveley Camp, threatening our watering parties, who are compelled to go some two miles owing to the scarcity of water. It is reported that the Ladysmith garrison made a sorties on Thursday and captured a hill."

Who Reveal Three Guns and Ablity to Quickly Call Reinforcements.

Kimberley, Friday, Dec. 22, via Modder River, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—Before day a detachment of the mountied forces, with artillery and light infantry, moved out in a westerly direction. Boer artillery from Kamperdam

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STOPPAGE OF FOODSTUFFS.

sion of Question Whether They May Properly Be Treated as Contraband.

London, Dec. 30.—Lord Rosebery writes as follows to the Times: "There are disquisiting intimations which appear to point to our government having treated foodstuffs as contraband of war." As this is a matter of supreme importance, I venture to address this line to you in the hope that it may elicit an authoritative statement on the subject."

The Times, commenting editorially upon Lord Rosebery's letter, says: "Too little is known of the seizures for any valid inference safely to be drawn. An occasion might arise when certain foodstuffs would be regarded as contraband, while others would not, especially if the latter were intended for non-combatants. There might, for instance, be reasonable grounds for treating canned goods as contraband and flour as legitimate."

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Tests Enemy.

**Small British Force Reconnoitre** and Draw Heavy Fire From Boers.

The Boer shell fire has been very daming recently. On Fridey one shell led six men and wounded nme. The me missile killed '14 horses. Another st missed the 'Fifth Lancers' lines, girtly wounding six officers. Several dis have fallen close to Gen. White's reported that 'Gen. Joubert is the is reported that 'Gen. Joubert is the in command of the Boers here, he military anthorities appear configure that but they are very reticent. Boers are been observed moving northward and westward in large numbers.

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nean calling parliament for the despatch of business on February I.

The Toronto World's Montreal special says: "All electoral agitation should cease and not be resumed before next spring. This is what Premier Laurier tells the readers of a Quebec organ, as no appeal to the peonle will be made at present. Pacaud, after having, so it is alleged, interviewed Laurier, wrote an article in Le Solcii, headed: There will be no general election now."

**Position** 

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Chieveley and Ladysmith Now

Boer Attempts to Ruin Messages Bring Few Shells Their Way.

Citizens of Kimberley Sen New Year's Greetings to

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 31. 31, 4:30 a.m.—The war office in communicating at about indinght copies of the messages from the inhabitants of Kimberley to the Queen and of the Queen's reply, which was signed by Sir Arthur John Biggs, that no further news had been received up to that hour, and nothing of importance has come from other sources during the night.

The week's sorties, skirmishes, reconsidered in the light of the week's sorties, skirmishes, reconsidered in the light of the week's sorties, skirmishes, reconsidered in the light of the light of the light commander of St. Michael and St. George. Avail apptaints St. George, Naval apptaints St. Michael and St. George Naval apptaints St. Michael and St. George New York, Dec. 31.—Cabling from London under Saturday's date the correspondent of the Tribune says: "This is Moralists' Day, and everything is under review, from high finance and Boer hunting to dramatic literature and horse racing. The moralists themselves are demoralized when they attempt to reconcile the most sanguinary and costly war in recent British annals with Lord Pauncefote's championship of the principles of peace at The Hague congress, and they have only the opening

The week's sorties, skirmishes, recon noissances and bombardments at various points where the British and Boers confront each other so far as can be judged have no effect upon the general situation at the seat of war.

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BLUEJACKETS AT WORK. Chieveley and Ladysmith are in full communication. While the signalling was in progress the Boers attempted to muddle the messages with flash lights from each extremity of their long entrenched lines. The naval brigade took advantage of the opportunity to shell the Boer positions which were plainly revealed by their own lights. The naval battery resumed the shelling of the Boer trenches on the morning of December 29, but their fire failed to elicit any sign of life.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—The wife of Peter Maher, who was to have fought Kid McCoy at the Coney Island Club Monday afternoon, died to-night. As a esult of her death a postponement of he fight appears inevitable.

All New York Team Outplay the Canadian Hockey Players.

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French Modus Vivendi May Be Extended Not to Add to British Embarrassments.

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Reports of Fighting Between British and Boers at the Front.

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conomic Writers Busy Theor izing About Financial and Industrial Outlook.

Strong Men of the Cabinet and Weak Colleagues Who May Be Retired.

and costly war in recent British annals with Lord Pauncefote's championship of the principles of peace at The Hague congress, and they have sally the opening chapter of the war to summarize, with the record that England was unprepared and entrapped in an ambuscade without a sequel of disasters retrieved and the Empire delivered from deadly peril. The moralists have trouble enough in finding cause for cheenfulness in the tangled skein of the events of a singularly confusing and disagreeable year, without facing the problems of mathematics and chronology, and attempting a view of the receding ranges of the nineteenth century with their many historical landmarks. That is a task deferred by common consent for another twelvemonth.

"The economic writers, perhaps, are

Hamburg, Dec. 30.—The Shandelsblatt publishes an interview with Dr. Leyds in the course of which the Transvaal representative denies the statements that munitions of war are being imported into the Transvaal through Delagoa Bay, and says these reports are spread as a pretext for the coming British occupation. Dr. Leyds further says that the Boers are now able to manufacture their own war munitions.

STEAMER SEIZED.

Delagoa Bay, Dec.

Unionist party, and agent of super-service the friends who are always nominating him for any office in sight, whether soon in the gift of one party or the other. There are weak men in the cabinet notably Lord Lansdowne, who has a talent for consulting private partizans instead of experienced military advisers, and also Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, who brings a small mind to bear upon the solution of large and complex questions, but there will be no immediate chances of promotion for younger men like Mr George Wyndham, unless the super-service able friends who are always nominating him for any office in sight, whether soon in the gift of one party or the other. There are weak men in the cabinet. And also Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, who brings a small mind to bear upon the solution of large and complex questions, but there will be no immediate chances of promotion for younger men like Mr George Wyndham, unless the super-service and the party of the other.

From the Kamioopa Inland Sentinel.

Before another issue of the Inland Sentinel the nineteenth century will be a thing of the past. We sincerely hope that the first year of the twentieth century will prove to all our readers one of marked prosperity.

PALACE CAR COMBINE. New York. Dec. 31.—The tormal trans-fer of the Wagner Palace Car Co. to the Pullman Car Co. took place yester.

MOCKS THE FRENCH COURT. One Alleged Conspirator Declares Trials Strategem.

roylede's counsel announced that his client had written instructing him to be silent as the trial was a "liberal masquerade and an iniquitous strategem."

M. Buffet defended himself, denying that he had been engaged in a conspiracy, and concluding with declaring that he was a socialist and no more in sympathy with M. Deroulede than with the republicans now in power.

M. Jules Guerin then applied to the court for an order providing that the prosecutor's dossier against him be submitted to his counsel. The court refused this application and adjourned.

FILIPINO METHODS. irgents Displeased by American Pur-

suit Appearing in Towns Terror-izing Loyalists. Manila, Dec. 29.—The insurgents who evacuated the coast towns between Dagupan and Vigan, fleeing to the moun-

**Loyal Colonists** 

Britishers Being Armed to Dear With Disaffected Dutch

Many Attempts to Wreck Railway Detected in Northern Cape Colony.

Quebec, Dec. 29.-Andrew Cyr, a armer of Mary, county of Bonaventure happened to be walking on the beach of the river a few days ago when he discovered in the water a short distance from land a large animal which seemed to be alive. On closer examination it proved to be a whale which had got into shailow water and run aground. Mr. Cyr immediately aroused his neighbors and at low tide the animal was, after considerable difficulty and danger, desputched.

