The Boer Christmas

Celebrated the Day by Attacks on the British Garrisons.

Commandant Demanded Luxuries From Utrecht But Failed to Secure Them

Burghers Are Believed to be Trekking to German Territory.

London, Dec. 28.—(3 a. m.)—The latest despatches from South Africa show that Lord Kitchener has succeeded in holding the invading Boers in check, but he has not yet been successful in expelling them from Cape Colony, while small commandoes continue to display astonishing daring and activity over an immensely wide field.

It is questionable whether his proclamation will have effect until Gen. Dewet has been captured. The Boers are likely to regard it as a sign of weakness and to have a wholesome dread of Dewet's vengeance if they surrender. The proclamation is approved by the party at home that favors conciliatory terms to the Boers as a step in the right direction.

Queen Victoria, it is said, has approved the proposal to institute a new order of knighthood to reward officers who have served in South Africa. The order will probably be called the Star of Africa.

A despatch from Vryburg, dated December 25, says the Boers in considerable numbers were then making an unexpected movement westward. They had 150 wagons. The despatch suggests that they were trekking to Damaraland, although the Boers themselves denied such an intention.

Newcastle, Natal, Dec. 27.—The Boers celebrated Christmas in the district between Standerton and Ingogo by more or less determined attacks upon every British garrison along the lines of communication. These, however, were in all cases successfully repulsed.

At Utrecht the Boer commandant sent in a demand for whiskey, cigars and Christmas luxuries, failing which he threatened the town. His demand was ignored, and he attacked Utrecht in strong force Christmas morning. They were repulsed with loss, the British loss being slight.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—(Special)—The Patriotic Fund Committee has made a grant of $1,000 to Trooper Molloy, who lost his eyesight in action in South Africa.

Private George, of Strathcona's, reported dead of enteric fever at Doornfontein, is B. A. St. George, who comes from Cochrane, B. C.

A cablegram to the militia department to-day announces that Private Ingram, of Grand Prairie, B. C., was killed at Modder River on December 22.

The name of Father O'Leary is favorably mentioned for the chaplaincy of the senate, with a salary of $600 per annum.

BANQUET TO OTTER.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—At the Otter banquet tonight Lord Minto referred to his connection with Otter during the rebellion, and remarked he thought Otter had received somewhat chary recognition for the splendid services he had performed there. He commented on the great responsibility thrown on Otter in assuming the command of a thousand men full of enthusiasm and fight but absolutely lacking in regimental machinery. Under Otter's administration as well as under his gallant leading in action this battalion had covered itself with distinction. "The campaign in South Africa has been one of the hardest fought in the history of the Empire, and I hope the opportunities Colonel Otter has had of studying modern warfare on a large scale may go far in assisting to direct the practical efficiency of Canada's forces. We have learned that ancient tactics must give way before repeating rifles and quick fire guns, and that we must depend more on the individuality of the soldier. But I hope we are not going to draw from this the false conclusion that looser formation and greater individuality in the ranks are to minimize the necessity for discipline or lessen the powers of the superior directing control. I believe that broader minded tactics of the future will require a greater realization by the private soldier of the intentions of his commander and all the more implicit obedience to his directions. It will be indeed unfortunate if our lessons in irregular fighting should encourage the idea that the wars of the future are to be a sort of "go as you please" for huge collections of individual rifle shots. The humane characteristics of the armies of the present day have more fully rendered uncalled for iron discipline which attempted to control heroes of Badajose or St. Sebastian, but if we are to succeed the recognition of the controlling power of command must exist now as of old through all ranks." Lord Minto concluded: "I feel sure that Colonel Otter will not be overlooked by Her Majesty's government when the time arrives for the distribution of distinctions to those who have done good service for the Empire in South Africa."

QUEBEC LEGISLATURE.

Expected to Meet on Fourth Thursday in January.

Quebec, Dec. 27.—It is stated on good authority that the provincial legislature will be called to meet on Thursday, January 24th.

HELPED HIS DEATH.

Two Men Under Arrest on Serious Charge in Toronto.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 27.—Two men, Browning and Duckett, are under arrest here charged with complicity in the death of an old man named Kennedy, drowned on Saturday last. Kennedy is supposed to have been sandbagged and robbed, and in a dazed condition wandered into the rotten ice of the river and was drowned

BRUTAL FATHER.

