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The War and Its Losses.

Considerable comment has taken place because, after the backbone of the rebellion in South Africa was supposed to be broken, the British war authorities arranged for the home-coming of the Canadian and Australian forces In South Africa, and also for various wolunteer bodies from the Motherland. It has been assumed that because this policy was resolved on, there was an enormous depletion of the forces in the field, but the official returns, up to the 1st inst. do not bear out this view. They are interesting, and they are worth giving in detail, as showing the size of the force, the mortality, and the present approximate strength of the army left in the field to re-establish order. Here is the statement:

not reach South Africa until after the outbreak of hostili-1. From colonies other than South

Total, all arms sent to South Africa up to 1st December, 1900, including garrison on 1st August, 1899...... 267,311

Numbers:
1. Killed to 30th November, 1900... 3,018
2. Wounded to 30th November, 1900 13,883
3. Died of diseases or wounds, or accidentally killed, in South Africa, to 30th November, 1900... 7,786
4. In hospital, South Africa, 2nd October, 1900 (latest returns)... 11,927

South Africa.

4. Returned to colonies direct from South Africa: 1,884 1,172 1st December, 1900:

Volunteers Total 210,293

The authorities state that the summation last given does not allow for the disbandment of the colonials, etc., of which precise details have not been received. But there must now be in South Africa a British force of close on two hundred thousand, which ought to be able to close up the war, and reestablish order in the country. That they have not done so by this time is in part accounted for when we recollect that a very large portion of this force is detailed to keep open connection with the outside world, and guard the lines of railway. The fact that every now and again Boer forces crop up, and start the war anew, shows that those who thought the conflict would end with the capture of Pretoria were over-sanguine. Only when it is shown that the Boers can hope for no favorable result from Kruger's mirsion to Europe, and that British rule must remain supreme in South Africa, will these outbreaks be entirely suppressed. Very many of the Boers are known to be now favorable to making the best of the new conditions, which Kruger's crass persistency in un-British methods have rendered absolutely necessary, and we do not despair of their numbers being largely augmented in the near future. But it cannot be forgotten that war invariably brings in its train much ill-will and hardship, that years always elapse before a normally healthy condition of affairs can be brought about.

"Where Canada Leads Us." Cold Storage, a well-known United States commercial paper, speaks as

"It must be galling to platriotic Amcricans who gloat over the vast strides we have made for foreign trade to learn that we are playing second fiddle to Canada in the matter of exports of perishable fruit products. It certainly moves us to wrath. That there is no sense in such a situation is apparent, except that the Canadians are beating us in the game of progressiveness. That exception is just doing the trick. If our producers must get along without any governmental aid they ought to be the first ones to interest their fellow partners in the trade, and start a concerted movement for pushing exports of per-Ishable products. Canada now sends more butter, cheese and eggs abroad than this vast republic, and its fruit

business is rapidly overhauling fours. "With less than one-quarter of our territory, and with a vastly larger percentage against that country in the matter of production, Canada has managed, by ceaseless energy, to approach and pass us in sending abroad those products which this country is paramount in. Here is something for Americans to ponder over. Re-

frigeration is doing for Canada what International Baby Competition. it has done for Australia and New Zealand, and what it ought to do for this country. We know as much are not applying it to develop foreign business. We simply seem satisfied to work within our shell. Here is one sort of expansion that will meet with

The Nineteenth Century and the Past.

approval on all sides."

"Our nineteenth century, now drawing to a close, has shown from the first and will bequeath to the next age a vivid taste for historical search, to which it has brought an ardor, a method crowned by a successunprecedented in former times. The story of the world and its inhabitants has been largely re-written. The pickaxe of the archaeologist has restored to light bones of the hero of Mycene and the very features of Seostris. Ruins explored, hieroglyphics translated, have led to reconstructing the life of the illustrous dead, sometimes to penetrating into their thoughts." This is the testimony to the nineteenth century given by a great French critic, and it calls our attention to a remarkable phase of its life. The earth has grown smaller by explorations and increased facilities of communication, but the universe has grown larger. Before the nineteenth century dawned men had realized the result of the discoveries in astronomy. The earth was seen not to be the center of the universe, but one world among many. The first feeling was that of the littleness of the earth and

