

SOUTH AFRICA.

Report That Boers Accepted British Peace Terms.

Lieut. Ralph Markham Cable He is Wounded in the Leg, But Not Seriously—His Interesting Letter From the Front.

OTTAWA, April 7.—Lord Roberts has cabled the governor general as follows: "I have telegraphed Lord Kitchener hearty congratulations to the troops who did so well at Kleinhardt's River 31st March, but I would like you to acquaint the Canadian government how much I appreciate the splendid stand of the Canadian Mounted Rifles and how much I regret the heavy losses."

CANADIANS SAVED THE DAY.

TORONTO, April 7.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: Most of the recent advances from the front say that at Hart's River engagement the British troops were arranged in the form of a semi-circle, the Canadian Rifles holding a point somewhat in advance and across the front of the semi-circle. The Boers were following up a bold attack on the 28th Mounted Infantry when they were met with a heavy fire from the Canadians, who poured volleys into them at a distance of two hundred yards. Private Evans, although mortally wounded, kept in the thick of the fight, and having fired all the ammunition in his bandolier, broke his rifle.

(Private Evans above mentioned was the son of James Evans, Port Hope, Ont., and was 27 years old.)

ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES.

OTTAWA, April 7.—The casualty department at Cape Town, telegraphs April 7th, the following additional casualties:

Dangerously Wounded. No. 400, Farrier Sergt. George McKugo, Rossland, B. C. 186, Corp. John A. Wilkinson, Guelph, Ont., face and right forearm. 267, Pte. James Tennant, wounded in head, Moncton, N. B.

Slightly Wounded. No. 475, Farrier Sergt. Norman M. Domar of Bu Clair. 183, Sergt. A. E. Monro, London, Ont. 252, Corp. John Charles Bond of Toronto, grazed.

266, Pte. Alex. Ferguson of Toronto. 189, Pte. Harry E. Ballard of London, shouder. 138, Clarence K. Robinson, thigh. 161, F. A. Fyke of Guelph, Ont. 138, John Aspyden Kendall of London, Ont.

635, Pte. Fredk. Cooper of Toronto, wounded thigh. 89, Fredk. Chas. Wildman of Hamilton, Ont., wounded in arm. 666, Michael Murphy of Peterboro, Ont., scalp wound.

601, William Ernest McPherson of Charlottetown, P. E. I. 251, Lance Corp. R. Lloyd of Revelstoke, B. C.

5th April, Elandsfontein, No. 582, Wm. Robinson of Halifax, enteric fever. Pretoria—No. 178, John Arthur Wilson, enteric fever, of London, Ont. 6th April, at Charlestown, No. 356, Roland Agassiz of Toronto, dysentery.

The next of kin, to W. E. McPherson is his mother, Mary J. McPherson of Charlottetown, P. E. Island. Of James Tennant, his father, James Tennant, formerly of Fredericton, N. B.

Of William Robertson, Thomas Robertson, 9 Doyle street, Halifax. Of the rest in this list eighteen have their nearest relatives in Ontario, one

in Michigan, two in England and one in Quebec. CORKONIANS CARRIED A BOER FLAG.

CORK, April 7.—A performance of "The Dandy Fifth" at the opera house here was brought to a premature close tonight by the hostile demonstrations of a crowd of students in the gallery. The demonstrators then paraded through the town, headed by a Boer flag. They were challenged by a loyalist band, which tried to capture the flag. A fight then ensued, in which the police interfered with their batons and many persons were injured.

OTTAWA, April 8.—On the principal that good stuff lies in little rooms, smaller sized men in Canada, those Zeecheuses who have heretofore climbed up into eucalyptus trees and cheered the boys who have gone to war, and longed to be with them, are now to be given their opportunity. A conference took place this afternoon between the minister of militia and General O'Grady-Hilly and Col. Pinnall, deputy minister, at which the minimum height of men who are to be recruited for the fourth contingent was fixed at 5 feet 4 inches. Recruiting will commence at all the usual points in Canada about the 18th inst. No particular quota will be assigned to any one city or locality. This if Winnipeg, Victoria, St. John or Halifax can furnish 50 or 100 good men, who comply with the conditions of service, they will be accepted. Daily reports of enlistment will be sent by telegraph to headquarters and as soon as 2,000 men have been enrolled orders to cease enlistment will be telegraphed to all points. It will therefore be a case of "first come, first enlisted." The rates of pay will be the same as those of the Second Mounted Rifles. Each recruit will be taken, the idea being that with light and smaller horses greater mobility can be secured. There is still a good deal of speculation about the command of the fourth contingent. It is said Major Merritt and Major Cameron, now out with Col. Evans, will be given a regiment, but will not return to Canada, the idea being that they shall join their command at Cape Town or Durban. Each regiment will be composed of four squadrons of 125 men, exclusive of officers.