Placed His Infant Child on a Hot Stove.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Ernest Pettit was arrested to-day, charged with aggravated assault on his two-year-old son. In a fit of temper it is alleged Pettit placed the infant on a hot stove, leaving him there until the skin came off and adhered to the stove. The child is still suffering from the experience.

PANAMA CANAL.

Company May Ask France to Assist in the Work.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The new Panama canal company at its meeting today adopted the report, during the course of which the directors, referring to the United States commission's report, say: "We think that a reasonable agreement wherein the United States and Colombian governments and our company should be united, is realizable and might finally determine the preference of the United States in favor of Panama. The president of the company is now pursuing negotiations at Washington to that end. Should it be found impossible to arrive within a reasonable period at an equitable understanding with the United States we shall have to seek and submit to you the means to actively carry on our work. It is neither possible nor permissible to say any more on the subject today."

DECLINES AMNESTY.

Colonel Piquart Does Not Wish Himself Included in the Bill.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Colonel Piquart has written to M. Waldeck Rousseau, warmly protesting against the inclusion of himself in the amnesty bill. He says he does not wish to owe his rehabilitation to such a measure, and indignantly repudiates the rumors that compensation will be offered to him now that he has been amnestied. He declared that in order to demonstrate the falseness of such stories, he renounces his appeal to the state council against the decree placing him on the retired list, thus disposing of the accusation that he is seeking advancement or decorations.

A Welcome At Winnipeg

Prairie Capital Takes a Holiday in Honor of the Soldiers.

British Columbia Men Will Start for the Coast To-day.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winipeg, Dec. 27.—Today was observed as a civic holiday in Winnipeg in order that citizens might welcome home the men from the West who went to Africa with the first contingent. The train was late in arriving, but despit ethis and the chilly atmosphere, nearly 5,000 people thronged the streets adjacent to where the men stepped off, and tremendous cheers greeted the heroes. An attempt was made to organize a procession up Main street, but so dense was the crowd that but little order could be maintained. A portion of the veterans were accompanied by the local military bodies, while others were carried up the street on the shoulders of friends and admirers.

At Holy Trinity church a short service was held, after which the march was resumed to the drill hall, where luncheon was served to avout 200 by the city council and local government. Short speeches of welcome were made by Premier Roblin, Mayor Wilson, Isaac Campbell, C. J. Whitlie and others. Sir Charles Tupper occupied the place of honor at the guests' table; also Hon. E. H. Sifton, father of Hon. Clifford Sifton. Tonight a promenade concert and public welcome was held, at which addresses were heard from the Mayor, Premier Sir Charles Tupper and others. The British Columbia men remain in Winnipeg until tomorrow,

The following British Columbians are in the party: Corporal Corbould, 68th Rifles, New Westminster; Corporal Lohman, Pte. J. Porte Smith, Pte. Walkie, 6th Rifles, New Westminster; Pte. Allen, Pte. Bonner, Pte. Harrison, Pte. Neibergall, Pte. McAlmonte, Pae. Sinclair, 6th Riffes, Vancouver; Pte Brethour and Pte. Smethurst, 5th C. A., Victoria.

GERMAN NAVY.

Unprecedented Activity in the Building of Warships.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The Berliner Post, summarizing Germany's naval progress this year, says that seven vessels have been launched, including two battleships, one large cruiser and four small cruisers. The paper also calls attention to the "unprecedented activity in the building of warships," six of which are now in process of construction, including four battleships, one large cruiser and one gunboat.

The schoolship Stein will be fitted out to replace the Gneisenau, which foundered off Malaga harbor. Th boys who were saved from the wreck are expected to arrive next week at Wilhelmshaven and go on board the Stein.

CRUELTIES IN CHINA.

Investigation Desired Into the Conduct of French Troops.

Paris, Dec. 27.—In the chamber of deputies today, M. Marcelembate, radical socialist, called attention to the reports of cruelties upon the part of European troops in China. He said the French soldiers were no more free from reproach than Germans and Russians. They had committed similar atrocities. He also protested afginst pillage, which he asserted had been carried out systematically, and accused the missionaries of participating therein. The minister of marine, M. DeLanessan, replied that the government had ordered an inquiry and would severely punish the guilty parties.

MISSING KIDNAPPERS.

