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Queen's Visit Transfers to Dublin Leaders in Society and the State.

Horses in Urgent Request-Luxuries for Officers at Pretoria.

London, April 7.-From a city of nervous forebodings, political excitement and almost stagnant business, Dublin has been transformed into a capital as gay and as busy as any European city.

The coming of the Queen, though to a Catholic country in the middle of Lent, has started a whirl of festivities such as there has not been in Ireland since the good old days of which Lever wrote.

The Irish nobility have been across the Channel from their English homes in unprecedented numbers, and the south, the west and the north of Ireland itself the country families have poured into Dublin.

The Castle, where the Lord Lieutenant holds sway is naturally the centre of attraction, but the ancient building can hold only a few.

The Shelbourne Hotel, however, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Home Secretary Ridley and a number of peers and peeresses have been dining in state every night this week.

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justice, they would shrink with horror." The Times says the German press is especially responsible for the personal scurrilities directed against the Prince of Wales, referring to the Kladderadatsch, which is not a Socialist sheet, but which ranks up towards London French. Such alleged scurrilities as the Kladderadatsch prints are systematic, yet the Times avers that the German press is controlled, guided, cajoled or coerced by the government and that the German law of lese majeste is the most stringent in Europe.

Several Specially Mentioned in Col. Otter's Official Report. Ottawa, April 7.-The report from Col. Otter refers to the following who distinguished themselves at Paardeberg:

Private Kennedy, who led one of the ammunition mules right up to the firing line, and was killed.

Surgeon-Captain Pisset, who went forward and attended to Captain Arnold on the firing line, and acted as stretcher bearer in returning.

The following also distinguished themselves: No. 6553, Sergeant Utten, 7177, Private Andrews, 7040; Private Dickson, 7043; Private Dunnefer, 7876; Private Page, 7808; Private Murphy, 7347; Private Formbrook; O'Leary, R.C. chaplain, who assisted within the firing line.

Private J. H. Dickson is a member of Nelson Co. of Rocky Mountain Rangers.

Has Gatacre Fought Again? Unconfirmed Delayed Report That He Engaged Boers at Reddersburg.

London, April 7.-No news was issued by the war office to-night. None was received from the front, except from Bloemfontein relating to an engagement by Gen. Gatacre at Reddersburg, which seems to have been held back by the censor.

It will be remembered that Lord Roberts reports the unfortunate occurrence at Reddersburg said that General Gatacre had arrived there on the morning of April 7. Hence he may have succeeded in engaging the Boers later in the day.

It is strange, however, that Gen. Gatacre's subsequent movements have not been mentioned in Lord Roberts' other despatches, the last of which was dated the evening of the 6th.

It is reported from Ladysmith that the Boers are beginning to construe Gen. Gatacre's inactivity as a sign of fear or inability to resume active operations.

Speaking at an annexation meeting at Worcester on April 6, Premier Sir John Gordon Sprigg declared that he had been informed by a member of the Afrikaner Bond who had just returned from on duty at Reddersburg, that the Republic at the commencement of the war expected the active assistance of 40,000 soldiers.

He learned also of documents incriminating a number of leading colonialists in machination with the government of the republics.

Bloemfontein, April 4.-[Afternoon].-Gen. Gatacre had an engagement with the Boers at Reddersburg to-day. Details of the affair have not been obtained.

The Prince of Wales.

His Royal Highness Likely to Visit Canada During Coming Summer.

Report That Project Already Has Been Discussed With the Dominion Premier.

Queen's Visit to Ireland a Factor in Deciding Him on the Trip.

Special to the Colonist. Winnipeg, April 7.-A cable from London contains the following: "Although no definite announcement is yet made, it is generally believed that the Prince of Wales will certainly visit Canada during the coming summer.

The idea to do so was suggested some time ago and has been further quickened by the success of the Queen's visit to Ireland. The crazy attempt on his life in Brussels will also probably still further influence him to the Canadian trip, as showing that he does not entertain any fears from travelling abroad.

"The desire of Canada to entertain the Prince has received further expression within the last few days. His Royal Highness is said to have received an assurance from Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the whole Dominion will welcome him.

The marquis of Ottawa, Toronto, Quebec and Montreal are also said to have expressed anxiety to open the gates of their several cities to the heir apparent.

AN EXPENSIVE LESSON. Honolulu at Two Million Dollars' Expense in Dealing With the Plague. San Francisco, April 7.-Honolulu despatches dated March 31 received by the Doric are as follows:

It is now estimated that the cost of fighting the plague will reach at least \$2,000,000, a large part of the expense having been incurred in finding homes for the people who were burned out by the fire, particularly the great thousands under a continuous canopy of fluttering flags, with a background of thousands of holiday-making elders who accompanied them.

WORKING THE MINES. An End to Costly Idleness at Roseland-Testing for Data for Contract Making. Roseland, April 7.-The shipments for the week were 292 tons. The Le Roi sending 372 and the L. X. 20 tons to the smelter.

