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NEW DIGNITIES FOR FIFE.

Becomes Earl of Macduff and a Duke of the United Kingdom—The Queen's Visit.

Dublin, April 24.—The Queen and the Princess, during the course of their afternoon drive to-day visited the Mater Misericordia Hospital, where the mother superior and various sisters were presented to Her Majesty. A further stop was made at the Royal Masonic Institute. The Queen returned to the viceregal lodge amid many scenes of enthusiasm.

Owing to the death of the Duke of Argyll, Her Majesty has ordered the creation of the vice-regal lodge to be discontinued.

London, April 24.—The Gazette this afternoon contains the notification that the Queen has granted to the Duke of Fife (son-in-law of the Prince of Wales) the dignities of an Earl, and Duke of the United Kingdom, under the titles of Earl of Macduff and Duke of Fife, with the creation in default of a male heir, to the elder surviving daughter, and successively, to the male heirs of the daughters by his wife, the Princess Louise, Lady Alexandra and Lady Maud.

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Natives Seeking Looted Cattle Butchered by Boers as They Slept.

Mafeking's Food Now So Coarse That General Sickiness is Prevalent.

Brave Little Garrison Greatly Disappointed by Check to Relief.

London, April 25.—Lady Sarah Wilson in a despatch to the Daily Mail from Mafeking, dated Sunday, April 8, says:

"Our bread is now made entirely of oats, and is full of husks. This causes much sickness. There are many cases of nervous prostration and malarial typhoid among the garrison.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL...

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Too Talkative Contractor-Member Gives Point to Lock Wreckers—Scandalous Neglect of Militia.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 24.—The Welland canal outrage was discussed in parliament to-day. Mr. McCreary commented upon the fact that the militia of Niagara peninsula were called out had no ball ammunition and had to borrow from a store. Mr. McCreary, the government whip, said the miscreants piled their dynamite on the wrong side of the lock gates. Had they adopted the opposite course they would have succeeded.

Sir Charles Tupper severely scored Gibson for making such an admission. The opposition made a strong attack on the government for delay in bringing down bluebooks. There are about 20 yet to come.

"The opposition" held an enthusiastic caucus to-day. The government's attitude respecting the West Huron and Rockville elections will be discussed at an early day.

The Senate resumed to-night after three weeks' vacation.

Wepener Holds Out

Despatch of Relieving Force Too Strong for Successful Opposition.

Outpost Party of the Worcesers Have Serious Misadventure After Dark.

Water in the Trenches Leading the British to Fatal Exposure.

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"Casualties reported: Welsh Regiment—Private killed; Capt. Probert mortally wounded and 7 men. York-shires—8 wounded, one killed. 14th Hussars—1 wounded. Royal Artillery—2 wounded. 7th Dragoons—Lieut. Jenkins and 10 men missing. Capt. Horton, Royal Artillery, broken in a fall. An ambulance was called and he was taken to St. Mary's hospital in Brooklyn; the doctor said he was in a bad way, but he was not likely to be serious, although they are not likely to race for some time.

SEWING GIRLS ON STRIKE.

New York, April 24.—Twenty-five girls employed by H. & J. Baumann at 648 Broadway and 80 and 82 Crosby street went on strike to-day because of orders given by a new foreman. The girls range from 18 to 20 years of age, and have earned from \$4 to \$8 a week working by the day on ladies' wrappers.

Contractor Margoles, the new boss, told them to clean up their sewing machines and must clean up the machines and fix up imperfections in their work. The girls were ordered to be silent at their work. The change meant an additional half-hour's work each day. The girls determined to strike when Margoles refused to moderate his new rules. Four of the girls, however, are already practically relieved by the withdrawal of a large portion of the besiegers.

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Canadians Under Fire

Mounted Divisions Engaged in Effective Movement on Strong Boer Position.

Enemy Compelled to Evacuate But Escape the Capture Planned.

