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In South Africa.

The Situation Becomes Alarmingly Serious.

But Gov. Robinson Believes That Buluwayo is Safe.

Fighting in Progress in the Soudan—Dervish Attacks Repulsed.

Expenses of the Irish Viceroyalty—Mr. Gladstone Blames Russia for the Armenian Outrages.

BARRED OUT.

London, April 18.—Mr. Walter Long, president of the Board of Agriculture, answering a question in the House of Commons today, again refused to postpone the Disease of Animals Bill, or to allow the importation of Canadian cattle under any regulations which the Board of Agriculture may think proper.

NOTICE TO KRUGER.

Cape Town, April 18.—Great Britain has, through the Government of Cape Colony, informed President Kruger of the Transvaal, of her intention to send reinforcements to the British troops in Cape Colony and Natal. The President is understood to have declined to indicate any change in Great Britain's friendly policy toward the Transvaal, and that the information is given to him lest those wishing to prevent a lasting entente between the two countries should misrepresent Great Britain's motives in sending further troops to South Africa.

HOT WORK IN THE SOUDAN.
London, April 18.—A dispatch from Suakin, dated April 13, says 200 Dervish cavalry and 1,000 infantry made an attack upon the friendly Arabs and drove them into the Etkowit Hills. The Dervishes afterwards attacked Major Sidney's Tenth Soudanese Battalion, the fight resulting in Sidney's repulsing the Dervishes with notable loss. The Dervishes also attacked the Eighth Egyptian Cavalry, under Capt. Fenwick, and were again repulsed, with a loss of 30 killed.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND THROAT DISEASES.
London, April 18.—The British Medical Journal publishes this week that some important advances have been made in the application of the new photographic process to diseases of the throat. It appears that a cryptoscope is likely to afford much assistance to laryngology in discovering the whereabouts of foreign bodies lodged in the air passages. It was possible to see eight through the throat, and at the same time watch the passage of an instrument intended to seize an offending particle.

RUSSIA TO BLAME.
London, April 18.—A meeting was held at Chester today to raise funds for the benefit of the suffering Armenians. Mr. Gladstone sent a subscription of £50, accompanied by a letter, in which he said he regretted that nature compelled increasing adherence to his decision not to appear in public. The Duke of Westminster, who presided at the meeting, stated that Mr. Gladstone, in a recent conversation, declared that every murder and infamy in Anatolia must now be ascribed to Russia, who was able to stop the outrages with a word, but who would not utter it.

TO COLONIZE ANTICOSTI.
A special from Havre says: The steamer Savoy, freighted by Gaston

Mentor, of chocolate fame, for Anticosti, in the Estuary of the St. Lawrence, where M. Mentor intends to make an attempt at colonization, left here yesterday on this first voyage. The Savoy carried a large quantity of material, agricultural implements, and tools of all kinds, and fifty emigrants of different trades. The Governor of the island is M. Cominot, formerly commissioner of the Transvaal, whose salary is \$5,000. Another inhabitant of Havre, M. Landriault, is associated with him in the work of administration. The cost of this attempt at colonization is estimated at \$1,400,000.

THE GLANDERS SCARE.
London, April 18.—In consequence of the report of the Liverpool health committee representing that the spread of glanders in horses in that city is due to the importation of Canadian horses, the Government will probably order the inspection of horses upon their landing at Liverpool and the disinfection of vessels upon which they arrive, but will not otherwise hamper the trade in imported horses. Inquiries on the part of the authorities show that glanders are often affected with pulmonary influenza, which weakens the English horses by contact with them, and renders them more liable to attacks of influenza.

"A GINGERBREAD COURT."
London, April 18.—In the House of Commons yesterday J. S. MacNeill, M. P. for South Donegal, moved, on the submission of the Irish estimates, to reduce the amount of money granted for the expenses of the household of the Viceroy of Ireland. In the course of his remarks, Mr. MacNeill characterized the Viceroy's household as a gingerbread court.

"Michael Davitt declared that the household was a hotbed of flunkies. During the discussion of the motion, Gerald Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, intimated that if the Irish members were unanimous on the point of reducing the grant he would seriously consider the question of the retention of the Viceroyalty."

T. P. O'Connor declared that there was no such unanimity.

Mr. MacNeill's motion was then rejected.

BULUWAYO'S DEFENSES.
London, April 18.—A telegram has been received from Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of Cape Colony, and British High Commissioner in South Africa, in which he says he does not fear that Buluwayo has been captured by the Matabeles. He adds that every precaution has been taken for the safety of the town. The reinforcements sent to Buluwayo will keep the road open for the transportation of food supplies. Forts have been erected and occupied the Mangoch Pass.

A dispatch from Buluwayo says that the presence of a large number of natives within the town is causing uneasiness. Native women have taken a quantity of European clothing out of Buluwayo for the use of the Matabeles. Who, when attired in such clothing, have been allowed to enter the place without being questioned. It is believed that a quantity of assegais have been smuggled into the town. The white residents demand that a search for concealed weapons be made, fearing that the natives in the town will treacherously attack them.

