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Post-Intelligence.

Representatives of the Russian government are now on the coast looking for a Pacific port to be a terminal of a fleet of freight steamers, to be operated in connection with the Transiberian railroad, now nearing completion, from Port Arthur. Jay W. Adams, Pacific coast passenger agent of the Nickel Plate, West Shore and Fitchburg railroads, with headquarters at San Francisco, is authority for this statement. Within the past two months, he says, the various ports of the Pacific, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco and San Diego, have all been looked into with a view to determining upon one into which Eastern freight can be shipped at the lowest cost. After a most exhaustive search, Mr. Adams states the representatives have disposed of all others except Seattle and San Francisco, and either one of these two cities will be chosen for the head office of what will be the greatest and most important steamship company doing business on the Pacific.

"The work has been carried on very quietly," he said yesterday, "and in reality the only aid given the commission has been by Eastern lines. Their idea was not to excite any rivalry before they had an opportunity to thoroughly examine the merits of all ports. The commission is at present in San Francisco and will go east within a few days to look after matters in the same connection and appertaining to the rate on various classes of freight that will, in the beginning, form a goodly share of the export business.

"Seattle has been thoroughly canvassed and the members are thoroughly impressed with not only the present advantages of this port, but also the great future prospects. You will hear

more about the matter in this city before the port has been selected. "The steamship line is to be built just as soon as the interior branch of the road is connected with the Port Arthur branch. Port Arthur will be the Eastern terminus of the road on account of its deep water harbor. Vladivostok has been abandoned as an Eastern terminus, because its harbor is frozen up during the winter months.

"The new steamship line will be operated in conjunction with American transcontinental lines and Atlantic lines, and will form a new route around the world. The importance of its Pacific port can be appreciated, and either this city or San Francisco will be decided upon. The decision of the commission in this matter, however, may not be announced until after it has returned home to Port Arthur, which will probably be several months yet."

A SELF-CONSCIOUS YOUTH.

"I'm sorry about this war in South Africa," said Willie Washington. "It doesn't affect you personally." "Yes, it does. Half a dozen girls told me it was going to make diamonds more expensive. Maybe it was my egotistic imagination, but every one of them seemed to have a now is the time to buy engagement rings' look in her eye.

BULLER'S GIFT OF SECOND SIGHT

SOME REMARKABLE INSTANCES

Knew of Majuba Hill Disaster, Killing of French Prince Imperial, Fall of Khartoum and Gordon's Death

A curious story is current in London, which would seem to indicate that Sir Redvers Buller, now commander-in-chief in South Africa, is possessed of the strange gift of second sight—a singularly valuable gift, it must be confessed, for a general.

It seems that he was at Cape Town at the time of Sir George Colley's disastrous rout at the battle of Majuba Hill. On the day of the battle, although he was many hundred miles away, he saw vividly before him the scenes of Colley's defeat and death. So strong was the impression which this species of vision created upon his mind that he immediately rode out as fast as he could to the suburban residence of the Cape Premier, Sir

James Sibewright, imparting to him his fears, and entreating him to get at once in telegraphic communication with the British base at Mount Prospect.

Sir James complied with his wishes, and while Buller and the premier were sitting together, reassuring replies were received, and the major (as Buller was then) was bantered by Sir James on the subject of his apprehensions. Yet before evening had arrived the news of General Colley's defeat and death on Majuba Hill was flashed across the wires, and it was then seen that the disaster to the British arms had already taken place at the time when Buller called upon the Cape premier, although nothing was known about it then at Mount Prospect, the British base of operations against the Boers.

It is likewise recalled in military circles in London that Sir Redvers seemed to be aware of the death of the French Prince Imperial and of the fall of Khartoum, as also of the death of Gordon, at the very moment when these things occurred, and long before news of the events arrived. Buller is such a strange, silent, determined-looking man, so repellent in his manner, and so uninviting as far as familiar conversation and discussion are concerned, that no one has ever been known to question him about these matters, yet the fact is on record that he has, on at least three occasions, given marvellous demonstrations of the possession of a second sight which enables him to know and to see important events that are in progress hundreds and even thousands of miles away from home.