Men Who Stole Young Cudahy Supposed to Be on Their Way to Europe.

Boston, Dec. 27.—The Boston police have evidence to indicate, they think, that "Pat Crowe" and the other Omaha kidnapper who stole young Cudahy and returned him to his father for $25,000 are on the Warren liner Michigan, bound for Liverpool, and a cablegram containing that information has been sent to Scotland Yard detectives, who will be on the Liverpool docks when the steamer arrives out.

MR. CROKER.

London, Dec. 27—Mr. Richard Croker, who has been rusticating for several weeks in Carlsbad and Nice, returned to Wantage two days before Christmas, where he received a summons to appear on January 2 to reply to inquiries respecting his income, in connection with the income tax. He left Wantage yesterday, presumably for the Continent. His house to-day was absolutely closed, and there is no expectation of his return before next week.

Destroying The Towns

British Troops Sent to Clear Out the Boxer Headquarters.

Germans and Japanese Are Sweeping Pirates from the Pei Ho River.

United States Troops Investigate the Burning of Christian Chinese.

Tien Tsin, Dec. 27.—A force of 1,100 British troops, with two guns and a Maxim gun, has gone to Yang Tsun to attack the Boxers in that vicinity and protect the railway. The Germans and Japanese are clearing the river of pirates from Taku to Tien Tsin.

Pekin, Dec. 27.—The British have increased their garrison at Yang Tung by 1,000, with horses and three guns. A flying column of 1,600 cavalry will scour the country between Tien Tsin and Yang Tsun, in obedience to Field Marshal von Waldersee's orders to be on the alert, in view of the French report of an engagement with 2,500 Chinese troops. Col. Tullock's regiment will return to destroy the towns he held. This action is owing to the fact that it has been discovered that a number of Boxers unquestionably made them their headquarters. The British say they do not expect serious trouble, mainly because the Boxers lack arms. Fortunately the Chinese are afraid to trust them with arms, as the government fears a rebellion against the present dynasty. Two soldiers have been found dead outside the Temple of Heaven, with bullets in their heads. The murders are believed to have been committed by Chinese.

A detail of the Sixth United States cavalry will leave to-morrow to investigate the recent burning of Chinese Christians by Boxers, as reported by Rev. Mr. Kelly, the Presbyterian missionary. The expedition will be commanded by Lieut.-Col. Theodore J. Winn, of the Sixth Cavalry.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.—The Chinese newspapers here object to the proposed peace terms. The Universal Gazette considers that the princes and officials who are to be punished should be named. It is questionable whether Tung Fuh Hsiang is included among those punishable, and so far as Prince Tuan is concerned, it is well known the Chinese peace commissioners have been instructed not to consent to any punishment of any person of royal blood exceeding imprisonment. Some of the native journals hold that the presence of permanent legation guards will hinder the Emperor's return, because these would be a menace to the court. "China," says one of them, "would be powerless to suppress risings because prohibited from increasing her military strength, and the powers, therefore, would renew hostilities again and the people would be mowed down like hemp."

A KANSAS RUNAWAY.

Mrs. Savage and Her Coachman Discovered in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Mrs. W. R. Savage, wife of the mayor of Wellington, Kansas, who eloped with her little daughter and her husband's coachman, Frank Cyler, has been located in this city, where she has been living with Cyler for the past nine months. Mrs. Savage's sisters arrived there last week, and with the aid of detectives, located the erring woman and finally induced her to return home.

MAIL ROBBERY.

Sharp Thieves Make a Haul in a Railway Station.

Detroit, Dec. 28.—The Michigan Central depot at Wyandotte, a suburb of Detroit, was the scene of a bold mail robbery some time last night, when a pouch containing, it is estimated, $100,000 of negotiable paper, checks and money, was stolen from the waiting room. Two sacks of mail and a pouch of second class mail matter were on the platform as the south-bound Michigan Central arrived at 2:08. Night Operator Dicher, it is supposed, took the two bags, and instead of carrying them to the ticket office, where the mail is usually kept, allowed them to lie in the waiting room.

NEARING THE MILLION.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Rev. Dr. Potts reports that the Methodist twentieth century fund has reached $940,000. Contributions are still coming in daily, so that the million dollar mark will be reached.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY.

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Carter's Little Liver Pills.