In our century the extension has been in a different direction. Intelligent people no longer believe in a world six thousand years old. Our gaze has been indefinitely prolonged into the backward and abysm of time. Mr. Barton Is To Form the First The Darwinian theory as well as the geological record shows a long growth of life on the earth. But the teaching of the records that have been dug up is that civilized man has been at work much longer than we supposed. Much of the reconstruction of history from the remains of a long buried past is tentative and conjectural, but there are certain bold outstanding facts which show that at the date formerly set down for the creation of the world. Oriental kingdoms existed in great splendor and with high forms of civilization. New languages have been discovered, and new literatures explored, or rather opened out for exploration. And this sort of research is only in its infancy. It certainly shows that the nineteenth century, with all its modernness, has not neglected the past.

the insignificance of man.

Too Much Poor Elecution.

There has been much discussion ly as to the relation of the art of "elocution" to pulpit speech. While all sensible men agree that the preacher in the delivery of his message must avoid too much display of "art," it is generally conceded that much good material is spoiled from want of more effective delivery. It is quite true that a man who has something important to say, and who is in dead earnest, will make a real impression in spite even of grave defects of style, yet that is no reason why men whose constant business it is to address the public should neglect any means of culture which will help them in their work. We are not going at any length now into this important question, but will simply notice briefly the question that is sometimes asked, How is it that so often scant justice is done to the reading of the sacred Scriptures in the regular services of the church? We hear very much today about "the Bible as literature," the commonest view of this great Book that it is a revelation of spiritual truth, but it is now fully recognized that the revelation is enshrined in a great literature, which assumes a great variety of forms, history, oratory, poetry, etc. It is probable that this great literature is not read as diligently and carefully in public as it might be. Hence many people are dependent for their knowledge and appreciation of it upon the public reading.

Reading aloud with clearness of utterance and intelligence of expression is an art that is not too much cultivated. It would be well with all of us if it was more attended to in early life. Young men, especially young men looking forward to the Christian ministry as their vocation, should train themselves before they enter theological seminaries. Then after this general preparation there should be a special care in handling that which is a great literary classic, as well as a sacred book, to select the passage, or, if it is selected by the church, to read it over and understand it beforehand. As a rule, false emphasis comes from a lack of understanding and appreciation of that which is read. There are ministers who read a passage so that their reading is an interpretation, and almost an exposition, but these are too few. More might attain to this gift by giving the thought and care that the high duty demands. We cannot create great orators or brilliant elocutionists, but good readers might be more common, for surely every man should seek to understand what he has to pre-

In the editorial, "The Day We Celebrate," in yesterday's issue, the printer made a sentence read as follows: "There is no manifestation of our natures that produces so much happiness as usefulness." What the writer said was "unselfishness." However, at Christmas time everybody has to be forgiven, even the revising compositor.

sent to others.

The New York Journal challenges The London (England) Daily Mail (Mr. about the science as Canadians, but Harmsworth's paper) to a great international Baby Show. Each paper is to offer prizes for photographs of the finest and handsomest babies from the British Empire and United States, respectively. Impartial judges, French, German, Italian, will decide. The enthusiastic Journal considers the matter of patriotic importance, "for a winning Baby means a winning Nation." The Journal seems to us rather reckless in the scope of the competition. "Call in your Imperial colonies," it "Canada, Australia, and, if you chose, recalcitrant South Africa. Select the finest baby in the entire British

That would mean, of course, if there is any fair play in the judging, that the finest baby in the British Empire would come from Canada.

Will any one say why, apart from the long-windedness of members, the ensuing session of the Dominion Parliament should last longer than two months, or at the outside ten weeks?

The Hamilton Times says that the gerrymander was Sir Charles Tupper's sheet anchor in the late general elec-Never were truer words pen-When the gerrymander is undone, and the discouragements which its existence caused supporters of the Government in many places are removed, Ontario will prove herself to be thoroughly Liberal in national as well as in Provincial contests.