FRANCE AND BRAZIL.

us trouble is expected to occur. BRAZILIAN ELECTIONS.

**All Well at** Ladysmith.

the high court (senate) to-day. M. De-roylede's counsel announced that his fidence and Missiles Now Proving Deadly.

> Sending in Plugged Shells With Plum Pudding and Season's Compliments.

Methuen's Position Unchanged -Varying Fortunes in Cape Colony.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 31.-A despatch from Ladysmith by way of Weenan dated Friday, December 29, says: "All well. fying their positions and are evidently letermined to make a firm stand."

The following heilograph message ha Check Rebels

Ladysmith dated Wednesday, December 27: "The Boers are actively bombarding the town. One shell struck the Devonshire mess tent, killing Capt. Dalzell and wounding seven lieutenants, Dent, Twiss, Tringman, Caffyn, Byrne, Safe and Kane."

London, Jan. 1.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marques, dated December 29. says: "It is reported from Ladysmith by way of Pretoria that the British are destroying their heavy cannon, prior to a final sortie."

Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 30.—Owing to the flooding of the Tugela river a large party of Boers have been cut off on the south side. They are reported to be in the hills to the right of Chieveley.

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COMMUNICATION RESTORED.

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New York, Dec. 29.—Late this after-noon Recorder Goff adjourned court on the trial of Roland B. Molmeaux, until next Thursday, on account of New Year holidays. Nothing of importance was

holidays. Nothing

## Christmas Entertainments.

Children of the Protestant

Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home. During the week kind friends having During the week kind friends having been pouring presents into the Home, and have also seen to it that the larder has been well provided with those delicacies which seem indispensible during the holiday season. Yesterday therefore was a day long to be remembered, not only by the children themselves but also by the ladies and gentlemen who make it one of their duties to attend to the affairs of the Home, for a happier lot of children never gathered together. The children contributed to a programme of songs and recitations for the entertainment of the visitors and this was followed by a most interesting stereopticon exhibition by Mr. W. F. Best. Then eame the big Christmas tree ladened with presents for one and all, and so well had the matron, Mrs. McGregor, arranged things that each little master and miss received just what he and she had been longing for. Each received toys as well as useful articles, while nuts and candies were bountifully supplied. And in the midst of all the good things stood a huge fruit cake at least two feet square, and handsomely frosted, which showed that all the soldiers fighting in South Africa are not "Absent-Minded Beggars." This cake was a present to the children from Private F. Finch-Smiles, of the first Canadian contingent, now serving in South Africa. When here Mr. Smiles took a deep interest in the orphanage and before leaving for the front ordered the cake from a local confectioner to be delivered on the day of the annual treat.

New Teacher.—At a special meeting of the board of school trustees held yesterday afternoon, Miss Le Page, of the board of school trustees held yesterday afternoon, Miss King, who has repaired to the staff of the North Ward school in the staff of the Nor pouring presents into the Home,

During the afternoon the members of the ladies' committee of management presented Mrs. McGregor with a Christmas gift and also awarded the prizes, competed for by the elder girls, for bread and brun making and needlework. They also entertained the guests at tea. Among the gentlement present were: Ald. Hayward, president of the board of directors: Bishop Perrin, Bishop Cridge, Revs. J. C. Speer, W. L. Clay, J. H. Sweet and Dr. Wilson, H. D. Helmcken, Q.C., M.P.P., Major Nicholles, Thornton Fell, and Mr. W. F. Best.

A most successful.

A most successful entertainment was held at the Odd Fellows' hall. Spring Ridge, last evening, the feast of the Holy Innocents, about 200 children of St. Baraabas Sunday school and their parents were present. The concert was preceded by a tea for the children who were ready for what was to follow.

The programme was as follows:
Address on Santa Claus by the Rev. E. G. Miller.

A capital rendition of "Cinderella," hich was much enjoyed, six girls and Violin solo, Thos. Hood.
Tableau—Old Woman in a Shoe
Lancaster and class.
Piano solo, Miss E. Cole.
Recitation, Juanita Sears.
Song, Rev. E. G. Miller.
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cong. Rev. E. G. Miller.

Ouring the playing of the march the tains were drawn and Santa Claus beared in a cutter drawn by four r. He distributed the prizes and toys, latter to the small children. The zes were too numerous to state, but a name of Julius Rausch as being the name of Julius Rausch as being the set regular in attendance at the choir set regular in attendance at the choir set. Whittaker for not missing a

Through the kindness of friends, large number of presents, some f them quite costly, now adorn a hristmas tree in the school room of the A. O. U. W. hall, and will

be distributed this evening to the members of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, whose classes are held there. The children have decorated the place themselves, with very pretty effect, and hope to see present this evening all of their friends among the public who can make it convenient to attend. The admission charge, to cover expenses and aid the Institute, is only 10 cents. The net proceeds of the recent entertainment on behalf of the Institute were but \$7.

Annual Gathering of Christ
Church Cathedral and Other
Sunday Schools.

Of all the entertainments provided for the amusement of children during the holiday season, none attracts more attention than that which helps to brighten the lives of the fifty odd children, who are so well looked after at the British looked after at the Investment Sunday school, the Christ Church Sunday school, the cathedral at the cathedra

able evening was concluded by singing the national anthem.

The teachers desire to thank the mem-bers of the congregation who kindly sup-plied candy and cakes.

Season's Greetings.—Lt.-Col, Gregory, commanding the Fifth regiment, yesterday issued the following regimental order: "The following telegram from Gen. Hutton, promulgated in district orders, is published for the information of all concerned: 'Col. Peters, commanding military district No. 11. Please convey our best wishes for Christmas and New Year to your troops, their wives and families. Gen. Hutton and Mrs. Hutton.'"

Expensive Fun.—For some time past at the provinical police have constantly been receiving complaints from the Cedar Hill and Mount Tolmie districts in regard to the destruction of property, particularly unoccupied houses. Yesterday they had two boys before the magistrate on a charge of breaking a window in Mr. R. Mason's house on Mount Tolmie road. The boys pleaded guilty and were fined \$5 and \$2.50 costs each. The magistrate advised them not to repeat magistrate advised them not to repeat the offence.

## The Official Notifications.

Redistribution of Mining Districts Cause of Some Other Changes.

Appointments to the Civil Service and New Companies Noted.

Yesterday's issue of the provincia Gazette contained notice of the following appointments, which have been ap proved by the Lieutenant-Governor: To hold small debts courts for the Alberni division, Arthur E. Waterhouse, of Alberni, vice G. A. Smith, resigned; and Charles Talbot-Haslam, of Alberni

vice A. D. Faber, deceased. Edward H. Lewis, of Trail, to notary public for the Mainland. Justinian Pelly, of Chilliwack, to be a stipendiary magistrate for the county of Westminster, and to hold small debts courts in the Chilliwack riding of Westminster district.

John Reid, of New Westminster, to be selector of jurors for Westminster county, vice J. B. Kennedy. Charles G. Johnson, of Vancouver, to

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WAR MECHANISM.

Searchlights, Steam Ploughs and Telephones in South Africa,

As might be expected, the British are modern military appliances that can be fond of alliterations, like mud and mis-Charles G. Johnson, of Vancouver, to perform the duties prescribed by the Introduced performance that can be had. They are thoroughly up to date in the matter of guns and ammunition, and even the surgeons are using new means of developing X rays. The war means of developing X rays. The war means of developing X rays. The war means of the very prescribed by the Introduced performance in the contest with the surgeons are using new means of developing X rays. The war means of the very prescribed by the Introduced performance in the contest with an original performance in the contest with an original performance in the contest with the Boers. had. They are thoroughly up to date ery." This was the grim comment of

LITERATURE IN THE PULPIT. Well Enough Perhaps but It Ought to

Be Correctly Presented. From the New York Evening Post. "He seems to be a flowery youth

An Early Rush To Cape Nome.