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Our first consignment of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtain line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchasings.

Latest Novelties From

Paris, Berin, London.

WEILER BROS.

The Game of War

From Daily Mail.

The sun is setting with a glorious radiance characteristic of the South African sunset in the rainy season. Old Soi is rapidly nearing the horizon, and it seems as though he is trying to surpass in beauty all his previous efforts during the day. The clouds form a handsome proscenium, the colors varying from the brilliance of blazing gold to deep crimson, finally merging into a plum color bordered with the inky blackness of a stormy night. It is a magnificent transformation scene, designed by the mistress of scenic stagecraft, Dame Nature. The distant rumble of thunder is heard every now and then.

It is a scene surpassing all others for color, grandeur and impressiveness, but to the troops it means a bad night, discomfort, and danger. But the insatiable appetite of Tommy Atkins must be attended to, and so the convoy must go on, irrespective of weather, carrying, as thos convoy does, the food for 40,000 men. The work has been done principally at night, as bullocks cannot work in the stifling heat of the day.

THE ORDER TO INSPAN.

The wagons are in laager, the bullocks have been driven in, and everybody is resting, when the commanding officer gives the order to inspan. Then ensues a scene of activity for twenty to thirty minutes, troopers saddling up, examining rifles, and packing up the kitchen utensils, consisting of a mess-tin and perhaps a "billy" made out of a bully-beef tin. "Dicksies" (camp kettles) are being stowed away in wagons. Kaffirs, making as much row as possible, are yoking up their teams of oxen. Everything seems to be a most fearful muddle, and one wonders how on earth the whole concern can ever get on the move; but in an incredibly short space of time troopers are formed up in sections, bullocks stand quietly in teams of sixteen, and everybody is in his place.

The advance guard sets out, a body of mounted infantry, hardy, bronzed warriors who by this time can go through anything, but who do not relish the important allotted to them, because the people at home think only of the men in the fighting, and ignore the men who carry out the tedious, and equally dangerous task of escorting the convoys.

The order is given for the convoy to advance. The Kaffirs scream at the top of a peculiar way which no living being but a bullock can understand. Many specimens are these Kaffirs.

Wrapped in nothing but a loin cloth, or perhaps a pair of trousers with both legs amputated above the knee, they look like bronze stautary. They walk with magnificent carriage, each carrying a huge bamboo whip with a lash about ten yards long and this they ply freely.

DREARY SIGNPOSTS.

And so the convoy moves slowly on, the rate seldom exceeding three miles an hour, but covering a lot of ground in the twenty-four hours.

Presently a wagon gives a great lurch. There is a prolonged creak, followed by a sharp snap. One of the back wheels has gone into a hole, and the thick pole which runs beneath the whole length of the wagon has snapped like a twig beneath the great strain. Efforts are made to temporarily mend the wagon, but in vain, and, in face of the approaching storm, no delay can be allowed. The load is distributed between the nearest wagons, the team is unyoked, and the wagon is deserted. By these abandoned wagons, the carcases of dead horses and bullocks, and empty biscuit tins, the way of a convoy may be tracked.

The distant thunder is rapidly approaching. Suddenly a few huge spots of rain are felt, imediately followed by a torrential downpour. Everybody is drenched to the skin in a few moments. The storm breaks in all its fury, gathering in power every minute. The blinding flashes become so frequent as to make the scene appear like a cinematograph picture, the landscape being lighted continuously for a minute or two at a time.

The downpour continues, and the dry, sandy veldt rapidly becomes sodden, and soon the convoy is laboring in a perfect mire. The mounted escort are getting into difficulties. The men are uncomfortable, disagreeable, and snappish with the exception of one or two bright spirits who must be lineal descendants of Mark Tapley, since their good humor is not damped even by convoy work in wet weather.

CAUGHT BY THE STORM.

Splash! A puffing, spluttering sound follows, accompanied by fervent criticisms on South Africa generally. It is a trooper who has strayed a bit. His horse has fallen into a donga with about five feet of muddy water, or, rather, watery mud in it. He scrambles out, dragging his horse after him. He expresses his disgust in eloquent and forcible but not parliamentary language. Our Mark Tapley friend here shines. He addresses remarks to the section generally about "some blokes as thinks they can get to Bloemfontein quicker by swimming." The victim of the accident gives the humorist one or two vitriolic words in reply.