A number of miners of the Le Roi resumed work this morning, and with the beginning of next week the making of contracts will commence. The men are at present working merely to test the ground, with a view to determine what the work is worth, this being preliminary to agreeing on a contract price. Similar methods will be followed in the War Eagle and Centre Star next week.

A STENOGRAPHER'S HAUL. Eight Thousand Dollars Ahead by Portgery and Out of Police Range. New York, April 7.-W. C. Winslow, a young man who had been employed as stenographer in the offices of E. C. Benedict & Co., and Frank S. Hastings, cannot be found, and he is charged with having forged Mr. Hastings' name to checks on the Bank of America in Wall Street.

THURSDAY'S CASUALTIES. London, April 7.-The war office has posted the list of casualties at Pretoria, near Boshof, on April 5. Only one is reported killed, Sgt. Patrick Campy, of the Imperial Yeomanry, husband of the well-known actress. Nine non-commissioned officers and men are reported wounded.

THE PIGEON TOURNEY. New York, April 7.-The big pigeon shooting tournament that has attracted every wing shot of prominence in the United States and Canada to Interstate Park, L.I., ended to-day after a successful week of sport. During the tournament nearly 15,000 birds were popped.

SAILORS BEFORE THE POPE. Rome, April 7.-The Pope today gave an audience to sixty Catholic sailors of the United States training ship Dixie, which arrived from Naples yesterday. The sailors warmly acclaimed Leo XIII, who is in excellent health.

THE CANADIANS RECOGNIZED. Patriotic Committees in England Make Special Provision for Our Men and Their Dependents.

Winnipeg, April 7.-A London cable tells that the committee of Lloyds' Patriotic Fund have informed the Canadian High Commissioner of their intention to make a substantial grant to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

A PRETTY STORY. How the Queen Presented His Victoria Cross to the Mother of Fallen Hero. London, April 7.-A member of parliament tells a charming story of the Queen and Lady Roberts. When Lady Roberts visited Windsor, a few days before she sailed for the Cape, the Queen presented her a small parcel, saying: "Here is something I have tied up with my own hands and that I beg you will not open until you get home."

Queen Reviews The Children. Fifty Thousand Little Ones of Dublin Gratified by Sight of Her Majesty. Delightful and Touching Demonstration-Another Visit to the City. Dublin, April 7.-The children's demonstration which closed the Queen's week in Ireland was probably one of the most gladsome days either the Queen or Dublin has known in years.

The Queen is making fresh conquests daily, and her many acts of personal self-sacrifice have completely won the hearts of the people of Ireland.

To-day's demonstration had elements of interest in addition to the cheering and the waving of flags. The children were dressed in holiday-making attire, and accompanied them. The charming weather which a backward glance at the day of the children's week presented in every way delightful, not only to the Queen, but also to the little princes who followed in her procession.

The fact that 50,000 children arrived at and departed from Dublin without serious accident, so far as known, was not the least remarkable feature of the day.

At about 4 o'clock the Queen and the Prince, accompanied by a small escort of police, went for a drive outside of the city to the Dublin mountains. The weather was delightfully spring-like, and the royal landau stopped at various points to permit Her Majesty to view the Dublin mountains in sunlight.

BOERISAE FROM SIMONSTOWN. ESCAPEES MAKE ORGANIZED ATTEMPT TO BREAK AWAY FROM BRITISH PRISON. Cape Town, April 7.-A determined attempt to escape was made by Boer prisoners at Simonstown, and fourteen of them succeeded in getting away.

INDIA'S STARVING MILLIONS. Kansas Preacher Philanthropist Makes Good Start in Movement to Send Corn. Topeka, Kas., April 6.-Governor Stanley presided at a mass meeting here last night for the purpose of inaugurating a movement to raise a million bushels of corn to send to the famine sufferers of India.

DRY GOODS AFIRE. Pittsburg, April 7.-Joseph Herne & Co.'s immense dry goods store is burning and will be a complete loss.

NOTED TENOR'S DEATH. San Francisco, April 6.-Ernest O. Balaban, the tenor, who twelve years ago sang with Patti in leading roles, is dead in this city of acute bronchitis. He sang for the last time on last Sunday night.

HAWAIIAN BILL. Washington, April 6.-The house, after a four hours' debate to-day, passed the substitute for the senate bill providing for a territorial form of government for Hawaii. The bill now goes to conference.

Dire Flood In Texas

Heavy Rains Cause Colorado River to Set Free a Mammoth Reservoir.

Water Wall Sixty Feet High Spreads Devastation Over Valley Below.

Scores of Lives Lost and Property Damage Counted by Millions. Austin, Tex., April 7.-This city is tonight in pitch darkness with a raging river one mile wide and swollen far beyond its natural banks, roaring and surging through all the lower portions of the town, having spread death and destruction in its wake.