Impatient Gold Seekers to Sail For Frozen North Early in April.

Dominion Light House Policy Criticised Harshly By American Mariners.

So eager are those infected with the Cape Nome fever to reach at the earliest possible moment the new Northern gold fields that several of the Sound transportation companies have decided to despatch steamers as early as April 1 next. That date is fully 60 days earlier than any one would have thought possible to get into that part of Behring Sea three ears ago. The knowledge of the coun-

get into that part of Benning Sea intervents ago. The knowledge of the country has changed and enlarged the last two seasons. Instead of, as was thought, an expanse of ice fields bounded only by the horizon, it is now said there is open water all the year round up to within four miles of Cape Nome beach. There are two sea captains who wintered in that district last winter and who are reported to affirm that the sea was open all winter. It is partly upon the evidence of these men that the early sailings are based, and the determination made to sail April 1. Whalemen who have had much experience in the Arctic say that even Behring Straits, which is only about thirty miles across, is open in part through the winter. In the latitude of Cape Nome, Behring Sea spreads out to many hundreds of miles with deep water. The location is altogether different from St. Michael and the mouth of the Yukon. There Norton Sound is shallow and the entire body of water becomes a mass of unbroken ice.

To get into the vicinity of Cape Nome in a vessel entering the sea at Unimak Pass, the course proposed to be followed will be towards the Asiatic side and thing up to the eastward of St. Lawrence island, and by so doing avoid all

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## B. C. SHARPSHOOTERS

r: Every day brings news of the ter-fighting that is taking place between British and the Boers. Every report is accounts of the excellent marksmandisplayed by our enemy. Why not men against him that are his equal er as shots, horseman or mountaineers?

permission from the Imperial authors to muster, say, 250 British Column ins, to be officered by civilians if pos-ole, if not, by army officers, men who-ve been raised in the mountains and ndled firearms since they were barely le to walk. Being excellent shots and od judges of distance over rough ground, them with modern firearms, the best rm them with modern firearms, the best he market offers, put them against the foers on anything like equal footing, and heir shooting would turn tom Paul green with envy. Mount them, for as scouts' heir equals cannot be found in the Brit-sh domains. If such a force would be al-lowed to go they would acquit thems-lves with honor to British Columbia, and would be indisceptible as accurs or sharpshooters indispensible as acouts or sharpshooters the army now operating in South Africa.

(From Saturday's Daily Edition.)

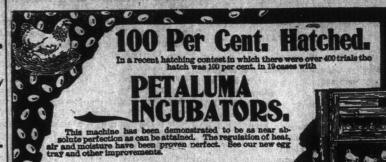
### LOCAL NEWS.

# City's Health

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as if the time were ripe for an advance to the witimate liability which the city into the Free State from the south. If is asked to assume by subscribing to

of any definite information it is not pos-sible to form any opinion that is more ers, be required? than a surmise. He is moving heavy guns so as to bring them to bear on the Boer position at Colenso. This seems to indicate that he proposes to make a new frontal attack, but it may be only a blind to cover his real intention, which may be northeast. The Boer line of communication is by the line of railway running through Cleanest Junetion and Newcastle to execute a flank movement to the through Glencoe Junction and Newcastle to Pretoria. They are thought to have ilt a spur around Ladysmith. If this ne can be cut the fate of Joubert's force will be sealed. Can Buller cut it? There do not appear to be any insuperable difficulties in the way, so far as the general character of the country is con-Open ground appears to extend castward from Chieveley for a distance of about thirty miles to a point where a and Elandslaagte there is a highway, but about midway it crosses a range of low hills. The crossing of the Tugela and these hills would present the only difficulties on that route, and Buller ought to be able to send sufficient troops carry these points without unduly weakening his present position. The distance from Chieveley is about sixty miles. Another but longer and probably safer route would be to send a column from Weston to Greytown and thence to be about 110 miles, but one of the principal highways in Natal would be fol-

prevent a bad bargain being made for Cronje's column is somewhat better the city, and we believe the terms of the attempts to withdraw from his present money is coming from, uncertainty as to the cost, uncertainty as to important Looking at the whole situation it seems sections of the route and uncertainty as

A great deal of speculation is indulged it is proposed to provide for \$2,000,000

## CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE.

general elections; the others were defeats in the house. In neither instance was the defeat followed by a dissolution pendent. One would suppose that if there was a case when a minister would the opposition to form a government.

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Show that the Colonist has been correct

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It is said that Gen. Buller is preparing to attack the Boer position in the Inhiawe Mountains. This movement it made will be in the direction of one of tuose suggested as probable in yester day's Coloniat. The funhawe Mountains are to the south of the Tugela and command the ferry over that river. If the government defeat, the Lieutenant deriver out of this point the Governor would depart from the best to speak so of the first enemy are driven out of this point the way will be open for a dank movement, to say that the exercitive council which does not founded to the first of the f destroy sufficient of the railway to very dissolution, the cases are exceptional Mr. Cotton was in so many words ap-

MR. COTTON'S POSITION.

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## THE COMING SESSION.

The session of the legislature which is o open in the course of a few days will is not a matter of choice, but of neces be a very important one in the history of sity. He gives as his reason that it is British Columbia, because one of the only by this means that the Conservaquestions to be determined thereat will be whether the present incompetent and quote from the Standard's report of his

and the times we here for my always and the treatment of the soliton and content of the soliton and the solito reat display of disloyalty there of communication would be in jeopardy.

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In South Australia the ministry was the finance minister but there is no will depend, we hold, not upon their condefeated by a majority of one, but there power vested in any one except the legis- troi of the local legislatures, but upon was no dissolution, the leader of the lature to declare that the minister of the mistakes of the Liberals, of which finance and the chief commissioner there has been a superabundance; upon was no dissolution, the reader of a many composition being at once called in.

In Victoria Sir George Turner after ship of lands and works shall be held the lines of progressive policy favored the lines of therefore, that the present government if would like to hear indee the look to him for bether discipline and has been unconstitutional in its composi-We are not informed whether the defeated premiers in New South Wales and tion ever since the shuffle which put Mr. the Liberal leaders have been weighted in the balance and found wanning. The three cases above cited clearly show ship and made Mr. Cotton commissioner federal arena offers a wide enough field

two subjects, and the 12th sec- The proposal was sprung upon the dele-

### REDERAL LINES.

supplied, and the Imperial parliament often follows in the lead of her younger sons with success. After all, Mr. Wil-son would have done better had he "let Sir Charles Tupper in his speech at sleeping dogs lie." With regard to the action of federal legislation on provincial Kamloops said that the introduction of progress, Mr. Wilson was most happy and those who have seriously considere federal lines into our provincial politics the question from a provincial standpo sity. He gives as his reason that it is only by this means that the Conservatives can regain power at Ottawa. We Conservative rule on British Columbia: speech. To the leader of the Conserva-

ill call for the best efforts of tock might be the happy man. council to be from time to time as- course to be taken, irrespective of least interest from the well known fact that Lieutenant-Gavernor McInnes has been, perhaps the most persistent advo The Australasian precedents related in this does not affect the provisions of the yesterday's Colonist are singularly to the

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AN INTERESTING STORY.

najority of the voters of the province.

We take issue with the view that "if ndividuals. An executive council is this view, if acted upon, will shipwreck nese legislation. If it were not that nothing in politics need supprise any one, we would be inclined to treat the rumors as a mere freak, of the holidays; but as the old saying of the streets used to put it: "You semetimes almos can't tell what's going to happen."