The rain comes down with increased force the inky blackness seems to get even more inky. The bullocks cannot do any more work. The noble beasts have been gallantly striving to pull their loads through the clinging slush, but there is a limit even to the patience of a bullock. In vain the Kaffirs cruelly lash their teams. A halt has to be ordered, and a laager is formed for the rest of the night.

If there is one thing in campaigning that damns a man's military ardor more than another it is bivouacking in the pouring rain on an empty stomach. He feels absolutely miserable. Those men not on duty try to get as comfortable a berth as possible. Some creep under the wagon tarpaulins, wagons loaded with fodder being especially sought after. Here some persevering individual has managed to ignite a fire under a wagon (there are wooden articles subsequently missing.) Round the fire are crouched twenty or thirty shivering mortals wrapped in their blankets, their wan, drawn, bearded faces showing the effects of this terrible game of war.

A RESPITE OF SLEEP.

The rain continues falling with a swishing noise, the cold night wind cuts through the wet khaki and chills one to the bone, but no inclemency of the weather can ward off the sleep so sorely needed by the troops of the convoy. Under every wagon are sleeping forms, snatching an hour or two's blissful forgetfulness midst the misery of seven months. Lying in the mud or washed by tiny rivulets it is all the same. They are dead tired, and they sleep regardless of thunder, lightning, cold and rain.

What are they dreaming of as they lie there? Of home, perhaps; of the parting from all that made home home. But the reprieve sleep gives then can endure but a little while, with 40,000 men to feed at the further end of the endless veldt.

Towards dawn the storm abates and the advance is ordered. The troops, chilled and stiff, mechanically repeat the process of the night before, and once more the convoy proceeds on its way across the pathless veldt. With the exception of a short halt for breakfast, consisting of a biscuit and a pint (or less) of coffee, the march is continued until about ten in the morning, when the convoy halts for the day, and the bullocks are turned out to graze.

The above sketch is a true representation of an ordinary day's work in rough weather in the transport service. There is also a great danger of attack. Apart from this consideration, however, there is no more trying work on active service. Morale and physique are tested to the utmost, and there is no greater test of the soldierly qualities of a man.

All honor then to the Army Service Corps a corps whose services are absolutely indispensible, and above all, one of the few whose escutcheons have not been stained in the South African campaign by incompetence and red tape.

—PERCIVAL C. FRANKLIN.

PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

Bill Has Been Prepared and Sent to Washington for Approval.

Manila, Dec. 27.—The Philippine commision has completed the tariff bill and mailed it to Washington for approval.

MILDER MEASURES.

Germany Is Taking Less Severe Methods in China.

London, Dec. 28.—The proclamation announcing the division of the country around Pekin, Pao Ting Fu and Tientsin into districts placed severally under the control of the different military commanders has been posted in the German district only, according to a despatch to the Morning Post from Pekin, dated December 26. It recognizes the Chinese military and civil governors, but makes no reference to Count von Waldersee. Germany's actions, says the correspondent, is strange. She, formerly so severe, now recognizes Chinese authority. The largest districts the despatch points out, have been allotted to the British, Germans and French troops.

Reformers Busy In Honolulu

To Work in Favor of Bill Prohibiting Sale of Liquor to Natives.

Other News From the Island Territory of the United States.

Associated Press, per Steamer Miowera.

Honolulu, T. M., Dec. 19.—Honolulu is about to have a temperance crusade, led by the W. C. T. U. and the Ministers' Union. Two missionaries of the W. C. T. U., Miss Jessie Ackerman and Miss Ada Murcutt are expected here on the steamer Coptic on the 29th, and after they have started the agitation the Rev. Dr. Chapman, of the Anti-saloon League of Oakland, will come. He is expected early in January. It is a part of the plan of the crusade to arouse sentiment in favor of the bill Congressman Littlefield of Maine has introduced, to absolutely prohibit the sale of intoxicants to aborigines of the Pacific islands over which the United States exercises control.

The United States training ship Adams, which was one of the vessels which trained her guns on the city of Honolulu during the days of the provisional government, arrived here yesterday on her first visit since annexation. She is on a cruise from San Diego with 125 naval apprentices on board. She will leave here about the 8th of January, and is to be back in San Francisco in the middle of March.

