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LONDON, CANADA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1899.

WHOLE NO., 11327.

#### Births, Marriages, Death

MARRIED. WALKER-EATON-On Dec. 11, at the residence of Mr. McRoberts, 356 Rectory street, Miss Edith Annie Eaton and Mr. Edward Walker, by the Rev. Mr. McKenzie. DIED.

ROGERS-At Dorchester Station, on Monday. December 11, 1899, Ann Rogers, relict of the late James Rogers, aged 90 years. Interment today at 1 o'clock, from residence, to Webster's cemetery.

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GOD SAVE OUR VOLUNTEERS WILL be sung Thursday evening in Wesley Hall. Admission 10 cents. CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND — LAST chance to spend Christmas in England. The Lucania will sail from New York to Liver-

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#### fleetings.

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Westminster Nominations.

A MEETING of the electors of the township of Westminster will be held on Friday, Dec. 22 at 12 o'clock, in O'Dell's Hall, for the for the year 1900.



Trenton and Frankford Division.

NOTICE TO CONTRCTORS. SEALED TENDERS addressed to the under-signed, and indorsed "Tender for Trent Canal" will be received at this office until noon on Saturday, 30th December, 1899, for the con-struction of about nine miles of canal between Trenton and Frankford.

Plans, specifications of the work and forms of contract can be seen at the office of the chief engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals, at Ottawa, or at the superintending engineer's office. Peterboro', where forms of tender can be obtained on and after Thursday, Nov. 30, 1899.

In the case of firms there must be attached In the case of firms there must be attached the actual signature of the full name, the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the same, and, further, an accepted bank check for the sum of \$25,000 must accompany the tender; this accepted check must be indorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into control for work at ing declines entering into contract for work at the rates and terms stated in the offer submit-ted. The accepted check thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted The lowest or any tender not necessarily ac-

L. K. JONES.

Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 24th November, 1899. Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it. 25n eod

THE DOMINION

Savings and Investment Society, Dividend No. 55.

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum upon the paid-up capital stock of this society has been declared for the current half year, and that the same will be payable at the offices of the society, Masonic Temple Building, Richmond street, London, on and after the Ind day of January. 1990. January, 1900.

The transfer books will be closed from the 15th inst. to Dec. 31st. 1839, both days inclusive.

NATHANIEL MILLS.

Manager.

27k xttt Most persons would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with creek ambitions.—Longfellow.

# Set-Back for

The British Force Suffered a Serious Check

In an Engagement With out the compensation which a victory the Boers on Monday,

An Attack on the Enemy's Position Failed.

And the British Suffered Great Losses.

But They Hold Their Own Posi-

tion and Are Entrenching.

Sarah Wilson Released.

Boer Howitzer Captured in a Sortie From Ladysmith-Men and Horses in That Town on Half Rations-Lady

London, Dec. 13.-Gen. Methuen's reports from Modder River shows that he met with a serious check Monday and suffered great losses. The war office has reneived the following dispatch from Gen Methuen, dated Tuesday, Dec. 12:

"Our artillery shelled a strong position held by the enemy in a long, high kopje from 4 until dusk, Sunday. It rained hard last night. The Highland Frigade attacked at daybreak on Mon-TO LET-UNION FURNITURE VANFinest and best Winter rates, 50 cents an hour; two men. John Biggs, Catheart and Bruce, South London.

Tigade attacked at daybreak on Monday the south end of the kopje. The attack was properly timed, but failed.
The Guards were ordered to protect TO LET-OFFICES OVER 304 RICH howitzer artillery battery, attacked mond street. Apply R. K. Cowan. 1tf the enemy on the left and the Guards TO RENT-STORE-NO. 172 DUNDAS on the right, supported by field arstreet, formerly occupied by J. P. Cook.
Apply at 107 Dundas street. 23tf daybread, and at 1:05 I sent the Gordons to support the Highland Brigade. The troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopje, for a distance of six miles towards the M dder River. "Today, am holding m, position and entrenching myself, I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great.'