> The News-Advertiser wants the citizens of Vancouver to avoid dead issues. in the forthcoming municipal elections. The difficulty about this is that you can never tell until after an election what issues are dead. Ressibly our contem-

Congratulations to Chief of Police terized the conduct of the Victoria, force in the past.

The Times, is right. Premier Semin will be quite justified in asking the Lientenant-Governor for a dissolution, and he Lieutenant-Governor will be quite justified in refusing it. A man may ask for anything in this country, but he does

habit of some self-styled reformers has Oh! the years are many, the years are lon But the little toy friends are true.

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## Letters to the Editor.

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The action of the New South Wales

So, toddling away to his trundle bed,

He dreamt of the pretty toys.

And while he was dreaming, an angel

Aye, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand,

Since he kissed t'tem and put them there

THE BRITISH MILITER'S

ty or place not providing sufficient men the ballot may be resorted to. Each militia Most people from the Maritime Provinces have hear d of the Whig and Cour-

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A MASTODON'S TUSK.

g: One That Natives Foundain a River Cutting, Alaska.

here is in the care of Mr. J. As North 62 Pearl street, a fine specimen of stodon tusk, recently received from ska. Originally it was, by the esti-e of scientific men who have seen it, rly, 15. feet in length, following the we, but it is broken at both the base tre, but it is broken at both the base of the tip, and in its present condition assures. 19 feet 8 inches in length and out 10 inches in diameter at the thickpart. It is of a very fine quality ivory, and weighs 175 pounds. The k forms, roughly speaking, a curwe of out 120 degrees upward. Besides this rec, titere is something of a spiral rm, the tusk bending slightly to the tr. from the base, and taking a more oncomed curve to the right, a little riher along. At the base end there a hellow of two feet, the encircling

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The head was shown to the missionary, but he decided that he could not afford the cost of transporting it. Upon his return to the seacoast, he sent the tusk to his friends, who sent it to Mr. North. He thought that it could be sold by weight as ivery for more than the \$125 it had cost him to get it to civilization. Scientific men from the university of Michigan examined it and said that it was between 3,000 and 5,000 years old. On account of its age and good condition they thought that it would bring more from a gcientific institution than as ivery, Mr. North has already written to the Smithsonian institution about it, Mastodon ivery is, in itself, not rare. For more than 100 years there has been a trade in it in the New Siberian islands and other Russian possessions, and the first geographical surveys in Russia's far north were made by

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(From Sunday's Daily Edition.)

## Native Son **Appointed Chief**

Sergt. Langley of the Provincial Police to Succeed Chief Sheppard.

Has Had Long Experience on the Provincial Force as Sergeant.

Mr. John M. Langley, for many years past sergeant in the provinical police force, was yesterday morning selected by the police commissioners of Victoria as successor to Mr. Henry W. Sheppard in the office of chief. The appointment was made out of twenty-two applicants, at a special meeting held at 11 o'clock, with closed doors although the choice had already been fully debated and the commissioners therefore came to the meeting for little other purpose than to confirm a cut-and-dried selection. The appointment, has occasioned unbounded surprise in local police circles.

Of the numerous applicants for the position, with its salary attachment of \$125 per month, ten were Victorians, and three members of the city force to-day—Detectives Palmer and Perdue, and Senior Sergeant John Hawton. The list of applicants in its entirety was as follows:

R. A. Homfray, Victoria.

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John E. Whiteside, Victoria.
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Donald C. McLeod, Victoria.
Capt. Rant, Victoria.
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Thomas Palmer, Victoria.
George M. Perdue, Victoria.
Frank R. Murray, Victoria.
Patrick Farrell, Victoria.
W. P. Winsby, Victoria.
Alexander McGowan, Rossland.
C. Wynyard-Gladwyn, Kamloops.
W. Greenwood, Rat Portage.
M. H. White-Fraser, N.W.M.P.
James Kirkcaldy, Brandon.
A. Westwood, Port Albert.
A. McKinnon, Nelson.
T. J. Riddell, N.W.M.P.
M. Morrissey, Cedar Hill.
J. McAllister, Vancouver.
T. McClnnes, N.W.M.P.
Sergeant Langley—or as he must h

Sergeant Langley—or as he must hereafter be titled Chief Langley—is a native born British Columbian, with long experience in the provincial force, under Superintendents Roycraft and Hussey, and for a time—just prior to Mr. Hussey's appointment—administered the affairs of the provincial department. The new Chief will assume office on the 2nd of January.

LENORA LOOKING WELL.

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Non-delivery of Freight at Dawson
Results in Big Suit.

The N. A. T. & L. Company has served at Seattle a complaint or Will be can be company to make the company to the served at Seattle a complaint of the served seattle s Bestude in Big But.

The N. A. T. & L. Company has been contained from the control of the contro

tion being Massett, where a crew will be taken on. The Carlotta G. Cox left her moorings yesterday and with a fav-orable wind will soon be on her season's uise. The Zillah May and Victoria are expected to get away on Wednesday next, both schooners having been thor oughly overhauled on Turpel's ways.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Until He Comes.—Col. Prior will assume the duties of Col. Peters, who has been transferred to the Toronto district, pending the arrival of the latter's successor, Major Benson.

Columbias and Victorias play to-morrow in the inter-

Thanks for Favors.—The Sisters in charge of the Protectorate desire, through the Colonist, to thank all who so kindly assisted, with gifts and otherwise, in the making of the Christmas tree for their little orphan boys.

## Association

## Championship :

Victoria Defeated the Garrison in First Match for Senior Cup.

mediate Series.

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assembled to grant licenses, not to dis-russ other matters.

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Mr. Higgins said that as this was not a political adhering a political adhering a political address from him would be unbecoming. He would say this, however, that a strained interpretation had been placed on the act so that the fee as imposed fell mainly on the publicans in Esquimalt town, while publicans in other localities were charged only half rates. He intended to introduce a bill in the house to amend the present act.

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The following licenses were extended for six months: Fred Stetson, Joseph Calvert, Henry and Richard Price, John E. Day, Mrs. Mary Howard, Joseph Dubois, Mrs. Eliza Marshal, L. O. Demers, Mr. Fair of Goldstream. Francis E. Bailey's license was extended for a year and Fred McAdams' application was refused, all the application forms not having been made out.

The meeting then adjourned.

Conservatives In Boundary.

Address to Sir Charles Tupper Presented by People of Greenwood.

To Which the Leader Makes an **Exhaustive and Vigorous** Reply.

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Dated at Victoria, the 30th day of November, 1899. BODWELL & DUFF.

Solicitors for the Applicants. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Canadian Bankers' Association will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act incorporating the said Association, with the objects of promoting generally the interests and efficiency of banks and bank officers and the education and training of those contemplating employment in banks, and for such purposes, among other means, to arrange for lectures, discussions, competitive papers and examinations in commercial law and banking, and to acquire, publish and carry on the Journal of The Canadian Bankers' Association, and to facilitate, by establishing clearing houses or otherwise, the adjustment and settlement of bank balances.

Z. A. LASH,

Counsel for said Association.

Dated November 14, 1899.

CIVIC PROPERTY INSURANCE. Toronto Decides to Carry Its Own Risks Rather Than Submit to Higher

Rate. REVOLUTION ENDED.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 29.—The Fernandez revolution can be said to be ended. Fernandez is fleeing with two hundred men to the Colombia boundary. Government troops and the minister of war, Gen. Pulido, are back at Caracas.

## All Reports Are Favorable.

Methuen's Column Master of Their Situation—Gatacre Not Further Menaced.