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but nothing of any official or reliable nature concerning the matter is known. LONDON, April 10.—The war secretary, Mr. Brodrick, in the house of commons today said Schalk-Burger, chief justice of the Orange River, had been joined at Klerksdorp by Gen. Botha, and added that Steyn, De Wet, Delarby and three other members of the late Orange government arrived at the same place yesterday. No communication, Mr. Brodrick further said, had been received from the Boer leaders, except regarding safe conduct for the participants in the conference.

The colonial secretary, Mr. Chamberlain, added the information that no limit had been fixed for the expiry of the safe conduct. These would be extended as long as the negotiations were in progress, after which the delegates would be allowed to return to their respective districts without hindrance.

LONDON, April 11.—The Central News is informed that a telegram was received in London yesterday from Pretoria saying that Mr. Steyn and General De Wet and Botha had agreed upon terms of peace. The telegram indicates that the British terms have been accepted and that peace has been arranged.

LATHROP, Mo., April 10.—There is a report here that President Roosevelt's order to investigate the British mule purchases in America, included an examination of the mule yards here at Lathrop. Mules are sent from here to New Orleans, whence they are sent to South Africa. Ten British officers are here. They declare that the British government does not own a dollar of the property in Clinton county, and that no horses have been bought by the British war department in the United States. The purchases were all made in South Africa.

NEW ORLEANS, April 10.—Col. E. P. Chewder, U. S. A., has already been charged with investigating the charges that a British army camp is being maintained at Chalmette. The work of shipping mules and horses at Port Chalmette has not been interrupted, and three transports are now lying at the wharves ready to take on mules.

KLERKSDORP, Transvaal Colony, Wednesday, April 9.—Mr. Steyn and Gen. De Wet and Delarby, with their staffs, arrived here at noon today and are quartered in the town.

WASSELLTOWN, April 10.—Secretary Hay has been named by Secretary Peter Van Wylinggen, through Governor Yates of Illinois, chairman of the Boer relief fund committee, that the request on the state department for permission for Dr. Thomas and wife to pass the military lines to South Africa in connection with the extension of aid to the Boer families, has been directed to the president, having today called to U. S. Consul General Bigham at Cape Town an instruction to draw on him for \$5,000, the amount of the fund, and to exercise his own discretion in the distribution of the money among the Boer sufferers.

ONLY SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. A cable to Col. Markham from Lieut. Ralph Markham, through the adjutant general at Ottawa, yesterday afternoon is as follows: "Wounded in leg, not serious. Markham, Germiston. A railway junction seven miles out of Johannesburg, where there are several military hospitals."

LATEST LETTER FROM LIEUT. MARKHAM. NEWCASTLE, Natal, March 1, 1902. Dear Sir—Today we were inspected by Lord Kitchener about two miles out of Newcastle. We were told last night at 11 o'clock that we were to be inspected at 5 o'clock this morning, and in a pouring rain, dark as pitch, we turned out at 3 a. m. and rode into Newcastle, where we were met by Lord Kitchener had been delayed on the way. We rode back to camp just as the day was breaking. After getting some breakfast, during which time the rain stopped, we again went down to the town, and through it, and went about two miles past the other side, where we formed up in squadron column, and in a few minutes Lord Kitchener and staff rode over the hill. He rode down the ranks and talked with Major Merritt, yet he was taking everything in. He seemed pleased with the sample pack saddle which is to be a substitute for the cumbersome transport.

Lord Kitchener, after inspecting the regiment, rode off into Newcastle. We then returned to camp and spent the rest of the day in grading horses and drying our wet clothes. Colonel Evans and the other three squadrons are still quarantined on account of smallpox. We can see their camp about five miles away.

Our horses are rapidly getting into shape for the trek, the men are getting more efficient every day in dismounted work. There is a rumor about that we are to join the other three squadrons as soon as they are ready to take the field.

I think I told you about 150 of our men going to Botha's Pass, 15 miles from here, to take part in a "drive." I suppose you have seen in the papers that it was a failure. The Boers did the old trick—broke through the wire entanglements. They got a great herd of cattle and rush them on the wire entanglements and it is then a simple matter for them to ride through the barbed wire. Sometimes they make the Kafirs pull the wire away with axes. You can see Majuba from here very plainly, also the line of blockhouses on the Orange River Colony border.

March 5.—Last night some of our men assisted at a concert given in Newcastle. The band of the Munsters was present. Myself with two or three others saw a performance of "New Memphis" by Walton's Dramatic Co., which has been playing in Africa for over a year, and seem to be making lots of money. We paid \$2.50 for our tickets and the house was packed.