#### Boer Dispatches.

Pretoria, Monday, Dec. 11 .- An official report says: A battle at Modder River began yesterday with cannon firing, heavy fighting proceeding from 3:30 o'clock in the morning until 2:30 o'clock, with cannon, maxims and rifles. A bombardment began at 4:30 o'clock, and the fighting still continues. A balloon has just risen above the British position, where it remained ten minutes, and descended. There heavy rains during the night. At 9 o'clock this morning a further report was received from Modder River. A dispatch rider brought word that all the Boer positions had been maintained and that 41 British pris-Oners had been taken.
At 9:30 o'clock it was reported that the heavy cannon fire had somewhat abated. The British are constantly

WHY ADVANCE ON KIMBERLEY IS DELAYED. New York, Dec. 13.-Military men in England, according to London specials that the reason for the delay in the British advance on Kimberley is that the commanders are waiting till the howitzers are in position at Colenso. They also think that Gens. Buller and Methuen, when all is ready, will fight battles which will be decisive and end the war. They admit, however, that it for a general engagement.

using their balloon. The fighting was

still going on at noon.

will be first necessary to find the Boers in force, but affect to believe that Kruger's soldiers are being concentrated With reference to the British retreat from the vicinity of Stormberg, concensus of opinion in London is that Gatacre is not so much to blame as is Mr. Chamberlain and the war office for allowing the war to come on before necessary preparations had been taken in the matter of getting cavalry and artillery started toward South Africa. "It is a fact not generally known, declares the London correspondent of the Tribune, "that Lord Wolseley urged Lord Lansdowne to mobilize an army corps in July, and that the cabinet overruled the suggestion

The military expert of the Morning Post, in today's issue, refers to Gen. Gatacre's defeat, and says: "We urged a month ago that a second British army corps should be sent slowly. The and sixth divisions have put in motion, but the former will ar-

#### The Critics' View

London, Dec. 13 .- Gen. Methuen, as expected, followed up his artillery attack with a general assault on the nent was evidently of considerable magnitude, and the list of killed and

fire on them. But just before the British secured a good position on the top of the hill, someone shouted in the rear: "Fix bayonets and give them cold steel!' At this the Boers fled into the "RATHER SERIOUS."

now so near, such sorties are rather serious, and it would be better for G White to avoid them as much as pos-

to prepare and send more troops to South Africa.

BOER REPORTS.

A strange item of news reached here from Boer sources, announcing that the Waschbank bridge was damaged. would have brought, if, indeed, the af- This was taken in some quarters as a fair does not turn out to be a more possible confirmation of the suggestion that the British had made a wide serious defeat than Gen. Methuen admits. The Highlanders, it is believed, were preparing to take the Boers north of Ladysmith in the rear. HALF-RATIONS.

while the fact that the Guards were ordered to support the Highlanders' smith, in a dispatch sent on Dec. 9, looks as though the Boers may even which Kaffirs vainly tried to pass the looks as the look report declares that Gen. Cronje attacked the British. The only compensation the British have been able Ladysmith are on half-rations. to discover in the disheartening story is in Gen. Methuen's statement that thus arousing the hope that he will The town hall is a complete wreck. relieve the situation. Apparently the The messages, some of which were for bombardment of Saturday and Sunday the press, also say that the Transvaal did not shake the Boers' grip on their position, and it seems certain that they merely withdrew their guns and riflemen under cover, while Gen. have been no siege, and probably no Methuen indulged in the usual artillery advance beyond the borders of the Methuen indulged in the usual arthrespreliminaries on Monday, and that republics. It is added that the Boers when the British guns were obliged to the war, and that many of them are surrendering to the British speedily reoccupied their trenches and

GEN. FRENCH'S MOVEMENTS. verwhelmed the Highlanders with a rrible fire, probably accompanying is by an attack on the British right shows that Gen. French had apparent-Alarm is beginning to be expressed in many quarters as to the situation of acre's defeat. Gen. French reported Gen. Methuen. The Westminster Gathat his artillery on Dec. 11 forced an zette says: "If England ever needed a victory it is now, and it is to Buller, the soldier, strong, cool-headed and seek refuge behind Vaalkap.

reticent, that the country looks for this victory." The other papers are abusing the government for its "comabusing the government for its "complacent optimism" and inability to Mafeking was safe up to Dec. 4, The Guards were ordered to protect grasp the strength of the opposition it has to overcome in South Africa.

To Lett-Moving vans. Largest but that the Boers had been shelling the town since Nov. 27 with increased cavalry and mounted infantry, with a CPECIALS—RIACK AND CRAVES. reduced, meat by half a pound, and entrenching himself, indicating fear that the Boers may follow up their advantage, adopt the offensive, and attack him. Indeed, the gravity of the tack him. situation from the British point of the relief of Mafeking reached Gaber-

> to De Aar are most vulnerable. Should they be cut, Gen. Methuen would find they advance. himself in a very tight place if only from lack of supplies. The news of the British reverse had a bad effect on the stock exchange, where there was a general relapse. Kaffirs and rand mines dropped 2½ points and De Beers' dropped ¾. The latest advices from Gen. Gatacre show no anxiety is felt for the safety of his remaining troops, who have been with-

### Serious Loss.

drawn to good positions along the rail-road south of Molkeno.