Boers lat Magersfontein Were Ready to Retire—Ladysmith Doing Well.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 28.—The war office has received the following from Capetown, dated Wednesday, December 27: Methuen reports as follows:

"At 9:30 yesterday evening the Boers on the south side of Magersfontein opened a heavy fire for some time. This morning the naval brigade fired at the enemy at the west part of Bager-

goa Bay. Under an agreement made in 1891, Great Britain and Portugal agreed that in event of "one of the two powers proposing to part with any of the territories to the south of Zambesi, the other small be recognized as possessing a preferential rights to the territories in question or any portion of them."

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Paris, Dec. 28.—The publication by the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin of the secret treaty between Germany, Portugal and Great Britain, providing for the partition of the Portuguese colonies, meets with no credence in official circles here.

A foreign office official said their advices from Portugal and Germany left no doubt that the publication was targebt that the publication was large y an invention. London, Dec. 28.—The St. James's Ga

zette in an editorial to-day on the Lokal Anzieger's reported treaty, says it is a patchwork of previous reports, some partly true and some entirely false.

SEIZING BOER FOODSTUFFS. British Warships Giving Stricter Atter tion to Importations Through

Delagoa Bay. New York, Dec. 28.-Exporters of flor in New York are greatly interested in the recent seizure by Great Britain of certain flour cargoes, and the reports that England has seized or will seiz

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From the Montreal Star, Dec. 19.

The news contained in to-day's despatches from London, while not furnishing ex act figures of the number of men to be sent to South Africa under the new call, give sufficient information to permit an approximate summary of the total force now there and to be sent to be made. This force may be stated as follows:

The magnitude of the effort which England is about to make to overwhelm the Boers may be better appreciated when it is realized that Great Britain sent only some 30,000 men to the Crimea in the war with Russia, and that Wellington had but 31,000 British troops when he defeated Napoleon at Waterloo.

The remaining British reserve forces, not affected by the present call, are: 

Wind, Rain and Snowstorms in the Mountains-Mail Steamers Pass by Queenstown.

GALES IN IRELAND.

London, Dec. 28.—Severe gales, rains and snowstorms are reported in the mountains of Ireland. At Nenagh, near the Nenagh river, a landslide, followed

the Nenagh river, a landslide, followed by a rush of water, swept away two farmhouses with their occupants. Much damage has been done to other property. Queenstown, Dec. 28.—There is no abatement in the force of the gale which has been raging here for hours. The Dominion line steamer New England, from Boston for Liverpool, was unable to land her mails. Several barges have foundered in Queenstown harbor and the clubhouse of the Royal Cork Yacht Club is half wrecked.

TAXING ELECTRIC CURRENT. Inited States Government Preparing to Impose Duty on Power Supplied

From Canadian Side.

Buffalo, Dec. 28.—A despatch from Washington says: "Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Spaulding has under consideration a proposition on the part of the government to levy and collect a tariff on electrical current generated in Canada and conducted across the border into the United tSates. The question was raised and brought to the attention of the treasury officials by the Niagara From Canadian Side. was reised and brought to the attention of the treasury officials by the Niagara Falls Power Co., a rival company located across the United tast as as as a second that the treasury officials by the Niagara Falls Power Co., a rival company located across the truncation of the treasury officials by the Niagara Falls Power Co., a rival company located across the truncation of the treasury officials by the Niagara Falls Power Co., a rival company located across the triver at Niagara Falls, portion of the treasury officials by the Niagara Falls Power Co., a rival company located across the river at Niagara Falls, portion of the treasury officials by the Niagara Falls power Co., a rival company located across the river at Niagara Falls, portion of the Commercial Traders to-day a the Crimes; and a little later on, at Lucknow, he gained his V.C. by killing 11 multiple of the Company located the company located across the river at Niagara Falls, portion passed and provided the across the triver at Niagara Falls, portion passed and provided the across the triver at Niagara Falls, portion of the Commercial Traders to-day a new fall of the Crimes; and a little later on, at Lucknow, he gained his V.C. by killing 11 multiple of the Commercial Traders to-day a new fall of eighteen. He won his commission in the Crimes; and a little later on, at Lucknow, he gained his V.C. by killing 11 multiple of the Commercial Traders to-day a nucleus to the fund for dependants of the Canada and conducted across the border into the Lock will be transmitted through the Bank of Montreal."

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## Tribute to Canada's Sons.

Thousand Pounds of Kipling's Fund for Dependants on African Contingent.

Toronto Institution Votes Ten Thousand Dollars for Same Patriotic Purpose.

Special to the Colonist. Montreal, Dec. 28.—Premier Laurier

First of February the Date Selected-Seven Bye-Elections at Hand.

decided to call parliament for either January 25 or February 1, but will defi-nitely settle the date to-morrow. It is semi-officially stated to-night that Feb-ruary 1 will be the choice. Seven bye-elections take place the third week of January.

CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION.

Second Contingent Now Swelled to Twelve Hundred-Postal Clerks Also Accepted. From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The Imperial government has accepted Canada's offer to send postal clerks to South Africa.

Four Maxims have been ordered for the cavalry. The Mounted Rifles will be invested to 150 making the total the cavalry. The Mounted Rifles will be increased to 150, making the total strength of the contingent about 1,200.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Commissioner Robertson has awarded the prizes offered to boys and girls for the hundred heads of wheat and oats bearing the largest number of seeds. British Columbia took first prize for both wheat and oats. The prize went to provinces in the following order: Ontario, 13; British Columbia, 3; Northwest Territories, Manitoba and New Brunswick, 2 each; Nova Scotia and Quebec, 1 each. Albert Norton, Salt Spring island, receives the first prize for oats; R. G. McLennan, Beaver Point, third; Donald and David Graham, Spallumcheen, first prize for wheat.

VILLE MARIE TELLER FOUND.

the premises. Necessarily he will have to review the testimony before he can reach an intelligent conclusion. In any vevent, it is said, it will be several days before the matter can be determined.

STOCK EXCHANGE LIBEL.

New York, Dec. 28.—The grand jury was to-day discharged by Judge Cowin after it had handed in a presentment in the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. investification it found no indictement. The grand jury had been asked to endeavor to association who stared reports of the alleged insolvency of the company.

NATAL EX-PREMIER'S DEATH.

Durban, Natal, Dec. 28.—Mr. Harry Escombe, former premier of Natal. died suddenly on the street this afternoof. He was commander of the Natal Naval Volunteers.

GRASSHOPPER GLACIER.

The Tomb of Thousands of Tons of the Long-Legged Insects.

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WINNING COMMISSIONS

Desperate Undertakings for Which Soldiers Have Long Sought the Opportunity.

If the present conflict in South Africa is productive of no other good thing, it will at least afford to many a poor and uninflu-ential, yet ambitions, Tommy the chance of winning his silk sash on the field of battle.

For, contrary to the generally received opinion, it is in this manner, and this manner alone, that most combatant com-missions from the ranks are gained. Those earned in time of peace are usually either conorary or non-combatant ones, granted as a reward for long and faithful service to ter of favor, to young fellows of good fam-ily and some means, who, having failed in

EXAMINATIONS AT SANDHURST, Montreal, , Dec. 28.—Premier Laurier
has just received from Strathcona at
London the following cablegram under
to-day's date:

"A. C. Harmsworth, of the London
Daily Mail, has handed me a check for

Luke O'Connor earned his cross and his commission together at the battle of the Alma River, the double honor being award-From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The cabinet to-day over the "Queen's color" of his regiment—after Ensign Ansthuther, in whose keeping

after Ensign Ansthuther, in whose keeping it was, had been shot dead—and, though wounded, carrying it through the action. Like McBean, he rose through all the intermediate grades of the command of the gallant corps—the 28rd—in whose ranks he had once shouldered a rifle, and was retired in 1887, with the honorary rank of major-general. He is still alive.