CHILDREN FATALLY BURNED.
Quebec, Que., April 18.—Mrs. Lizotte, wife of a poor laborer, residing at St. Roch's, left two of her children—one aged 2 years and the other 18 months—alone in a room last night. The eldest upset a lamp and set fire to the youngest baby and himself. Mrs. Lizotte, on hearing her children's cries, got bewildered and ran out for neighbors' help. In the meanwhile the children were burning. The eldest died almost immediately; the other is dying. The house is badly damaged.

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Pessimistic Predictions.

Serious Character of the Matabele Rebellion.

British War Office Blamed for Inaction—Troops in Danger of Annihilation by Overwhelming Hordes.

Cape Town, April 18.—The difficulty in obtaining news of the Matabele uprising increases day by day, owing to the restrictions of the authorities; but, it is positively known that the situation about Buluwayo has grown darker and that the rebellion is so widespread that a large force of troops will be necessary to restore order. Urgent requests for troops have been made by people not directly interested in the British Chartered South African Company, and the Home Government is blamed for postponing the dispatch of reinforcements to South Africa. The inaction of the War Office is undoubtedly due to the desire of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to avoid anything which might be construed into an attempt to coerce the South African republic; but it is pointed out that while Mr. Chamberlain is holding his hand tied behind his back, the Matabeles are accumulating arms and constructing fortifications, and are bringing heavy guns from Germany.

The policy of President Kruger here, is one of delay; to avoid doing or saying anything definite until the Transvaal is in a position to defy Great Britain, and the independence of the South African republic will be declared. The Orange Free State may be incorporated into the republic, the natives everywhere will be incited to rise against British rule, and an attempt will be made to drive the British out of South Africa. This is the plan openly talked of among the Boers; but, the home authorities seem to be utterly blind to the danger ahead, and the Chartered Company, in the interest of its stockholders, is doing everything possible to suppress the truth, and the belief is growing that nothing short of a terrible disaster, such as the capture of Buluwayo will bring the British Government to its senses. It is stated that fully 15,000 Matabeles have been massed for the attack on Buluwayo, which, although placed in a fair state of defense, could not hold out against the rushing charge of the native regiments. The officials of the Chartered Company say they have no state of defense, and that the British, but it is the over-confidence of the British, the habit of grossly underestimating the strength of an enemy, which has led to many historical disasters of the British arms.

There is no denying that the Matabeles have been steadily gathering together for weeks past, with the intention, apparently, of attacking Buluwayo. The recapture of King Lobengula's old capital from the "parasitic" power in South Africa, is frankly admitted, and yet the available force of volunteers, etc., at Buluwayo is not believed to be much over 700 men. Machine guns have, it is true, been hurried to the front from the British flag ship St. George. The market place has been converted into a strong laager; the old police camp, outside the town, and other posts have been fortified. But it would take many men and many obstructions to withstand a living tidal wave of over 10,000 fearless Matabeles, especially if it is true that they are being aided and abetted by Boer commandants.

NOTICE—If you want good and proper work done to your watches and clocks, without pretense, take them to T. C. Thornhill, 402 Talbot street, who has had over forty years' experience. All work guaranteed satisfactory. Complex chronometers, striking repeaters, levers, Swiss, English or American.

Word-Building Contest.

The Winners of the Beautiful Prizes Announced—About 200,000 Words Submitted—Replies from All Over Western Ontario.

Cairncross & Lawrence, druggists, have announced the result of their recent Mellin's Food word-building contest, in which hundreds of girls and boys from all over Western Ontario participated. The contest proved both pleasant and instructive, and gave the children great scope to exercise their ingenuity during Easter holiday week. Between 600 and 700 boys and girls sent in papers from every nook and corner of Western Ontario where the "Advertiser" circulates. Answers were received from Toronto, Stratford, Delaware, Lobo, Lucan, Parkhill, Ymca, Mount Brydges, Poplar Hill, Brantford, Point Edward, Ingersoll, Alisa Craig, Hensall, Exeter, Maudsland, Thorndale and dozens of other towns and postoffices, to say nothing of the city of London.

The result is announced as follows:
First Prize—Frances McMeahan, 383 King street, 1,230 words.
Second Prize—Victoria Kellam, 343 Ridout street, 907 words.
Third Prize—Daisy Westman, 255 Talbot street, 806 words.
Special, for neatness and merit—Helena W. Boghart, 323 Queen's avenue, 785 words.

Among the many scores of really excellent papers, these few are deserving of special mention: May Peel, Rena Turner, Maggie Darcy, Edna Alous bridge, Maggie Davidson, Beatrice Bartram, Harry Peel, A. B. Wall, Marion Deal, Ethel Ferguson, Allie Lucas, Amy Forte, Henrietta Bamed, Clara Plaxton, Flora Carson, Kate Sifton, Nena Sanborne, Cyrus Eby, Beiva Chapman, Florestine, Robert Orr, Geraldine Matthews, Maggie Barclay, Frances Scream, Ethel Fraser, May Allison, Maud Turner.