No Mention of Casualties—A Trooper the Victim of Pleurisy.

Bloemfontein, Monday, April 23.—Col. Anderson's corps of mounted infantry, consisting of the First and Second Battalions of the Canadian regiment and Strathcona Horse, was engaged in the recent operations of Pole-Carew and Gen. French. Anderson had been taken to the Boers from their line of defence, south of the waterworks. The Canadians sustained a heavy fire. The Boers shelled Anderson, who made a marching movement around Leeuw Kop, on the extreme left of the Boer position. When the British battery opened fire, the Boers retired the guns. Leeuw Kop was found evacuated this morning.

Gen. Dixon's cavalry brigade, which made a wide detour to the left, found its further progress barred by the strong Boer position.

London, April 24.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "The resistance of the Boers at Leeuw Kop was contemptible, considering the strength of their position. They escaped in an easterly direction, the Guards failing to get quite around them."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times says: "The British cavalry were checked. Col. Anderson worked partially around the Boer position, but was not supported. The more checked the enemy, but the fear of lightning precluded the possibility of a mate."

Carnarvon, Cape Colony, April 23.—Trooper Woolcomb (Canadian) died in the hospital here of pleurisy though he had received every attention. He was buried with military honors. The remaining sick are convalescent. A further contingent leaves for the front April 28.

SWELL HOME FOR CHARITY. Bazaar of the Gift of a French Philanthropist Blessed by the Archbishop.

Paris, April 23.—The salesrooms of the charity bazaar erected by the Count and Countess De Castellaine at the cost of a million francs, as a result of the disaster of the 1890, were inaugurated when about 125 persons lost their lives owing to the flimsy character of the temporary structures, were inaugurated to-day and blessed by Cardinal Richard, the Archbishop of Paris. The building, which is a very handsome one, is situated in the Rue Pierre Charron, an offshoot of the Champs Elysees. The proceedings to-day were very sumptuous. The Cardinal's footmen, in both sides of the entrance in full livery of red swallow-tails, with silk breeches, powdered wig and gold buckles.

Count Boni De Castellaine received Cardinal Richard under the porch and conducted him to the entrance of the hall as one of the Wagner's marches was played by the orchestra. The Cardinal then pronounced the benediction, in the presence of a large and aristocratic audience.

MR. MCINNES' MISSION.

Trip West for Purely Private Reasons—No Intention to Enter Provincial Politics.

Winnipeg, April 23.—Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, M.P., of Nanaimo, passed through the city yesterday en route to the Coast. Interviewed at the depot, in answer to queries he said: "No, it is not true that I have returned to the federal house to take part in the provincial elections. I do not resign my seat at present, nor have I any intention of entering provincial politics. My object in going to the Coast is for purely private reasons. Will I speak on Mr. Martin's platform? I have never thought of doing so. I cannot tell you how long I will be away."

RETURNING TO DUTY.

Canadian Soldiers Rejoin the Fighting Ranks After a Trip to English Hospital.

Toronto, April 23.—A special cable says that a number of the members of the Canadian Regiment who were invalided to Netley Hospital have returned to Africa and will rejoin the regiment at Bloemfontein. The Canadians landed in Woolwich who were reported as about to return to Canada are not going. The authorities are awaiting instructions from Ottawa.

BALLOONS FOR THE BOERS.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—The papers announce the departure for Africa of a body of aeroplanes to organize a military balloon service for the Transvaal. They took the necessary balloons and accessories with them.

LAMBTON AND HIS SAILORS.

Portsmouth Gives Rousing Reception to Naval Brigade from Ladysmith.

Portsmouth, Eng., April 24.—Captain Hedworth Lambton and the naval brigade of Her Majesty's first-class cruiser Powerful, after a march through the city to-day were banquetted at the town hall this evening. The mayor's guests included Gen. Sir George White, the defender of Ladysmith and the Earls of Durham and Northbrook.