Yet a third famous ranker whose chance came to him on the bloodstained plains of the Crimea was Major John Berryman, V.C., who died a few years back. Like O'Connor, his commission and his cross both came to him at one and the same time. The occasion was the ever memorable Charge of Balaclava. Berryman, then a sergeant, had been unhorsed and badly wounded, but was able to walk, Whilemaking his way back to our lines, he stumbled across Capt. Webb, of the 17th Lancers—his own regiment—his leg shattered by a grapeshot. Berryman, seeing his superior officer's terrible plight, refused to proceed further, and later on, having procured assistance, he succeeded in carrying the poor fellow out of immediate danger. He then proceeded to fix a turniquet. PRIZES FOR LOCAL GRAIN.

Prom Our Own Correspondent.

Otiawa, Dec. 28.—Commissioner Rob-

How Effectively He Is Using Them
During Campaign in Transvaal.

From Collier's Weekly.

One of the foremost experts in the art
of constructing and flying military kites
for aerial observations is Col. BadenFowell, now closely besieged at Mafe-

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AMINATIONS AT SANDHURST. enlisted on the tacit, but none the distinct, understanding that they are omoted, provided always they prove ves good and efficient soldiers at the vailable opportunity. latter of course are not "rankers" at

the true sense of the word. Th y and fight hard; just as in the days, by did Major-Generals "Willie" Mc-and Luke O'Connor, both of whom

first named enlisted in the 93rd Higheighteen. He won his commission in rimea; and a little later on, at Luck-he gained his V.C. by killing 11 muti-at one time in single combat. The actor in this latter terrible drama is made light of it; and when, somefterwards, a regimental parade was av's work." with the remark, "Toots day's work, with the remain, 1000s, it didna tak' me twenty meenutes!" ke O'Connor earned his cross and his nission together at the battle of the River, the double honor being award-im for conspicuous gallantry in taking the "Queen's color" of his regiment— Ensign Ansthuther, in whose keeping s, had been shot dead—and, though d. carrying it through the McBean, he rose through all the in-ediate grades of the command of the nt corps—the 23rd—in whose ranks he once shouldered a rifle, and was re-in 1887, with the honorary rank of

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's thigh. Emperor Napoleon's uniform, and cov-with decorations, rode up. It was the-brated French strategist, Gen. Morris. Your officer?' he asked, pointing to the-

Ah! And you a sergeant!"-touching the

Yes, sir."
You are a brave men. If you were interest of French service, I would make you a utenant on the spot!"
then, standing up in his stirrups and inting down the valley, he made use of a phrase which has since become histori-

Mon Dieu! It was grand. It was magman who has made up his mind, to ork his commission" by behaving with eptional gallantry on the field of bathas no easy task before him. Where all are brave, the deed done must be some ance, Capt. Henry

THE ROYAL ARTILLERY, THE ROYAL ARTILLERY, thile fighting as a sergeant at Inkerman, eccived three severe bayonet wounds, and was ordered to the rear, he refused to go. iving as his excuse for disobeying that he was trying to earn his "sash." and that what he had done and suffered so far was not half en ugh to get him it. A little later he received four more wounds in quick succession, but he continued in the fighting-line nearly an hour longer. When at length he was carried off the field unconscious, he was found to have sustained yet five additional bayonet wounds, making twelve in all. He got his commission, and his cross with it.

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Sergt. Scott, of the Cape Mounted Rifles, deserved his reward. The place was South Africa, the year 1879. The night before the attack on Moirosi's Mountain he volunteered to creep forward and gain a position from whence he could fling down timeshells among the Basutos. He succeeded in his object, but the third shell exploded prematurely, shattering his right arm and left leg, and injuring him internally. Yet he esteemed himself amply repaid by the receipt soon afterwards of a bit of parchment, bearing Her Majesty's sign-manual, and by virtue of which he was entitled to wear upon his shoulder-knots the single gold star of a lieutenant.

After all, however, it is doubtful if any man ever fought harder for his commission than did Col. Hector MacDonald, with whose name and fame all England was ringing after Omdurman. This sturdy Scot first saw service in Afghanistan—that nursery of heroes. His lieutenancy came to him after Gen. "Bob's!" famous march from Kabul to Kangahar: but prior to that he had shown his mettle at Karatiga, at Charasiab, at Maidan, and at Childukhten.

Charasan, at an early charasan, at an early charasan, at an early highest position to which a "ranker" has ever attained? So far as the writer has been able to ascertain, it is that of lieutenant-general.

Several one-time privates, beside O'Connor and McBean, have retired major-generals; but is was reserved for one John Eller.

als; but is was reserved to a charity school a tanner's apprentice and a charity school scholar, to go one better even than this. He commenced as Pte, John Elley, of the Royal Horse Guards Blue, and he ended as Lieut. Gen. Sir John Elley, K.C.B. He changel dled in 1829, and is buried in the Chapel Royal, Windsor.

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Nor should mention be emitted in this connection of the name of John Shipp, who, although he rose to no very high rank, achieved his remarkable and altogether unique distinction of wiuning his commission twice over. His first-gained at the storming of Bhurtpore—he sold. The money he received for it was quickly squandered, and then Shipp, who was still quite a young man, enlisted again, and actually succeeded in again winning his silk sash at the bayonet's point. Such a feat has never been accomplished before, and of course never will be again, imamuch as a commission, once granted, is nowadays formission, once granted, is nowadays for feited only by death, or by some dishonor-able action, which would effer nully pre-clude any hope of ever again being selected. for a similar hope of

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# **Politicial** Awakening

Bye-elections and Opening Parliament Give Promise of Lively Times.

Tarte Tries to Shift Blame of His Own Misdeeds on

Conservatives Ready to Put up a Strong Fight in

Montreal, Dec. 30,-Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon, Geo. E. Foster and Hon Chas. Fitzpatrick were in the city today, and the prime minister had a conterence with a number of leading local Liberals. The question of the bye-elec-tions was the chief topic under discus-The calling of parliament for February 1, and the prospects of bye-elec-tions before the end of January will make things lively in political circles. held in Berthier, Chambly and Vercheres and Sherbrooke. The Conservatives are determined upon putting up a big fight in all constituencies and are confident of government to furnish 200 trained sol-

Hon. Mr. Tarte has an article in his official organ, La Patrie, referring to the ticle is significant as showing that Mr. Tarte is now trying to lay the blame for the race prejudice which he has chiefly aroused himself through La Patrie upon the Conservatives of Ontario for political capital in Quebec.

Nashville, Tenn., sends an offer to the government to furnish 200 trained soldiers to serve with the Canadians in South Africa. The offer of 500 men has also been received from Chicago. It is not improbable that the Canadian artillery men for South Africa will be revised with roughrider hats instead of helmets, owing to some difficulty in getting the latter.

VOLUNTEER COMMANDS.

STEELE OR HERCHMER? Conflicting Reports as to Command of Western Division of Mounted

Ottawa, Dec. 29-An Associated Press representative was informed this after noon that the mounted rifles of the con-tingent will be divided into two regitingent will be divided into two regiments, the one drawn from points east of Manitoba to be under Col. Lessard, and the Northwest Mounted Police to be a separate regiment under Commissioner Herchmer, with Col. Steele second in command.

The Pomeranian will sail from Halifax five days later than the Laurentian and Montezuma, which carry the artillery and one regiment of mounted rifles, and are intended to leave on the 15th of January. She will take the balance of the mounted rifles.

The postal corps will, it is learned, be composed of smart, young unmarried men.

Reging Dec. 29 The consequence.

**BOERS WAR ON KAFFIRS** 

Attack and Capture With Small Loss Position Strongly Fortified by Natives.