Strange as it may seem, the first prize-winner got 1,230 words out of the letters of the name, "Mellin's Food." The examiners—Rev. Robert Johnston, B.D., and Mr. W. J. Carson, P. S. I.—went carefully over the paper and found it impossible to score out one word. The winner is a little granddaughter of the late Rev. J. H. Robinson.

Little Helena M. Boghart, who wins a special for neatness and merit, is only 12 years of age, and the third prize-winner only succeeded in composing twenty words more than her. The words on the different papers submitted aggregated about 200,000, and the examiners had no easy task to scan the different papers. The majority of them were surprisingly neat, and the contest cannot help but benefit intellectually all who took part.

Western Ontario.

Latest Happenings in This Section of the Province.

The Guelph Fatality—The Contractor Blamed for the Wall Falling—St. Thomas Slender Suit.

St. Marys is agitating for a water-works system.

The New Hamburg Turf Club will hold their annual spring meet June 3 and 4.

A. E. Allen, manager of the Western Bank, New Hamburg, is off to Colorado for a trip.

Mr. Christian Bechler has sold his 100 acre farm at Zurich to Mr. F. Krauskoff, for \$5,500.

Radial railways come high, but East Plamora ratepayers think they must have one, and have recommended a bonus of \$30,000.

Mrs. (Col.) Biggar, of Wlarton, wife of Col. Biggar, ex-M.P.P., was thrown from her rig the other day and her arm was broken.

A dead body was seen floating down the Grand River near Brantford by a lady passenger on a train Thursday. A search will be made.

"Jack the Hanger" has broken out in Woodstock. He attempted to embrace a married woman Wednesday night, and swore at her frightfully.

Warkenton wants a big military demonstration this year, and is trying to get the county battalion to drill there instead of London this year.

Mrs. Alexander Mustard, of Bruce, was found dead in bed Wednesday morning by her husband. She was in her usual health the previous night.

By the returns now in the hands of the county clerk, the population of the county of Huron is shown to be 61,833 for 1896, an increase of 222 over the previous year.

The Cury Home for Destitute and Orphan Children was opened at Windsor Thursday. The home is under the supervision of the Llananach Circle of the King's Daughters.

Warkenton Telescope: A writ for \$10,000 has been issued against a farmer living not far from Warkenton, for breach of promise. Messrs. Shaw & Shaw, have been in formed, are solicitors for the plaintiff.

On Thursday, Edward, the young son of Mr. George Leish, while playing in Gilholm's saw mill, Galt, laid his hand on the track up which the logs are drawn to the mill, when the loaded car passed over it, crushing two fingers and bruising two others.

The furniture and effects of Maud Deo, of St. Thomas, a woman of unenviable reputation, were dumped out on the street by Bailiff L. Campbell Wednesday, by order of the landlord, the woman not having complied with a notice to vacate the premises.

Mary Monohan, aged 80, an old resident of Warkenton, was found dead in the county jail the other day, having been committed for vagrancy. A verdict of death from old age and general debility was returned. The old woman was unmarried, and lived alone for 25 years.

Mrs. Ann Frank, who lives near St. Thomas is suing Duncan Brown, a farmer in the same locality, for \$1,000 for alleged slander. Mrs. Frank alleges that Brown said her son was illegitimate. Friday an order was obtained that the statement of claim in the case be amended by setting out the exact words Brown is said to have used.

Wynne vs. Acton was an action brought at the Bruce Assizes at Warkenton, by one E. Wynne, of Greenock, against Robert John Acton, for the seduction of his daughter. Miss Wynne is a rather attractive looking young woman, and is 21 years of age. The defendant Acton, lives not far from Wynne's, and is the owner of a farm. Miss Wynne gave birth to a

child on Nov. 26, and accused Acton of being the father, which the latter denied. The jury returned with a verdict for plaintiff, the damages being fixed at \$1,000.

LETTERS TO THE "ADVERTISER."

If you have a grievance to ventilate, information to give, a subject of public interest to discuss, or a service to acknowledge, we will print it in this column, provided the name of the writer is attached to his or her communication for publication. Make it as brief as possible.

A WARNING.
To the Editor of the "Advertiser":

It has been circulated through London township and the city of London that I have sold adulterated syrup during the current year, and that I had purchased six barrels of sugar from Scandrett Bros. or Fitzgerald & Scandrett, grocers, of this city, for that purpose.

It has also been reported that I have been fined for selling said syrup, and that a portion of my syrup had been confiscated or taken by the authorities. As this slanderous statement is intended to do me a serious injury with my friends and with those with whom I have done business for a number of years, I desire to say that the said report is a most false and detestable slander. I have not manufactured or sold any adulterated syrup or sugar this year or any other year, and I never bought a barrel of sugar this year from anyone.

A liberal reward will be given by me to anyone who will give me such information as will lead to the person or persons who originated this slander, and anyone who repeats the slander, after this date will be prosecuted by me as the law directs.

JOHN HASKETT.
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