STORMED THE BOER POSITION

MORE THAN ONCE,

CLOSE TO THE BOERS,

ALARM.

he maintins his position

flank and rear.

GEN. WAUCHOPE KILLED.

London, Dec. 13.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Forestier-Walker: "Cape Town, Tuesday, Dec. 12.-Methuen wires that Gen. Wauchope was killed in action

Major-Gen. Andrew G. Wauchope, C.B., C.M.G., was a highly distinguished officer of the British army. He was brigadier-general commanding the first brigade of the Egyptian expeditionary

### **ANOTHER SORTIE**

British Capture a Howitzer and Lose 63 in Killed and Wounded.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 13.-The war office publishes the following dispatch from Gen. Buller: Dispatch from Gen. White, dated

"Last night Col. Metcalfe and 500 of the Second Rifle Brigade sortied to capture a Boer howitzer on a hill. They reached the crest without being discovered, drove off the enemy and then destroyed the howitzer with gun cotton.

When returning Metcalfe found his retirement barred by the Boers, but he forced his way through, using the bayonet only. The Boer losses were considerable. The British losses were the following: Lieut. Ferguson and eleven men killed; Capt. Paley, 2nd Lieut. Davenport and 2nd Lieut. Bon and 42 men wounded; six men captured who had remained behind in charge of the wounded."

BRILLIANT BUT COSTLY. London, Wednesday, Dec. 12-4:30 2 m.—Sunday's sortie at Ladysmith the morning papers are unanimous in regarding as a brilliant piece of work. The Boers fear the British bayonets. The Boers rear the British Cayonets.

This is illustrated in the result of previous sorties. It seems that when sir Archibald sallied from Ladysmith to capture the Boer guns, the British of the streets of Berlin, but the newspapers. for the most part, are the most part, are newspapers. for the most part, are

they were storming the hill, the Boers, suddenly aroused from sleep, burst to the edge and opened an indiscriminate

The Times, while praising Col. Met-calfe's brillian't feat at Ladysmion, expressed the opinion that relief being

The Morning Post again editorial seeks to arouse the British people to the "serious nature of the struggle and the grave position in which matters now stand." It urges the government

London, Dec. 13 .- A correspondent at Boer lines towards Estcourt. These show that both men and horses in is all gone, whisky sells for 20 shilis all gone, whisay sells for 20 smillings a bottle, and milk for half a crown a tin. From Nov. 1 to Dec. 5, 3,264 Boer shells dropped in the town, killing 31 civilians and wounding 145. artillery is almost exclusively in the hands of German and French mercenaries, but for whom there would

London, Dec. 13. — A message from Naauw Port, dated Monday, Dec. 11, ly no inclination to withdraw his advanced troops at Arundel, as had been feared might be the result of Gen. Gatadvance post of the Boers south of Colesiberg to evacuate its position and AT MAFEKING.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 13-4:30 bread by quarter of a pound, in view

view can hardly be overestimated.Gen. ones Fort Dec. 2 and found the Boers up any job that fell in their way, have Methuen's long lines of communication had evacuated the place. The Rhodesians are repairing the railway as LADY SARAH EXCHANGED.

London, Dec. 13.—A special dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez says a Boer telegram from Mafeking announces that Lady Sarah Wilson, aunt of the Theorem 1. The campaign. Their loyalty and discipline in undertaking this dull work is better proof of their real military value than almost any success in fighting. We know they will be plucky Duke of Marlborough, who was cap- and cool in action. Canadians have tured by the Boers while acting as a shown their long home training. Cocorrespondent for the London Daily lonial campaigning experience Mail, has been exchanged for a Boer not been lost on them, and they are king.

GEN. GATACRE'S LATEST. London, Dec. 12.-The war office has received the following from Gen. For-Cape Town, Monday, Dec. 11.-Gatacre reports as follows:

"The idea to attack Stormberg

seemed to promise certain success, but the distance was underestimated by myself and the local guides. A policeman took us round some miles; consequently we were marching 9:30 p.m. to 4 a.m., and were landed in an impossible position. not consider the error intentional.