Pretonia, Tuesday, Dec. 26-(Via orenzo Marques, Thursday, Dec. 28)

SCARED OF METHUEN'S MEN.

London, Dec. 30.—The Modder River correspondent of the Times, referring to the scare-firing of the Boers, says: "Their nervousness causes much amusement to the British. It is quite certain that half the Boer force is employed watching by day and the other half by night. Probably the consequent weariness, with the scarcity of water and the presence of fever, will render the Boer positions intolerable. Their present action is due either to a scare, or to a wish to cover a retirement.

GREAT GUNS FOR AFRICA.

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily Mail asserts that several guns have been removed from the forts at Plymouth by night, and that these will be sent to Capetown.

TWO THOUSAND REBELS.

on, Dec. 30.—The Capetown cor-ent of the Daity News says: "A resident of Vryburg who was I by the Boers saw 2,000 colonials riqualand West, He says colonial are to be seen everywhere in the

Against the Perennial Candidate.

paign has proceeded briskly all weeks and practically closed to-night with a meeting in Massey hall for E. F. Clarke and two meetings in smaller halls for E. A. Macdonald. Clarke's meeting was a failure in point of attendance, not more than 1,000 people being in the hall, holding 5,000. The election takes place on Monday.

It you are tired taking the large old-fashioned, griping pills, try Carter's Little Liver Pills and take some comfort. A man holding 5,000. The election takes place on Monday.

CHURCHILL'S OBSERVATIONS.

The Escaped Correspondent Says That Boer Forces Are Greatly Weak-

ened by Desertions.

New York, Dec. 29.—Winston Churchill, cabling to the World, says that although the Boers are confident, ney want to return to their farms, and complain bitterly of hardships in the field.

Aithough the total store loss probably does not exceed 2,000, batches of deserters from the commandos are daily brought back to the front by the police. The last reserves have been called out, and the only burghers remaining on the farms are those who are unfit or have bribed the officials.

The food supplies are not large and latterly the crops have suffered terribly from locusts. The tight British grip on Delagoa Bay amust be felt also.

Reviewing the general situation he says it is foolish not to recognize that the Birtish are fighting a formidable and terrible adversary of high qualities. The burghers increase their efficiency and their government, although villely corrupt, devotes its whole energy to military operations. Time is, however, on the British side, and must eventually weaken the Republic.

London, Dec. 29.—A despatch from Lorenzo Marques dated December 23 says a curious story is current, emanating from Boer sources, that Matt Steyn, brother of the president of the Orange Free State, and 800 Free Staters, have definitely refused to continue the war.

VOLUNTEERS FOR AFRICA. Hundreds of Canadians in the United States Make Offers to Dominion

Government. ottawa, Dec. 29.—Col. Hutcheson

London, Dec. 29.—Sir Charles Howard Vincent has been appointed to command the infantry division of the city of London Imperial Regiment.

William Waldorf Astor has subscribed £1,000 to the Buchinghamshire fund to equip the Yeomany.

## **Mines Paying Boers' War Bill.**

Transvaal Makes New Levy of From Thirty to Fifty Per Cent. of Output.

reducing works will pay 30 per cent. of their net profits. The law is retrospec-tive to October 11.

IN GATACRE'S DISTRICT.

Dutch in the Victoria West district has Lansdowne, says the war office

AT LADYSMITH.

from Ladysmith dated December 22 says:

"The Boers have mounted another howitzer on Surprise Hill, replacing the gun captured in the sortie of the Rifie Brigade. They show no signs of assaulting the town. The total casualties to date are 70 killed and 236 wounded."

Pretoria, Dec. 25.—Gen. Schalkburger reports on December 23 that trains are running to Colenso, indicating that the Boer have built a connection around Ladysmith.

MODDER RIVER. Pretoria, Dec. 25.—Geu. Crenje reports from the Modder River on December 24 that the Boers captued two British forts at Kuruman on December 17.

It is rumored that Gen. Methuen's big naval gun has exploded.

STALE NEWS. London, Dec. 29.—A war office despatch from Col. Baden-Powell dated December 12 announces the safe arrival of Lady Sarah Wilson, and reports the health and spirits of the garrison very

GEN. ROBERTS' POPULARITY. London, Dec. 29.—Despatches from all parts of South Africa emphasize the great enthusiasm occasioned by the appointment of Gen. Roberts and Gen. Kitchener. The soldiers anticipate from the presence of "Bobs" everything from succes in battle to cheaper beer.

BLIZZARD IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Corry, Pa., Dec. 29.—A terrific blizzard, the worst in years, has been raging in Northwestern Pennsylvania for the past 24 hours and still continues. About eighteen inches of snow has fallen and with that already on the ground makes the depth on the level four feet. All the railways are suffering. On all roads huge snow ploughs are working but fail to keep the track clear.

# Horse men In Demand. At Colenso.

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The postal corps will, it is learned, be composed of smart, young numarried men.

Regina, Dec. 29.—The announcement that Major Steele is to command the Western men has given great satisfaction. In regard to the rumor that Major Steele would take the second command if Commissioner Herchmer would take first, all that is known here is that Commissioner Herchmer would take first, all that is known here is that Commissioner Herchmer has not had the command offered him and it is extremely unlikely he would accept any position that would at all stand in the way of Major Steele.

BOERS WAR ON KAFFIRS

With regard to the American cargoes seized in Delagoa Bay as we should have wished and expected. It is a matter of course that we shall make full reparation, if reparation is proved to be due. In the meantime it may be noted, as the Americans themselves admit, that the facts are in considerable doubt and that some of them seem to be rather compromising to the vessels seized. There will be time enough to tak law and the policy of the step when the facts have been authoritatively ascertained."

The Dostal corps will, it is learned, be Colliery — Railway Connection.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 29.—The Transvaal government has promulgated a new gold tax by which individuals and companies working their own mines are taxed 30 per cent. of the output, while mines worked by the government will pay 50 per cent.; suspended mines will pay 30 per cent.; suspended mines will pay 30 per cent. on their probable output calculated on three months' working, and THE BRITISH VOLUNTEERS.

Generous Contributions in Aid of Their Movement-Hint From the

Advises from Capetown dated Decem- London, Dec. 30.—The Earl of Mount er 24 say an investigation shows that

Dutch in the Victoria West district has been overdrawn.

A despatch received by the war office, dated Capetown, December 28, says there is no change in the situation so far as Generals French and Gatacre are concerned.

Capetown, Dec. 29.—A despatch from Cradack reports heavy firing in the direction of Stormberg. It is supposed this in connected with Gen. Gatacre's attempt to reopen communication with the Induce collieries.

London, Dec. 29.—The war office has received this despatch:

"Capetown, Dec. 28.—The Induce colliery line is now working again."

TO CATCH FILIBUSTERS.

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Two Fleet Vessels From Halifax De tailed to Watch Suspected Craft.

that one or two vessels of the British North Atlantic fleet now at Bermuda will be detailed for patrol duty on the South Atlantic coasts to watch for filibusters from the United States. A reported called at the dockyard and was told that none of the officials could possibly impart any information for the public while Great Britain is at war with another power. Detection would meet with the prompt dismissal of any employee. It was learned that the fleet at Bermuda has been cabled instructions but nothing could be ascertained as to the nature of them beyond the fact that f the United States government failed of prevent any violation of neutrality aws, vessels will keep watch for the proposed for the nature of them beyond the fact that f the United States government failed of prevent any violation of neutrality aws, vessels will keep watch for the proposed for the proposed for the nature of the proposed for the proposed for the proposed for the nature of the proposed for the propo if the United States government falled to prevent any violation of neutrality laws, vessels will keep watch for any craft conveying contraband of war for the Boers. An efficial interviewed be lieved the United States government would enforce the neutrality laws but should America neglect to do so then two cruisers would in all probability be employed for patrol service.