AUSTRALIA'S COMMONWEALTH

Cabinet.

Twenty-Two Fishermen Perish in Storm—Several Boats Lost— Christmas Day in Paris.

THE NEW COMMONWEALTH. Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 26 .- Mr. Edmund Barton, who was the leader of the federal convention, has accepted Earl of Hopetoun's offer to form the first cabinet of the federation. He anticipated no difficulty.

MANY LIVES LOST. London, Dec. 26 .- The reports that several Shetland fishing boats were in great peril from the storm, and had probably been lost, are confirmed. Only one boat out of five has ben found, and it is known that no fewer than 22 fishermen have perished.

DEATH AT OSBORNE HOUSE. London, Dec. 25 .- The Dowager Lady Churchill, senior lady of the bedchamber, and an intimate friend of the Queen, was found dead in her bedroom sborne vesterday morning tiring she complained of cold, but as no alarming systems manifested themher indisposition was not thought to be of a serious nature.

PALACE OPEN TO PUBLIC. St. Petersburg, Dec. 25 .- The Prince of Oldenbourg, president of the government temperance committee, noon yesterday, declared the people's palace open to the public. After the naugural ceremonies, the prince and twenty of the higher army officers, including the commanding generals, along with high officials, noblemen and ladies, dined side by side with peasants and the families of work-

CHRISTMAS IN PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 26.-Christmastide was favored in France with bright, cheerweather, and Parisians celebrated it in characteristic fashion. All the restaurants, and cafes were thronged with festive supper parties, which did not disperse until early next morning. At midnight masses, with special musical attractions, filled the leading churches to overflowing. The charitable side of the festival was represented by numbers of free meals and seasonable gifts to poor families and outcasts. adame Loubet gave 700 francs to be used for the relief of widows in necessitous circumstances.

THE HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.-The Novoe Vremya, discussing the English news-paper indictment of the United States for its unparalleled attempt to overturn the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, says: The case is not unusual. Conditions have changed, and the treatly must change, too. Russia afforded an example in 1870 in declaring that she was no longer bound by her promise not to maintain war vessels in the Black Sea.

The Bourse Gazette says: Russia is gratified by America's diplomatic victory over England. Western Europe dislikes the Monroe doctrine because it desires to grab territories everywhere. Russia, which has sympathized with America since her independence, which liquidated American possessions to America, has nothing against the Monroe doctrine, and the old sympathies have grown more cordial in

CABLE NOTES.

Sultan Abdul Hamid has delayed an order authorizing the Cramps to build a warship because Germany protested against a new ship being ordered until Turkey paid her debts to Krupp, the gunmaker.

There was a strong earthquake shock at Port-au-Prince, Hayti, on Monday, but no damage was done.

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CHRISTMAS CASUALTIES

The Holiday Marred by Many Accidents

And Deeds of Violence—Toronto Man Stabbed by His Father-Woman Took Paris Green by Mistake.

SHOT BY FATHER Freat Falls, Mont., Dec. 25.—Jacob Werten today shot and fatally wounded his son John. Werten had threatened his wife, and treated her badly, and the son interfered to protect his The father drew a revolver and fired a ball into the boy's neck. The son is paralyzed, and will die. Werten surrendered to the authorities.

STABBED HIS FATHER. Toronto, Dec. 25.-Wm. Lendon, an incorrigible young scapegrace finished the Christmas festivities this evening by stabbing his father, Henry J. Lendon, 18 Woolsley street, a G. T. R. employe, with a bread knife. During a violent quarrel the boy seized knife, and before his father realized his intention, slashed him over the left eye and nose, inflicting severe wounds.