The flood is not unlike the disastrous Johnstown flood some years ago in that the raging river, already swollen far beyond its capacity, bore too heavily on an immense dam, spanning the river here, breaking it and letting loose a reservoir of water 30 miles long, half a mile wide and 60 feet deep, to aid in carrying destruction down the valley of the Colorado river.

Following is a list of the known dead, including the eight killed in the power house: Frank Pinner, Frank Kinney, Walter Flower, Walter Johnson, Alfred Johnson, Frank Fitzgerald, Walter Blossman, Joseph Newman, Dick Morris (negro), John Proes and Charles Burckhard.

Last Wednesday night it began to rain very hard at this place, the storm extending along the water's edge of the Colorado river, and the precipitation continued this morning, the downfall aggregating six inches.

At daybreak this morning it became evident that the situation was serious. The river began to rise so rapidly that it was evident that the immense dam, power houses and contents, costing one and a half million dollars, were in imminent danger.

The breaking of the dam caused the wild excitement in the city. The telegraph companies at once wired to place below here to look out for the great water, and to notify those living in the valleys below the city.

A family of six negroes living in the valley south of the city are known to have been drowned. It is estimated that more than 100 houses have been destroyed, and the loss to property will be great.

The surface of the river throughout the valley has been dotted by small houses or fragments of houses and drowned inmates, along with trees and debris, all of which bear testimony to the ravages of the flood.

In addition to the losses here the Inter-Atlantic & Northern railway says the town of Circleville has been washed away. The place has 1,500 inhabitants.

St. Louis, Mo., April 7.-A special to the Post-Dispatch from Dallas, Texas, says: "A bulletin from Taylor, Texas, dated three o'clock this afternoon says the town of Circleville has been washed away. The place has 1,500 inhabitants."

SORRY INSURGENTS. They Rode Calmly Into Kenhardt Unaware of Occupation by British. Carnarvon, Cape Colony, April 6.-It is reported that 200 insurgents, who were not aware that Sir Chas. Pearson had occupied Kenhardt, rode into that place and were captured by the British troops. The Canadian artillery has returned here from Van Wyksdijk.

Officer Shot By the Sentry

Unfortunate Shooting at Naval Yard Early Yesterday Morning.

Lieut. Scott of H. M. S. Pheasant Lies at the Point of Death.

Lieutenant Reginald Scott, R.N., of H.M.S. Pheasant, is to-day a patient at the Royal Naval hospital, Esquimaux, his recovery to health and strength an entirely problematical matter, in consequence of his having received a bullet through the chest on Friday night, while engaged in the performance of his duty as officer of the watch at the Royal Naval Yard, Esquimaux. The shot that brought him to hospital was fired from the carbine of Gunner Higginz of the Royal Artillery, this branch of the service having special charge of the dispersing guns mounted for the defence of the naval yard during the past few months; and the shooting promised to bring to an issue long-existing differences between the two branches of the service as to jurisdiction over the naval yard.

H.M.S. Pheasant was on guardship on Friday evening, and Lieut. Scott-an officer who has a reputation for conscientious devotion to duty-was officer of the watch. He left the ship at 11.30 on Thursday to inspect the watch, the naval yard as well as the military authorities having special sentries posted since the stricter guarding of the secrets of the naval yard was commenced several weeks ago. It has been the custom heretofore for the officer of the watch, being a naval man, to confine his round to the naval sentries of the yard, the Royal Artillery squads in charge of the several guns being under supervision of and responsible to their own officers. The entire naval yard is, however, within the jurisdiction of the navy, and as it was Lieut. Scott's privilege as officer of the watch, he devoted attention to the thorough visitation. Being known to the gate-keeper at the naval yard, the officer of the watch passed. He then proceeded in the direction of the recently mounted guns, in charge of the Royal Artillery.

As far as can be ascertained, through the strict reserve of the military authorities, Lieut. Scott approached the Artillery sentry in the face of a direct wind, and was challenged according to the orders. It is a question whether he replied and in the face of the gale that was rising, at the time, the sentry did not hear his answer. The sentry, however, being known to the gate-keeper at the naval yard, the officer of the watch passed. He then proceeded in the direction of the recently mounted guns, in charge of the Royal Artillery.

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Hope For The Sorenson

Cottage City Reports Wrecked Schooner Still Intact on Killisnoo Beach.

High Winds on Near-by Waters Victoria Sealers Lose Their Schooner.

Having left Skagway a clear day and a half before the Amur, but subsequently visiting all the local ports of call in southern Alaska, the Cottage City, which reached the outer dock here last evening, fighting her way in against a formidable south-west gale. She had found preparations advancing rapidly for the initiation of the season's operations in the Alaska canneries, where supplies and laborers are now being delivered by each arriving steamer.

At Killisnoo the wreck of the Lizzie Sorenson was passed, still holding together and apparently so little damaged as to justify a hope not heretofore entertained, that she may yet be saved. At Sitka when the Cottage City made her call, a severe Indian war talk was given by the police in connection with the fiendish killing of Mr. and Mrs. Horton, the officers being for his delivery to Sitka sometime before the 20th instant, when the trial of all concerned is to commence.