Never before has a commander of a big army embarked upon a campaign thus mentally equipped, and much curiosity prevails as to the services which his second sight is likely to render to Sir Redvers in the war against the Boers. It may be added that immediately on learning the official news of Colley's defeat and death, Buller went to his chief at Cape Town, Sir Leicester Smith, the general officer then in command, and entreated him to proceed at once to Natal by boat to assume command of the army in the field and to retrieve the disaster at Majuba Hill, before the Boers had time to follow up their advantage. Had Sir Leicester done this, it is generally believed that the Boers would have been defeated, the unfortunate convention agreed to by Gladstone as premier avoided, and the present war averted.

Sir Leicester first refused to comply with Buller's suggestion, then agreed to it, and even left Cape Town for the purpose of proceeding to Natal, but changed his mind before reaching his destination and returned to the Cape, thus leaving open the way for Mr. Gladstone to give the Boers their independence on the strength of their victory at Majuba Hill. After the

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lapse of nearly 20 years, Buller, now a general, a privy councillor of the queen, and a knight of the grand cross of the Bath, is sent out at the head of the biggest army that has left English shores since the days of the great Duke of Wellington, to accomplish the very job which after Majuba he vainly urged, when a major, General Sir Leicester Smith to perform.

DON'T LIKE BRITISH BULLETS.

New English Missile Said to Be Quite as Bad as the Dum-Dum.

It is asserted in France that the British are violating one of the provisions of The Hague conference by their use in the Transvaal of a bullet almost if not quite as barbarously destructive as the famous dum-dum bullet. The conference decreed that only those bullets should be used which are completely covered by a hard envelope or case, the objectionable feature about the dum-dum bullet being its jagged nickel envelope.

The new British bullet has a copper socket, which contains a charge of smokeless powder, and at the end is a lead ball inclosed in a nickel envelope. Toward the head of the bullet there is a small opening in this envelope. Frenchmen say that when this bullet touches a soft substance the opening is compressed and the projectile is so enlarged that it assumes the form of a mushroom. As a result, they maintain, fearful wounds are caused. Bullets of small caliber, they point out, are intended to put men hors du combat without making them undergo needless suffering.

Dr. Bruns, inspector general of the

military hospital at Wurtemberg, recently made some experiments with bullets of this type, and pointed out that a bullet with a cavity in its head and having greater penetration than the dum-dum bullet reaches a soft or liquid body without changing its form, and then bursts. Illustrations made during these experiments show wounds so frightful that they seemed to have been caused by some very powerful explosive, but according to English experts, we ought to remember, while studying these illustrations, that the doctor's experiments consisted mainly of shots fired from Lee-Metford rifles at short ranges into dead bodies and results thus obtained are always unsatisfactory.

A similar charge against Great Britain has been made in Holland ever since the Transvaal war started, and there are few continental papers which have not referred to the subject in one way or another. Many experiments have also been made as to the effect of nickel-coated bullets with objectionable cavities, but as British experts pertinently point out, these experiments have been made on dead animals, and the conclusion drawn therefrom are of little value.

The Boers are using the Mannlicher sporting model rifle, a German arm of 20 caliber, with a barrel thirty inches long. At 499 yards the Haemel-Mannlicher bullets used will go through two inches of solid ash. The bullet for war is full muffled with a fine outer skin of copper or nickel. That for game shooting is only half muffled, leaving the lead point exposed, so that it opens back or mushrooms when it strikes. Though the bullet makes but a small orifice where it enters, the expansion causes it to tear a hole as large as a man's finger when it makes its exit. Traveling at the rate of 2,000 feet a second, the force of this bullet's blow is tremendous. The charge has been made against the Boers, as well as the British, that they are using the soft-tipped game bullets in battle.

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