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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 volunteer bodies from the Motherland.

Table with columns: Garrison, 1st August, 1899; Reinforcements, 1st August to 11th October (outbreak of war); Numbers: 1. Killed to 30th November, 1900; 2. Wounded to 30th November, 1900; 3. Died of disease or wounds, or accidentally killed, in South Africa, to 30th November, 1900; 4. In hospital, South Africa, 2nd October, 1900 (latest returns); 5. Militia returned to colonies direct from South Africa; 6. Returned to India direct from South Africa; 7. Returned to colonies direct from South Africa; 8. Regulars; 9. Colonial; 10. Imperial Yeomanry; 11. Volunteers; 12. Militia.

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 re-establish order in the country.

Where Canada Leads Us.

Cold Storage, a well-known United States commercial paper, speaks as follows: "It must be galling to patriotic Americans 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."

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frigeration is doing for Canada what it has done for Australia and New Zealand, and what it ought to do for this country. We know as much about the science as Canadians, but 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 approval on all sides."

The Nineteenth Century and the Past.

"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 research, to which it has brought an ardor, a method crowned by a success unprecedented 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 Mycenae and the very features of Sesostris. Ruins explored, hieroglyphics translated, have led to reconstructing the life of the illustrious dead, sometimes penetrating into their thoughts."

Too Much Poor Elocution.

There has been much discussion lately 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.

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.

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International Baby Competition.

The New York Journal challenges The London (England) Daily Mail (Mr. 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."

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?

AUSTRALIA'S COMMONWEALTH.

Mr. Barton is To Form the First Cabinet. Twenty-Two Fishermen Perish in a Storm—Several Boats Lost—Christmas Day in Paris.

THE NEW COMMONWEALTH. Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 25.—Mr. Edmund Barton, who was the leader of the federal convention, has accepted the Earl of Hopetoun's offer to form the first cabinet of the federation. He anticipated no difficulty.

MANY LIVES LOST. London, Dec. 25.—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 been 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 at Osborne yesterday morning. On retiring she complained of cold, but no alarming symptoms manifested themselves. Her disposition was not thought to be of a serious nature.

PALACE OPEN TO PUBLIC. St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—The Prince of Oldenburg, president of the government temperance committee, at noon yesterday, declared the people's palace open to the public. After the inaugural ceremony, the prince and twenty of the higher army officers, including the commanding general, along with high officials, noblemen and ladies, dined side by side with peasants and the families of workmen.

CHRISTMAS IN PARIS. Paris, Dec. 25.—Christmastide was favored in France with bright, cheerful weather, 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 seasonal gifts to poor families and outcasts. Madame Loubet gave 700 francs to be used for the relief of widows in necessitous circumstances.

THE HAY-PAUNCEPOTE TREATY. St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—The Novoe Vremya, discussing the English newspaper 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 treaty 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."

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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- Dress Goods Specials: 50c Dress Goods for 35c: 20 pieces Tweed Dress Goods, 44 and 54 inch, Amazon Cloth, 44-inch, dark colors, plain smooth finish, regular 50c; special, per yard 35c; 90c Dress Goods for 50c: 40 pieces Dress Goods, in tweed, chevils, plaid and homespuns, suitable for suits and odd skirts; regular 90c to \$1.00, 44 to 54 inches; special per yard 50c; \$1.25 Dress Goods for 75c: 50 pieces 54-inch Suitings, in chevils, tweeds, venetians and homespuns, all wool, 54-inch, shrunk; regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 and \$1.50; special, per yard 75c.

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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 mother. 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 BY 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 Woolsey street, a G. T. R. employe, with a bread knife. During a violent quarrel the boy seized the 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 Pettman, steward, and Frank W. Barenthen, cook, of the British steamship Texaco, from Rotterdam, quarreled today on the deck of the vessel, as a 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, Pettman 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 with a razor, and was chased several blocks by a crowd, who threatened to lynch him.

MURDERED AT HIS HOME. St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 25.—Frank Richardson, a wealthy business man of this city and Savannah, Mo., was murdered at his home in Savannah last night. A stranger followed him from 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 afternoon, at Vegeanes, 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 mortally wounded Joe. Fox and Jake Davidson, 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 near Arkansas River, two miles south of Eufaula, went to Eufaula with his wife this afternoon, and while intoxicated met L. Roper and threatened to kill him. Roper struck Tiger with a board. Tiger

procured a Winchester and came back to kill Roper, but failing to find him, he proceeded to shoot everyone he saw, shooting Jesse Beck through the hips 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 Eufaula, and being shot, Thompson being mortally 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 ordered to clear the G. T. R. Station at 7 o'clock this morning. He is supposed 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 after.

SUICIDED IN THE CELL. New York, Dec. 25.—Obrecht Reiber, a prisoner charged with attempted Centon's 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 manufacturer, 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 killed.

SERIOUS RAILWAY COLLISION. New York, Dec. 26.—Two passenger trains on the Erie Railway came into collision at 1:13 o'clock this morning 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 collapse. 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 at W. T. Strong & Co's. Trial bottle free.

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