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### Taken by The Boers.

#### Five Hundred Men of Roberts' Outposts Disappear After Day's Fighting.

#### Troops Despatched to Their Relief Get No News of Missing Force.

London, April 6.—Lord Roberts reports as follows: "Bloemfontein, Thursday, April 5.—Another unfortunate event has occurred, resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth Regiment of Mounted Infantry, near Reddersburg, a little eastward of Bethany railway station, within a few miles of the town. They were surrounded with a stronger force of the enemy's foot of five guns. The detachment held out from before noon on April 3 until 9 a. m. on April 4, and then apparently surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time. "Immediately after I heard the news, during the afternoon of April 3, I ordered Gatcazeau to send from Springsfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg with all possible speed, a detachment of the Cameron Highlanders to Bethany. He arrived at Reddersburg at 10.30 yesterday, without opposition, but could get no news of the missing force. There can be no doubt the whole party have been made prisoners."

London, April 7.—Not a word regarding the affair at Reddersburg has been allowed to come through, excepting the despatch of Lord Roberts. It is impossible to form an opinion as to what has happened. Meanwhile the British ideas with respect to the time when the war will be over. No one now believes that it will have ended by the beginning of June.

The latest event more particularly illustrates the heavy work involved in holding the railway. This body of some hundred British troops, with their guns, which disappeared so completely within 35 miles of the great British army, had for its mission the protection of nearly 90 miles of railway between Bloemfontein and Springsfontein.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Thursday, says: "The Boers apparently are attempting to retake Bloemfontein. A considerable force has moved south through Thaba Nchu. "Gen. Tucker's position at Karee is more apparent than real, since the open ground north of Bloemfontein offers small opportunity for a retreat. They may possibly engage him to distract attention from operations elsewhere."

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### CAVALRYMEN IN STRAITS.

#### After Four Days' Siege Little Party of Kitchener's Horse Surrendered.

London, April 6.—The Capetown correspondent of the Standard gives details, hitherto obscure, of the surrender of a squadron of Kitchener's Horse on February 15. It was the day of the relief of Kimberley.

The squadron had been left to guard a farm on the Riet river, while French advanced to the besieged town. The object of leaving them on the river was to hold a well pending the arrival of another column. The latter, however, never came, and the troopers found themselves besieged for four days by a body of 400 Boers. There were but 50 men, but they pierced loopholes in the walls of the farm house and made a desperate stand for three days. They fought gallantly and without food, but on the fourth day they caught a goat, which they devoured. There was not a blade of grass on the field, and the men died of starvation. "On the fourth day Gen. Dewet sent a messenger calling on them to surrender. The situation was hopeless. The Boers had two 12-pounders with them, and the squadron was without ammunition. Seeing that there was no chance of relief, they agreed among themselves to surrender."

#### IMPERIAL FINANCES.

Twenty-Two Million Pounds the Deficit War Will Cause This Year.

London, April 6.—The third reading of the finance bill in the House of Commons to-day, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, gave the estimate for 1900, the revenue being placed at £127,520,000, and the expenditure at £150,000,000. The deficit, he said, was £22,480,000. The bill, which would increase the duty on tobacco, and partly from the treasury bills. Each week he declared, showed a greater improvement in trade, which would offset the deficit caused by the premature withdrawal of bonded goods. "The finance bill passed its third reading by 103 votes to 57."

#### Treasonable Dublin Print

#### Seizure of Issue of the United Irishman Coincident With the Queen's Visit.

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### Taken Captive By Methuen

#### Surrounds and Makes Prisoners of Boer Force After Their Leader's Death.

#### Slain General a French Soldier of Fortune—Column Bound to Mafeking.

London, April 6.—The war office has received the following despatch from Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 5: "Methuen telegraphs from Boshof, in the Orange Free State, a little northeast of Kimberley, as follows: 'Surrounded by Gen. Villibois Mareuil and a body of Boers to-day, none escaped. Villibois and 7 Boers killed, 8 wounded, 50 prisoners. "Our losses were: Killed—Captains Boyle and Williams, both of Yeomanry, and two men of Yeomanry. Wounded—About 7 men. "The attack lasted four hours. The corps behaved very well. Our force was composed of Yeomanry and the fourth battery of artillery."

Mareuil was chief of staff of the Boer army. He was posted at and is said to have been responsible for many Boer successes. He went through a number of campaigns in the French army. In his best instructed soldier in the Continental methods of warfare. As the late Gen. Buller's chief of staff, he devised the Boer's advance against Gen. Buller's advance at Ladysmith. He was the most notable of all soldiers of fortune serving the Boers.

Paris, April 6.—The news of the death of Gen. Mareuil was posted at the champagne of the Boers yesterday, and caused a painful impression.

Kimberley, April 5.—Since the departure of the main body of troops, Lieut. Col. Chamier remains in command of the garrison here.