Parish Clerk of the Shakespeare Church

Passes Away After Long Service. London, Dec. 30.—Thos. Kite, the old parish clerk of the Shakespeare church, has qiuckly followed the custodian of Anne Hathaway's cottage to the grave. He was 03 years of age and succeeded his father and grandfather haif a century ago, and was well known to all dramatic celebrities. Among those whom he conducted to Shakespeare's tomb were Sir Walter Scott, Washington Irving, Dickens, Emerson, Keane and Nathaniel Hawthorne.

# Heavy Work Spies In a

Their Agent at Portuguese Post Well Placed to Minipulate Supplies From Abroad.

London, Dec. 29 .-- A correspondent of the Standard at Lorenzo Marques says:
"Delagoa Bay is the residence of Herr for the Transvanl and consul for the medium between Pretoria and Dr. Leyds in Europe. He controls the Netherlands railway through the Transvaal, and is the head of the Transvaal customs. He is also head of the Dutch East Africa Co., and has the ear of the Portuguese Transvaal circles, Mr. In the highest Transvaal circles, Mr. There is no doubt, it is thought to congress. But in other quarters thoroughly reliable and in a position to thoroughly reliable and in a position to thoroughly reliable and in a position to the thoroughly reliable and in a position to the trustworthy and accurate information, it is learned that favorable restinction, it is l Netherlands. Pott is the principal that from conversation with members of

ritory."

The Standard says that no credit should be given to the rumor from Berlin of a secret Anglo-German-Portuguese treaty for the partition of the colonies of Portugal.

CHESS MASTERS. Results of the Eighth Round in the Bi

Tournament at Vienna.

Has Been Appointed Viceroy of Two the Most Important Provinces.

acting vicercy of two provinces in the south of China adjacent to Canton. The minister says this is a marked distinction to the venerable Chinese statesman, as the provinces are among the most populous and commercially important in the

COAL FAMINE THREATENED. Unprecedented Demand for Fuel Great Britain Causes a Shortage.

London, Dec. 30.—The United Kingdom is threatened with a coal famine. Unless contditions improve many industrial concerns depending upon the coal supply may have to suspend before February as their margin of profit is gradually being wiped out. Wages have gone up labor is hard to find. The normal Christmas congestion of traffic aggravates the situation, while the government need of fuel for transports, war vessels, and depots on the way to the Cape, have created unprecedents idemand.

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BOERS' AMAZING OPTIMISM.

Leaders at Pretoria Seriously Discuss Compromise and Indemnity From British. Durban, Natal, Saturday, Dec. 23.-Mr. Winston Churchill, on arriving here after his escape from the Boers, says

In the highest Transvaal circles, and Churchill asserts, there is serious talk of a compromise by which Great Britain would cede the territory now occupied by the armies of the two republics, pay an indemnity of owenty million pounds an indemnity of owenty million pounds. and acknowledge the conce of the Transvaal.

BOERS ABOUT BULLER'S CAMP. Skirmish With Considerable Force Results in Several Boer Casualties

and Capture of Six Wagons. Chieveley Camp, Natal, Wednesday Dec. 27 .- A heavy Boer gun on Bulwhana hill fired steadily on Ladysmith throughout the morning. Ladysmith die

not respond.

The enemy having been detected again attempting to improve their trenches facing Gen. Buller, the British heavy guns opened upon them, and the Boers scampered back into the hills.

The British patrols sighted the enemy in force on our extreme left. Nine Boers were killed in a skirmish that followed and eye Reer wargers were con-

FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA. All British Rule Will Make the Country

ponses have been made by Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia and Japan. There is no doubt, it is thought here, that Italy, the remaining country addressed, will make favorable answer, if it has not already done so. According to information the British answer was first to be submitted and was exceptionally comprehensive and explicit, yielding to every suggestion made by the United States. The British answer is said to emphasize the concurrence with the United States by adopting word for word, much of the phraseology employed by Secretary Hay in his original note to Great Britain and the other Powers. Great secrecy was maintained by Great Britain in returning her reply, but the contents reached the other powers and great irritation was felt on account of the apparent working in consort of the United States and Great Britain. The German answer was rather more vague but its general tendency was favorable, the only conditions being that any arrangement as to free access to China should be universal, and assented to by all of the powers.

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Mail Steamer In Peril.

Big German Liner Stranded in Terrific Gale Off English Coast.

Tugs and Lifeboats Urgently Called For But Move Out With Great Difficulty.

London, Dec. 30.-A large German mail steamer, whose name has not yet ascertained, has gone aground during a terrific gale in East Bay, about a quar ern extremity of Kent. Heavy seas are

breaking over the vessel, and the life-boats are unable to reach her. Fears are entertained for the safety of the passengers. It is believed that the grounded steamer is one of the Ham-burg-American liners.

Late reports are that the position of the stranded liner is very serious. Tugs-and lifeboats were urgently requisitioned from Dover and Folkestone, but they had the utmost difficulty in getting off, owing to the gale. The signals of dis-tress were observed on the Sang Head lightship.

AN EXPERT ON PAPER.

Would Insist on Military Dictatorship as Means to End of Carrying the Boer Earthworks.

London, Dec. 29 .- Mr. Henry Spencer Wilkinson, the Morning Post's military expert, in a review of the situation to-

the nation to insist, if not upon a mili-tary dictatorship, at least upon the adthe nation to insist, if not upon a military dictatorship, at least upon the admission into the cabinet of a military minister, empowered to veto any proposals detrimental to the successful prosecution of the war, and also that the administration of the army should be placed wholly in the hands of a tried military administration."

VANCOUVER NEWS.

Movement to Raise a Company of Rough Riders in Terminal City.

Vancouver, Dec. 30.-Ald. Neelands is the third citizen asked by the Deadman's Island committee to become a candidate for mayor. Mr. Neelands was satisfactory to the committee, but declined on the ground that the sacrifice was too great, that business interests would suf-

Great Britian and the United States Agree on All Points.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The negotiations opened by Secretary Hay with the great powers of Europe and with Japan towards securing a complete understanding for a continued open door policy throughout China, have met with the most gratifying results. The state department is unwilling to make public the nature of the replies received, as this information would be embodied in a report to congress. But in other quarters to to congress. But in other quarters to the conglity reliable and in a position to hear that business interests would suffer too much, and other demands of a social nature would become to him if he was elected. His refusal was final. Ald. Brown this morning informed the Deadman's Island committee that he would stand for mayor. The labor wote will be divided, but Ald. Brown expects a large percentage, as he considers himself a friend of labor.

A member of the Deadman's Island committee stated this morning that at a meeting held in the Trades and Labor mayor, that no unanimous decision had been arrived at, but he believed that Ald. Brown would get two-thirds of the labor yote. The labor people, according to the parliamentary committee, are not going to place a candidate in the field, and the only serious objection, if it could be called such, to the candidature of Ald. Brown was his stand on the union label question.

The Trades and Labor Council contend

London, Dec. 28.—The ashes of the Duke of Westminster whose remains were cremated at Woking cemetery, December 24, were to-day privy'-ly interested in the church yard of Eton Hall. Cheshire, in the presence of his relatives and the Marquis of Lorn. "epresenting Queen Victoria.

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of the Teronto men in gagement, says the oth all there and in good he The Toronto comparpany, as it is designated was raised in Toronto, follows: Capt. R. K. I. Lieut. W. R. Marshall Lieut. C. S. Wilkie, 10 diors: and 14cm F. E.