BALTIMORE HAPPENINGS. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 25 .- John Periman, steward, and Frank W. Baren-then, cook, of the British steamship Tampico, from Rotterdam, quarreled today on the deck of the ves result of which the former is at the Baltimore University with his skull crushed. A heavy iron poker was used by Barenthen to defend himself, Periman having attacked him. Wm. Black, an 18-year-old boot-

black, shot Abram Jones and Clarence Phillips. Jones will probably die, and Phillips lost a leg. Black claims the shooting was done in self-defense. Frank Johnson cut John R. Hawkins wit ha razor, and was chased several blocks by a crowd, who threatened to

MURDERED AT HIS HOME. St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 25 .- Frank Richardson, a wealthy business man of this city and Savannah, Me., was mur-dered at his home in Savannah last town and shot him in the back of the head. Richardson was a brother of John D. Richardson, general manager of the biscuit trust.

ILLINOIS TRAGEDY Carbondale, Ill., Dec. 25 .- This aftermoon, at Vegennes, a small station on the Illinois Central Road, in this county, Joe and Jake Davidson, brothers, became involved in a quarrel with Henry Fox, a farmer. Joe Davidson emptied his revolver in Fox's abdomen. Other shots were fired, which probably mortaly wounded Joe Platt, a byst nder. The brothers fled. but were overtaken, and in a running fight both were wounded. Three of the injured will probably die. BAD INDIAN.

Moskoge, I. T., Dec. 25.—John Tiger (Indian), living on the Arkansas River, two miles south of Eufala, went to Eufala with his wife this afternoon, and while intoxicated met L. Roper and threatened to kill him. at V Roper strnuck Tiger with a board. Tiger free.

procured a Winchester and came back to kill Roper, but falling to find him, he proceeded to shoot everyone he saw, shooting Jesse Beck through the hops and killing him; shooting and killing Dave Porter, a nephew of Chief Porter, and a man named Johnson on his way to Missouri in a covered wagon with his family. Bud Taylor, aged 16, was shot through the shoulder, and is not expected to live. Tiger jumped on a horse and tried to escape, but was shot in the arm and captured. J. Smith, who also lives two miles south of Choctaw, became involved in a quarrel with T. Thompson over the affair at Eufala, and began shooting, Thompson being mort-

aidy wounded. KILLED BY A FALLING TREE. Kingston, Ont., Dec. 25.-John Kager, aged 15, was killed on his father's farm in Pittsburg township on Monday. A tree fell on him.

KILLED NEAR CHATHAM. Chatham, Ont., Dec. 25 .- Johnston MacAulay, a well-known Chatham young man, was found dead west of the G. T. R. Station at 7 o'clock this morning. He is suposed to have been struck by a train.

TOOK PARIS GREEN. New York, Dec. 25.-Mrs. Sarah Frank, of Brooklyn, today took what she supposed was a headache powder. Instead, it was a small paper of Paris green which she got hold of, and without noticing that it was poison, she swallowed the stuff. She died shortly

SUICIDED IN THE CELL. New York, Dec. 25 .- Obrecht Reiber, a prisoner charged with attempted felonious assault, committed suicide in his cell in the West 20th street station house last night, by hanging himself with his handkerchief.

HIS HORSE THREW HIM. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.-While riding cross country to join the Chester Valley hunt today, Henry L. Wilbur, aged 42 years, son of H. O. Wilbur, cocoa and chocolate manufactur er, of this city, was thrown from his horse and killed.

FIREMAN KILLED. Geneva, N. Y., Dec. 25.-A fatal

rear-end collision occurred on the Central-Hudson, Pennsylvania Division here tonight. The south-bound passenger train, due at 7:30 o'clock, crashed into a freight engine standing a short distance north of the station. Louis Peters, the fireman of the freight engine, was instantly

SERIOUS RAILWAY COLLISION. New York, Dec. 26.—Two passenger trains on the Eric Railway came into collision at 1:13 o'clock this morn-ing at the station in Franklin, a town half-way between Newark and Passaic. 'Two men-one the fireman of one of the locomotives-were seriously injured and may die. Many of the passengers on the two trains were injured, but none fatally.

Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn. to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would col-lapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly hope could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. New's Discovery, and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50c and \$1 You may touch the hear at W. T. Strong & Co's. Trial bottle If you tip-toe on a hill!

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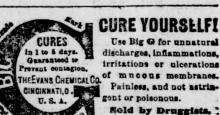
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