London, April 7.—The Daily Telegraph has the following from Boshof, dated Thursday: "Lord Methuen's Mafeking relief column was concentrated here to-day. The Boers are in force a few miles distant on the north of the town. This town is practically deserted, all the men being with the command under Commandant Duplessis who controls the district."

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#### WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

#### COLONIALS TO LEAD.

Forming Cavalry Brigade Under Col. Hutton for Roberts' Advance Guard.

#### Not Beyond Roberts' Reach

#### Captors of His Outposts Have Not Yet Made Their Way North.

#### Ten Thousand Remounts at Hand—Boers Expel Last of Britishers.

London, April 7.—It is said that the Boers who captured the British at Reddersburg belonged to Olivier's command. It is so he has not retired north and hopes are expressed that he may still be cut off. It is asserted that 4,000 rebels surrendered during Clements' march northward. The Boers will do their utmost to hold Thababrand and Thaba Nchu, both being rich ground and productive districts. The correspondent of the Morning Post at Springsfontein telegraphing Thursday, says he is glad to be able to report that increased precautions have been taken in patrolling the railway. He says most of the prisoners captured are foreigners.

The reports that Mr. Steyn has been appointed to the command of the "Free Staters" and that the Free State has arranged a loan from the Transvaal for war purposes, are both confirmed. Ten thousand remounts from South America are due to arrive during the month of April.

Another Boer version of the fighting with Col. Plumer's force says that thirty men were taken prisoners at Ramathlamana. It appears that the names Cecil and Granville which were originally given to the Boers, are both confirmed. It is said that at that time, should have been read together as the name of one officer.

The Boers had quietly secured many wagons before the alarm was given. Alleged capture of documents showing plans of the British advance.

Brandfort, Orange Free State, April 5.—The Boers who are returning here from the scene of the Sanna's post ambush, furnish interesting details of the occurrence. It appears that when the first retreating British wagon entered the drift the ambuscaders shouted "Hands up!" removed the officers and let the cars through. This process was repeated several times, all the wagons arriving in a bunch. When the news was discovered a disorderly flight followed. In one cart were two officers, to whom Commandant Delany shouted, "Hands up!" One of them obeyed, while the other refused to surrender and was immediately shot.

The burghers, who were previously short of food, now have plenty. Commandant Delany sent the British guns, wagons and prisoners to Winburg. The burghers lost three men killed and ten men wounded, including a field cornet. Among the wounded was the Dutch military attaché, Nix, who received a bullet in the chest. Altogether the Boers captured 388 prisoners throughout the day.

The significance of the battle must not be underestimated. It was fought by a force of Free Staters on the flat plains and without shelter. The Free Staters are now desirous of marching on Bloemfontein, and the Transvaalers are anxious to emulate the task of their allies. All the southern Boer forces have retired to the north. It is believed that the main Boer army and form a large force of veterans.

Perhaps of greater importance even than the victory was the capture of British secret papers, including maps and plans of 1897, 1898 and 1899, outlining schemes for the invasion of the Orange Free State and Transvaal, and giving a plan for reaching Johannesburg. A despatch box was found at Sanna's post, amended so as to avoid his mistake. Another plan was for the march from Bloemfontein to Kroonstadt via Brandfort.

Advices from Winburg, Ventersburg, Frieska and Kenhardt show the colony is full of excitement. The Boers are marching on Calvinia and others are on their way towards Fourteen Streams. A despatch box was found at Sanna's post, containing the oaths signed by the Free Staters who surrendered. The signatures have been sent for, in order that the General may explain the invalidity of oaths under compulsion.

#### THE SICK BOER PRISONERS.

Sickness Ashore Worse Than on Shipboard and St. Helena Trip Will Be Made.

Capetown, April 5.—The sickness among the Boer prisoners at Simonstown continues to increase. Five died on April 4. The prisoners who were on board the transport Mongolian have been transferred to the shore camp.

London, April 5.—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. George Wyndham, parliamentary secretary of the war office, replying to a question relative to the Boer prisoners at Simonstown, said the deaths ashore far exceeded the deaths aboard ship. He added that 2,000 additional Boer prisoners would be despatched to St. Helena forthwith.

#### IRISH REGIMENT OF GUARDS

London, April 5.—(7.10 p. m.)—The Army Orders to-day contain the following: "The Queen having deemed it desirable to commemorate the bravery shown by the Irish regiments in the recent operations in South Africa, has been graciously pleased to command that an Irish regiment of Foot Guards be formed under the designation of 'Irish Guards.'"

#### THE CONVICTED BROKER.

Montreal, April 5.—James Baxter, who is now in Montreal gaol settling up his accounts before his removal to St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary, has consented to assign for the benefit of his creditors at the instance of C. L. Reinhardt.

Patipation of the heart, nervousness, trembling, nervous headache, cold hands and feet, pain in the chest, nervousness, are relieved by Carter's Iron Pills, made specially for the blood, nerves and complexion.