The new Oceanic steamship Sierra, which was due here last Monday night or Tuesday morning, has not yet put in an appearance, and there is much speculation as to the cause of her lateness. It is supposed that she was detained at San Francisco by late British mails.

Dewet's Failure

Attempt to Break Through British Lines to the South Frustrated.

He Is Now Holding the Country Between Ladybrand and Winburg.

Colonel Spragg and a Number of Yeomanry Officers Have Resigned.

Capetown, Dec. 28.—Gen. Dewet's attempt to break through to the south has been frustrated and he is now reported to be at Senekal with a large commando, holding the country between Ladybrand and Winburg. The eastern parties of invading Boers are being constantly harassed and driven back towards the Orange River Colony. The Yeomanry who were captured near Britstown have been released.

London, Dec. 28.—Lt.-Col. Spragge, who commanded the Yeomanry at Lindley, has resigned. Several other resignations have been gazetted, among them being that of Mr. Ivor Guest, M.P., a captain of Yeomanry.

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.—The Boers damaged the new Kleinfontein and Chintz mining plant yesterday.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—(Special)—The first contingent is disbanded from 31st December.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

German Government Paper on Action of United States Senate.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The Kreuz Zeitung, the chief mouthpiece of the government, and whose editorials are often prepared by government officials, devotes two long articles to-day to the Nicaraguan canal controversy, pronouncing the Davis amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as a slap for England.

"Treaties could not be more recklessly brushed aside than they have been in this case by the United States senate," says the Kreuz Zeitung. "This disregard of the laws of nations, which had already been manifested during the peace negotiations with Spain, is in the highest degree regrettable. It is a counterpart of England's treatment of the Boer republics.

"President McKinley's administration has been placed in a highly disagreeable position, inasmuch as the action of the United States senate is a grave provocation to England, and it is impossible to face the anti-English feeling in the country. The administration could not thus wound Yankee pride.

"If the President adopts the senate's position, England will have a moral right to prepare a Fashoda for the United States, but judging from previous experiences she will not [illegible]

A SEVERE CASE OF PILES

A Well-known Minister Escaped a Dangerous and Painful Operation and Was Thoroughly Cured of Piles by Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Rev. S. A. Duprau, Methodist minister, Consecon, Prince Edward County, Ont., states: "I was troubled with itching and bleeding piles for years and they ultimately attained to a very violent form. Large lumps or abcesses formed, so that it was with great difficulty and considerable pain that I was able to stool. At this severe crisis I purchased a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, but I had little or no faith in it, as I had tried various remedies before and to no purpose.

"Now, imagine how great and joyous was my surprise to find that just the one box cured me, so that the lumps disappeared and also the external swelling. I feel like a different man to-day and have not the least doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment saved me from a very dangerous and painful operation and many years of suffering. It is with the greatest pleasure and with a thankful heart that I give this testimonial, knowing that Dr. Chase's Ointment has done so much for me. You are at perfect liberty to use this testimonial as you see fit for the benefit of others similarly affected."

No physician or druggist would think for a moment of recommending any other preparation than Dr. Chase's Ointment as a cure for piles. It is the only remedy which has never yet been known to fail to cure piles of any form. 60 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

works; Commissioner, commissioner of agriculture; B. Rogers, provincial secretary-treasurer; without portfolio, Messrs. Malcolm, MacDonald, James Richards, R. C. McLeod, Peters, McNutt and George Forbes. Four of the number were previously members of the Farquharson government. The choice of a speaker has not yet been made. The members of the executive were sworn in to-day.

BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Dynamite Explosion in Railway Camp Has Disastrous Results.

Keyser, W. Va., Dec. 28.—A most disastrous accident happened at Baker Camp, near Durbin, Pocahontas county, at noon yesterday, on the line of the Coal & Iron railroad, now building out from Elkins. Some dynamite had been placed about the stove to thaw out, and shortly after a terrible explosion wrecked the camp, killing three men outright and injuring eight others, three of whom have since died. The dead men were blown to atoms, legs, arms and hands, and even parts of their bodies being found in different directions from the little building in which they lived among the wild mountains. On account of indirect connections with the camp, it is impossible to secure the complete details to-night.

something never before seen here.