The line of march was gallily decorated with flags and crowded with troops and citizens. At the banquet the galleries were filled with ladies and children. The choral societies participated in the welcome ceremonies.

A woman who is weak, nervous and sleepless, and who has cold hands and feet, cannot get and act like a well person. Carter's Iron Pills stimulate the circulation, remove nervousness, and give strength and rest.

THE WELLAND CANAL.

St. Catharines, April 24.—Superintendent Thompson when asked to-night if the Welland canal would open for navigation to-morrow, as previously announced, said he could not say definitely to-night whether it would or not, on account of difficulties that may arise. Reports from official sources, however, indicate that the canal will not likely be ready before Saturday.

NEWSPAPER MAN'S DEATH.

Toronto, April 23.—Charles Dickson, an old-time newspaper man, for many years night editor of the Mail, died at the general hospital this morning from heart failure.

ANARCHY ON THE ISTHMUS.

Filibusters Defeat Government Forces and Take a Colombian Town—News Stopped by Censor.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 24.—A passenger from Panama who arrived here to-day informs the reporter of the Associated Press that a filibustering party which recently landed at David, a town of Colombia, 115 miles west of Panama from Nicaragua, was composed mostly of Colombians who are fighting on the side of the rebels, and it has no designs upon Costa Rica. The informant added that the government despatched troops to David, and it was reported that they had been defeated by the filibusters. The prefect, Sr. Juan Viana, and General Cuevas and 25 men who were garrisoning David were said to have been slain by the invading forces. The passenger further said that Panama was much excited and that a number of prominent residents of the city had been imprisoned on suspicion of sympathy with the rebels.

A government decree has just been issued stopping the publication of all newspapers in Colombia except the recognized government organ. The censorship was rigid and no news was getting out of the country.

Southampton, April 23.—The United States hospital ship Maine arrived here from South Africa this afternoon, unexpectedly early. Within an hour all the wounded men were removed in ambulances and placed on board a train bound for Netley.

Messdames Adair, Ronalds, Blow and others of the executive committee, with Mr. Baker, president of the Atlantic Transport Company, intended to have given a much more elaborate reception to the Maine and Lady Randolph Churchill. On the arrival of the ladies' committee they boarded the ship and found it crowded with patients. Lady Randolph, who was as disappointed as the others at the failure of the friends' plans. The committee found the ship already crowded with patients. The deck was occupied by a group of nurses in picturesque uniforms. At the mizenmast flew the Union Jack and the Red Cross flag, presented by the Duke of Connaught before the ship's departure. The Stars and Stripes floated at her foremast.

During the course of an interview with a representative of the Associated Press, Lady Randolph and General Blow, in glowing terms of the success of the ship, saying: "Everything has gone off splendidly. A very happy and successful hitch nor a disagreement with anyone. Our relations with the authorities have been all that could be desired. They furnish every possible facility, and we had a practically free hand."

The suggestion that the Maine returned with a large number of casualties or trouble with her machinery is quite untrue. The ship and all contingents were discharged from the hospital, and concluded with remarking the American cold bath treatment. All on board express deep gratitude for the treatment they have received. There were three deaths during the voyage."

Lady Randolph Churchill added that both her sons visited her on the Maine at Durban, and concluded with remarking the weather being so fine that they died of the heat. Lady Randolph said that the steamer had a beautiful voyage, the weather being so fine that they died of the heat. Lady Randolph said that the steamer had a beautiful voyage, the weather being so fine that they died of the heat.

THE AVENUE TO RHODESIA.

Lisbon, April 23.—The press continues to criticize the government's acquisition of the transport of British troops across Portuguese East African territory to Rhodesia. The Commerce agreement with Portugal, which was violated a paragraph of the constitution, and maintains that if Great Britain's right to transport troops across Portuguese territory is admitted, her right to establish an arsenal at the mouth of the Tagus might be equally recognized.

STABLE AND STORE BURNED.