### Europe Sends Congratulations

#### Sympathetic Messages From All Capitals Addressed to the Prince of Wales.

#### The Boy Anarchist Prompted and Armed by Some One Yet Unknown.

Copenhagen, April 5.—The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived here this evening and were met at the railway station by King Christian of Denmark and the entire royal family. As the train drew up at the platform the king advanced to the royal saloon carriage, and entering it alone, was the first to greet its occupants. Soon after, the Prince and Princess of Wales, both appearing remarkably well, alighted on the platform. The Prince smiled cheerfully and exchanging cordial greetings with other members of the family, conversed for a few moments with the chief dignitaries assembled outside the station. Large crowds of people greeted the visitors as they drove towards the palace.

London, April 5.—Congratulations upon the escape of the Prince of Wales from the attack of the would-be assassin Sidpo at Brussels continue to arrive in great numbers at all quarters of the globe. All the crowned heads and chiefs of states have expressed their sympathy. The foreign press is unanimously voicing the profound indignation of the British people at the mad deed of the assassin. All day long, the stream of equipages calling at Marlborough House continued. More than 500 names were given in the visitors' book including those of the ambassadors of almost all the countries of the world, as well as the leading representatives of the bench of bishops and parliament. It was a striking testimony to the widespread popularity of the Prince of Wales. Many of the foreign envoys also paid personal visits to the Prince at Copenhagen. Not since the accident to his knee has there been such a manifestation of world sympathy.

Paris, April 5.—President Loubet to-day sent an official of his household to the British ambassador, Sir Edward J. Elton, to express to the President his congratulations on the happy escape of His Royal Highness. The French papers declare Englishmen manly and commend the President's indignation against Britain's policy in South Africa responsible for the cowardly attack of a demented Socialist.

Brussels, April 5.—Jean Baptiste Sidpo, the Belgian youth who attempted the life of the Prince of Wales, was yesterday was not submitted to any further examination to-day. His attitude is detected and he appears very nervous, having had little sleep. When he has repeatedly requested permission to see his mother.

Late this afternoon the examining magistrate decided to confront Sidpo with his father and a touching scene ensued. Sidpo paid no heed to his father's appeals, maintaining his previous declarations. It appears that Sidpo sent a letter to his mother, in which he expressed his absence on the ground that he had obtained a situation at the Maison du Peuple.

Citizen Jean Baptiste Sidpo, Saint Giles, Brussels. "Citizen—the position of assistant cashier is vacant at the Maison du Peuple. There are no further explanations to be given you on this subject. Be at the Maison du Peuple, room 35, on Wednesday, between 1.30 and 3 in the afternoon."

The document purported to be signed by "three names, Van Daert, Van Loo and De Wet." Sidpo declared to-day that he did not know the author of the letter, but met him at meetings in the Maison du Peuple.

The police have made a thorough search of Sidpo's home, but nothing new has been discovered. Thus far they have failed to associate him with any particular anarchist association. They believe, however, that the author of the letter is his own agent, with whom he discussed details of the contemplated crime and who was probably the person who sent the bogus letter to Sidpo's father. They decline to give the name of the suspect until he has been arrested.

The attempt at assassination was the sole topic of conversation on the streets and in cafes and theatres last evening. Everywhere regret and deep indignation were manifested. It is stated that when the crowd rushed at Sidpo he received a blow in the face from a flag which drew blood. One version of Sidpo's statement is that he declared that he committed the act because he was an anarchist, and that he did not allude to South Africa.

The investigation proves premature. The interrogation of the prisoner lasted four hours, and it showed that he was instigated by an unknown person, who persuaded him to buy a pistol on Sunday in the old market for three francs. Accompanied by this person he went on Tuesday to a meeting in the Flemish theatre, and then to the Maison du Peuple, where they had drinks. Then they went to a wine shop, where Sidpo wrote a letter saying he had obtained employment. He then went to the railway station and asked the hour of the arrival of the train. Later he was taken to the police station, where Sidpo was locked up. The magistrates went to the house of his parents, and the magistrates are convinced that Sidpo does not tell the whole truth and wishes to save some person.

Sidpo passed the afternoon in the chamber of representatives. When he went to the station he asked the first person he met where the Prince was, and the person answered: "That gentleman with the hat on." At the same instant the Prince took his seat and a servant handed him a cup of tea. Sidpo waited until the servant departed, then rushed towards the Prince's carriage.

Sidpo's parents were deeply moved at the act of their son. His mother exclaimed: "What a disgrace for us, who have always worked hard and have sacrificed so much to bring our children up. We have nice, the youngest barely two years old. We have sent them to school and given them a good education."

### Canadians' Fight

#### Scenes at Paardeberg by Men From the F. Line.

#### The Sacrifice of Life Gallant But Fruitless Charge.

Ottawa, March 29.—James M. the post office department, Father letter from his brother, Father who is a Roman Catholic and the first Canadian contingent, is from Paardeberg, and contains a description of the Canadians' fight.