The sum of $993 in silver dollars was taken to the leper settlement at Molokai yesterday, being one dollar for each leper as a Christmas gift from the people of Honolulu. The money was the proceeds from the annual concert for the benefit of the unfortunates at the settlement.

It is now thought that the suicide of the famous American army scout Frank Bennett was due to the remorse on hearing of the death by poisoning of Miss Clara Schneider, and that her death was also by suicide, for which Bennett held himself responsible. A searching investigation by the police has failed to bring forward any proof that Bennett gave her the poison. How she secured the drug remains a mystery and will probably never be known. Bennett had kept his relations with her secret from his friends although it is thought that the two were together on the night when the girl took the poison, this has not been proved. When she became ill Bennett made many inquiries amout her, and after her death he was seen little. He retired to his room and shot himself next day.

Bennett's army associates all give him the highest character for honor and truthfulness. Major Ennis, under whom he was on duty, is of the opinion that when Bennett heard that the girl had died by poison he decided that she had killed herself because she could not get back the money loaned to Bennett, and that he felt this so keenly that he decided to follow her into the grave. The major thinks that Bennett invested the money for her and lost it, but there is much evidence that he spent it in dissipation. The bodies of Bennett and Miss Schneider have both been buried in Nuuanu cemetery, and the two graves are side by side.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

Manufacturers' Association Want a Commission to Inquire Into It.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—(Special)—At the last annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, a resolution was adopted calling upon the Ontario government to appoint a commission to enquire into the subject of technical education. A special committee of fifteen members was appointed to pursue inquiries on behalf of the association. After seven months' work, the committee still is of the opinion that a commission is necessary, and yesterday five leading members, P. W. Ellis, president; Jas. Orr, D. E. Wyckett, R. Y. Ellis and A. T. Russell, the secretary, waited upon Minister of Education Harcourt, and submitted the views of the association in the form of a memorandum. The subject of technical education, it is claimed, is specially important, because the industries of Canada are just now in need of educated employees and junior managers. Canada's commercial future, it is urged, depends upon it. What the association wants is a commission to thoroughly investigate the subject of technical education with special reference to the needs of Canada's industry.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

Her Marriage Has Been Fixed for February.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Holland Society of New York received a cablegram from the Hague to-day saying that Queen Wilhelmina's marriage has been set for February 7th.

Lord William Beresford Dead—A Famous Explorer Gone.

London, Dec. 29.—(6 a.m.)—Colonel Lord William Leslie De La Poer Beresford died at midnight. He was born July 20, 1847.

Lisbon, Dec. 28.—Major Alexandre Alberte Da Rocha Serpa Pinto, the African explorer, is dead. He was born April 30, 1846.

HARD PRESSED.

Turkey Has an Empty Treasury for Christmas Time.

London, Dec. 28.—The foreign engagements of the Porte for the purchase and renovation of warships and for naval and military artillery now amounts to £2,400,000, says the Constantinople correspondent of the Times, while the treasury is absolutely empty and internal debts increase daily.

LEAVE FOR HOME.

Western Men Start for the Coast From Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28—The British Columbia volunteers were given a hearty send-off this evening upon their departure for the Coast. They are loud in praise of the treatment received here.

DECLINES THE HONOR.

Thomas Dunn Decides Not to Be Candidate for Mayor.

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Thos. Dunn has declined to run for mayor because representative men will not come out. This leaves Ald. McQueen the only mayoralty candidate in the field.

The civic contributions towards the aid of the fund got up to welcome the returning soldiers from South Africa on Monday has reached over $2,000. The Westminster contingent are not going to stop over in ancouver, as reported, but proceed direct to their own town, where a magnificent reception awaits them.

GENERAL COLVILLE.

He Has Arrived at Plymouth and Will Demand Court Martial.

London, Dec. 29.—A despatch from Plymouth announces the arrival there of Major-General Sir Henry Colville, whose resignation has been demanded by the war office, but who has refused to resign and has come to England from Gibraltar to demand a court with reference to the respon[illegible] the Yeomanry disaster at L[illegible] May.

NEW BILLS.

Government Forms Will Bea[illegible] of Lord and Lady M[illegible]

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The department of finance is just about to issue a new $4 bill. It bears the portrait of Lord Minto in uniform, also of Lady Minto. The centre bears a scene on the Sault Ste. Marie canal, and the back of the note contains a picture of the parliament buildings.