The Boers commenced firing from the top of an unscalable hill, and wounded a good many of our men while in the open plain. The Second Northumberlands tried to turn out the enemy, but failed. The Second Irish Fusiliers seized a kopje near and held on, supported by the Mounted Infantry and Cape Police. The guns under Jeffrys could not have been better corporation today, called to protest handled. But I regret to say that one gun was overturned in a deep nullah and another sank in quick-sand. Neither could be extricated in time to be available. Seeing the situation I sent a dispatch rider to Molteno with the news, and collected and withdrew our force from ridge to ridge for about nine miles. The Boer guns were remarkably well served. They carried accurately 5,000 yards. I am holding Bushman's Hook and Cyphergat. Am sending the Irish Rifles and Northumberlands to Sterkstroom to recuperate. The wounded proceeded to Queenstown. The missing Northumberlands

number 366, not 306, as previously reported.'

estimating Boer strength in Cape Colony. Experts aver that 15,000 Boers will have to be driven out of the colony before the passage of the Orange River can be commerced. Gen. Gatacre's disaster at Stormberg has been blamed to a lack of knowledge of the country. According to the Daily Telegraph, when the war hegan there were no official maps available at Cape Town, and there-

intelligence department is displaying

fort it is probable that Gen. Gatacre is still without them. A BOER ACCOUNT Pretoria, Sunday, Dec. 10.-President Steyn has sent the following details of the fight at Stormberg Junction: "The British, with six cannons, at-tacked the Boers under Swanepoel and Olivier, and stormed the Boers' ter a severe fight they were compelled to surrender. The prisoners are Major Sturges, 6 officers and 230 and noncommissioned officers and men of the Northumberlands, and 2 officers and about 250 non-commissioned officers and men of the Irish Fusiliers. It is impossible to state the number

of dead or wounded. The Boers cap-tured three cannon and two ammuni-

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216 Dundas street. reticent on the subject. The Berliner Tageblatt, which prints a long letter from a German in London advising public here against demonstrations of Anglophobia, gives the news of the repulse without comment. The war, it may well be believed that Gen. Gatacre's troops fought as if on the parade ground." The Neuste Nachparade ground." The Neuste Nach-richten asks if it is against English custom to reconnoiter before attacking. The Deutsche Tages Zeitung is about the only paper this evening which is distinctly Anglophobe in its

#### The Canadians.

REGIMENT UNITED-WON PRAISE FOR THEIR WORK.

Belmont, Dec. 9. - The Canadians have moved up from Orange River to this place. The right half came ur yesterday and the left half today. COLONIALS PRAISED.

London, Dec. 12.-The military experts, commenting on today's war news, insist upon the admirable work being done by the colonial troops, The St. James' Gazette today says that "the New Zealanders, near Colesberg, anticipated the Boers on an important hill, and drove them off with loss. The New South Wates Lancers admirably co-operated with our cavalry in the said neighborhood. The Canadians at Orange River Station have been showing their quality as yet in a way not less important, though less showy. For the most part, they are very handy men, accustomed to take been invaluable in very necessary work, building railway sidings, erecting platforms, and in many needful duties essential to the progress of the campaign. Their loyalty and disciwoman, who was a prisoner at Mafe- now getting their reward in being pushed to the front."

BUGLE NOTES. Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Dec. 12.—The British transport Denton Grange, with war munitions on board, en route to Came Colony, is ashore outside the harbor, and making

water United States Secretary Hay has sent instructions to United States Consul Stanley Hollis at Lorenzo Marquez, Portuguese East Africa, directing him to proceed to Pretoria and take charge of the United States interests there on the departure of Mr. Macrum.

Lord Mayor Newton, the aldermen of the city of London and a number of the prominent citizens, together attend the memorial service to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral for the men who have fallen in the war. The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Daniel Tallon, presided at a meeting of the against the Transvaal war. The lord mayor declared that the war was "wanton and unprovoked aggression undertaken by Mr. Chamberlain against a handful of farmers." He further declared that America was opposed to this iniquitous war. In the meantime the clerk shouted, "No quorum!" and "Order!" and the tumult in the galleries drowned all speeches. Finally the lord mayor left the chamber, with the galleries cheering for President Kruger. No attempt was made to adopt the previously prepared resolution against the war.

Rev. A. J. Mowatt, pastor of Erskine Church, Montreal, has been elected There is great indignation in Great | moderator of the Presbytery of Mon-Britain at the ignorance the British treal. It was decided to hold a special secret session, commencing Dec. 22, to hear the charge against Rev. T. W. Winfield, of Melville Church, Westmount, of using intoxicating liquors. Cobourg's public library was almost destroyed by fire.

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