"Well, at last we have been through it, and, though our battle was a costly one, willingly we go through it again. Canada is proud of her noble boys. It is many a once before that we have seen since the fatal 18th day, but the deep sorrow that has been the hearts of the men who are undoubtedly be tempered by the assurance that all have done well, everyone. So say the brave the famous Black Watch, the Seaforths, the sturdy Corwals, they all.

"And, oh! that wild, mad charge, an invisible enemy. Never shall I, nor shall I attempt to describe the scene, but it was a fight, not a faint idea of it. On the 18th, we were ordered to march through a hail of bullets, with deadly missiles. On the 19th, we were ordered to march through a hail of bullets, with deadly missiles. On the 20th, we were ordered to march through a hail of bullets, with deadly missiles. On the 21st, we were ordered to march through a hail of bullets, with deadly missiles. On the 22nd, we were ordered to march through a hail of bullets, with deadly missiles. On the 23rd, we were ordered to march through a hail of bullets, with deadly missiles. On the 24th, we were ordered to march through a hail of bullets, with deadly missiles. On the 25th, we were ordered to march through a hail of bullets, with deadly missiles. On the 26th, we were ordered to march through a hail of bullets, with deadly missiles. 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The Colonist.

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1900.

MR. MARTIN'S POSITION.

Mr. Joseph Martin's friends would not allow the resolution condemning him and his government to be put at the Vancouver Liberal convention, but that makes no difference, because the fact that he was in a minority at the convention, which was called in his interest, proves that his case is hopeless.

Mr. Martin's conduct at the convention was in the last degree reprehensible. Premier of the province, he had himself put on the credentials committee and actually stood at the door of the convention hall, examining the credentials of the several delegates as they came in.

Mr. Martin is now carrying on a personal government. He represents no constituency himself, and none of his colleagues has ever represented a constituency. For the first time in the history of this province since crown colony days, its affairs are being administered by men who are not the choice of the people.

We have been asked if the dismissal of Mr. Martin could be justified under constitutional usage. We answer that it could be, for there can now be no manner of doubt that the people would support any ministry which accepted office and with it the responsibility for his dismissal.

We do not suggest that 25,000 people will at a very early date be engaged in farming in the district mentioned. We are treating solely of the agricultural capabilities of this portion of the Island, and are giving a measure of its capacity, and not its maximum capacity either, but only what it is capable of under the ordinary system of agriculture prevailing over the continent of America.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c. CATARRH CURE... 25c. is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower.

THE VANCOUVER CONVENTION.

Everybody could see that something of the kind had to happen, but surely no one expected such a disreputable performance as that which took place at the Liberal convention yesterday.

Mr. Joseph Martin seems to have precipitated the rowdiness, which was certainly a pretty piece of business for the premier of the province to be engaged in. It is a thousand pities that arrangements were not made for kinetic scope pictures so that the whole country might be shown this gentleman in his extraordinary performance.

VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Last Saturday we gave a description of a portion of Vancouver Island from the tourist's and sportsman's standpoint, showing that there is in this section of the province one of the most attractive regions in America to those who love Nature in her rugged aspects.

The observations of Messrs. Gray and Fry are calculated to alter the prevailing impression that the larger area of the farming land in the southern part of the Island. Mr. Gray estimates that there is contiguous to the proposed line north of Campbell river about 110,000 acres of farming land, and it is very evident from his report that a great deal of country remains to be examined.

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Another way of estimating the value of a tract from an agricultural point of view is to assume a value for the normal yield per acre. If we place it at \$10 per acre, the district under consideration can produce upwards of a million dollars' worth of produce. If \$10 an acre is thought too low, anyone can readily make a calculation for himself. All these things are necessarily approximations. Their value consists in the fact that they show the northern end of the Island to be worth developing from the farming point of view alone, and moreover that when once it is opened by a railway it will be so developed.

The resources of the district in timber are only briefly touched upon, as though the explorers took it for granted that these were already understood. There is not lacking abundant testimony on this point, but the matter is so hackneyed that we shall not trouble our readers with any of it.

an industries population. It is important to bear in mind that arable land near the sea and in a salubrious climate is very scarce in America. It must also never be forgotten that in the coming expansion of trade on the Pacific Ocean changes will take place upon the North-West Coast of America that are far beyond what anyone would care to commit himself to in black and white just now.

THE MINISTERS.

Mr. Martin fits from Island to Mainland and from Mainland to Island almost with the regularity of the Islander. Mr. Curtis is up in Kootenay and has been there for most of the time since his appointment. Mr. Beebe remained in Victoria long enough to get a salary check cashed and then he hid himself to his ranch, where at last accounts he was still remaining, pondering over the suddenness with which a man may have greatness thrust upon him.

It stands to reason that the new ministers will not be much in town before the elections, and we are quite certain that they will have no occasion to be here afterwards, always excepting Mr. Yates, who will then have all his leisure to devote to his private affairs, which are quite extensive. The others will spend the next month or two trying to get themselves elected. They will not fail to come to town often enough to get their salary checks cashed.

EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION. We reprint the following from the Victoria Daily Times, and have only to say that it does not in the least overstate the feeling of the public. Indeed it would be impossible to overstate it if one tried.

Table with 2 columns: Name of territory and Sq. Miles. Includes British Isles, Cape Colony, Natal, etc.

THE ORIENT.

It is not easy to winnow the grain of truth out of the mass of matter which comes from the thrashing floor of Oriental news. When one reviews the events of a few years, and compares them with what was related in the papers from time to time, he is apt to wonder if he ever knew in point of fact what is transpiring in China outside of the treaty ports.

These are the statistics given in the Imperial Year Book for 1896 and doubtless they must be increased to bring them down to 1900. The second largest nation in the world is Russia, including Siberia, the area being 8,644,100; the population being 133,564,649.

OVER-RIGHTHOUSNESS. The writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes advises his readers against being righteous over much. Probably the advice was not more necessary in the days of Solomon than at present, and certainly nowadays the public generally are not troubled with an excess of goodness.

in turn means the exclusion of the Turk from Europe as soon as it suits the convenience of the Czar's government. Naturally the question arises: How would Great Britain regard such a step? We think the reply is that Great Britain would not oppose it. The Russian occupation of Constantinople is not anything like the bugbear it used to be.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

The Colonist has been asked what the area of the British Empire is and how it compares with that of other countries, and although the inquirer is only a little school girl, perhaps some older people may be glad to have the information.

So we reprint the following from the Victoria Daily Times, and have only to say that it does not in the least overstate the feeling of the public. Indeed it would be impossible to overstate it if one tried.

Table with 2 columns: Name of territory and Sq. Miles. Includes British Isles, Cape Colony, Natal, etc.

These are the statistics given in the Imperial Year Book for 1896 and doubtless they must be increased to bring them down to 1900. The second largest nation in the world is Russia, including Siberia, the area being 8,644,100; the population being 133,564,649.

OVER-RIGHTHOUSNESS. The writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes advises his readers against being righteous over much. Probably the advice was not more necessary in the days of Solomon than at present, and certainly nowadays the public generally are not troubled with an excess of goodness.

GENERAL DEBILITY. From the Advertiser, Maryland, U.S. Ralph Giberson, postmaster at Manquart, N.B., is also known as a prosperous agriculturalist.

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to be lost sight of. One cannot easily be too good, but it is quite easy to erect false standards of righteousness. Many and many a person has developed a false conscience. They have been told, or have persuaded themselves that certain things are wrong, and if they are led into doing them they suffer as if they had committed a grievous sin.

ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS. During the last year or two the discoveries bearing upon ancient civilizations have been much more extensive and suggestive than any made at previous periods in the world's history. We seem driven to the conclusion that the present era of civilization is only one of several that have succeeded each other, and that possibly in some of those that have been entirely forgotten, a degree of advancement was reached even higher than that now enjoyed by us.

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SPRING MEDICINE. In the springtime the blood needs attention. The change of the year produces in every one, whether conscious of it or not, some heating of the blood.

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The Birthday

Celebrate

Choral Competition and their Parade Suggests Attractive Features

A Word for the Jolly Citizens Said to Prefer Who Do Not Pay.

To the Editor of the Colonist: Sir: Your timely remarks in regard to the pleasure of celebrating a sovereign's birthday gratified the citizens to ventur opinions as to what would be the greatest number of pleasure and manner we could change for the various entertainments we usually enjoyed.

It will be remembered that through the action of an individual gentleman, we were deprived of the original programme as laid out by the majority of those outside committees. As a result of this, the programme had been carried out would have been a success but for the fact that our citizens have their fill of it if they are generous enough to give a great deal of time in calling upon those who are expected to donate. I cannot help expressing great regret at the manner in which this matter has been handled.

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PROVINCIAL INSTITUTE. Teachers' Convention at Vancouver, Tuesday, April 17.

On Tuesday, Wednesday a day of Easter week the Teachers' Convention at Vancouver, B.C., was held at the Hotel Vancouver. The convention was the first of the kind in the Northwest Territories, will be a success and deliver a series of lectures on the progress of education in Canada. He has devoted his attention to institutes, and his lecturing has been a success. A large number of educationalists are attending the convention.

A RARE STAMP. It is of interest to stamp collectors that the most valuable stamp in the world is one lately discovered in the possession of a collector in London. It is a one-cent stamp of the reign of George III, and is one of the rarest of stamps. It is a one-cent stamp of the reign of George III, and is one of the rarest of stamps.



How Delegates Were Chosen

Election of Representatives to the Liberal Convention at Vancouver.

Two Sets Sent From Esquimalt District—Comox on Latest Appointment.

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CASSIAR MEMBERS AT WORK

Messrs. Clifford and Irving Among Their Constituents—Willow Creek's Big Nugget.

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A Disastrous Ending of the Game to Make Him the Liberal Leader.

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