AMHERST. Ratepayers Voted for Civic Poor Farm and Library—The Surgeon's Condition, But no Word About the Patient. AMHERST, N. S., April 10.—The ratepayers today voted unanimously in favor of buying a farm for the poor of the town. This settles the question which has been a subject for discussion for several years, the cost of caring for the poor having been much higher than elsewhere under similar conditions. A vote was taken at the same time on the question of the public library to be owned by the town, which was also favorable. The town will take over the books owned by the present citizens' library.

Dr. J. G. MacDougal has been seriously ill since last night from an attack of septicaemia. His performance and hopes are entertained that the worst is over, but all danger will not be passed until tomorrow.

THE GOVERNOR'S BALL. Was the Most Brilliant in Fredericton's Recent History.

FREDERICTON, April 10.—Not for many years has the political capital of the province witnessed as brilliant a scene as that at the legislative buildings this evening.

The occasion was Governor Snowball's first state ball. Upwards of four hundred guests were present, comprising the elite and beauty of Fredericton and many ladies and gentlemen from St. John, St. Stephen, Chatham, Moncton and other parts of the province. The assembly chamber was beautified by flowers and bright hued bunting, and the main corridors were elaborately decorated and brilliantly illuminated for the occasion.

The scene upon the floors of the assembly chamber was one of rare and not soon to be forgotten beauty, the charming costumes of beautiful women mingling with the bright uniforms of the many militiamen who contrasted with the sombre-hued dress of the gentlemen who do not bear arms. The reception was held from nine to ten o'clock, after which dancing began. The first quadrille was led off by the premier and Mrs. Speaker Robinson, the speaker having Mrs. Treadwell for his partner. The dances were watched by hundreds of Frederictonians, who sat in the galleries.

The whole building was thrown open to festivity, two rooms being furnished with white tables for those who did not care to indulge in the pleasures of the dance. At eleven o'clock supper was served in the library, and the function broke up at two o'clock in the morning.

SMALLPOX IN ONTARIO. (Special to the Sun.)

TORONTO, April 10.—Reports presented by the provincial medical health officer, Dr. Bruce, at a meeting of the provincial board of health here today showed 302 cases of smallpox in Ontario last month, against 702 in February. There were 1,879 cases of smallpox in the province during the past year and 14 deaths.

GEOGHEGAN -SCAMMELL.

Trinity church Wednesday afternoon was the scene of a very pretty and fashionable wedding, when Miss Georgina Scammell, youngest daughter of Charles E. Scammell, 118 Orange street, was united in marriage to Norman Meredith Geoghegan, of Mandary, Burmah. The groom is a son of Stannis Geoghegan of Malta, and is a lieutenant in the Madras Infantry.

The bride wore a going away gown of pale grey cloth with touches of blue, a lace bodice over white satin, and a hat to match. She carried a bouquet of roses. She was attended by her sisters, Miss Annie Scammell as bridesmaid, and little Miss Marjory Barnaby as maid of honor. The former wore a white egg net with white hat, and carried a bouquet of carnations and forget-me-nots. Miss Barnaby wore white organdie over blue and carried a basket of forget-me-nots. All the bouquets were tied with Mr. Geoghegan's regimental colors—maroon, pale blue and navy blue. The groom was supported by Thomas C. Dickson, formerly of Chester, England, but now of this city.

The ceremony was performed at a quarter past four o'clock by the Rev. J. A. Richardson, assisted by the Rev. W. W. Craig. The music was furnished by Trinity's new choir and Mr. Strand played the wedding march. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Geoghegan left by the C. P. R. for New York. They will return to St. John on the 18th inst., and will take passage on the Numidian from Halifax on the 22nd.

Mr. Geoghegan received many splendid wedding gifts, including some valued ones from relatives in England. Among the presents of the groom to the bride and bridesmaids were some rich Maltese lace of rare design. The bride has many friends here who will wish her every happiness in her new home in Burmah.

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NOVA SCOTIA NEWS.

CORNWALLIS, N. S., April 8.—The windows in the store in Canning were smashed by unknown persons last Saturday night. Some of the windows were plate glass and very expensive. Steps are being taken to discover those implicated in the deed.

Dr. John Miller of Canning has purchased a house from his brother, Jas. Miller at that place. The house will be used as a tenement house. Clement Dickie of Canard has purchased the house and farm once owned by the late Simpkins Walton at Canard from Robert Power. Robert Rand has purchased a house and farm from Samuel Kinsman at Canard.

Rev. J. C. Corbett, a former resident of Parrsboro, but who is now finishing a theological course in Chicago, and who was graduated from Acadia in 1895, has accepted a call to the fifth and sixth Baptist churches in Cornwallis and will enter upon his pastoral duties the first of May.

Rupert Harris of Canning has recently sold a nice horse to Neville Holland of Canard.

The following changes have been made in the active militia: Kings Canadian Hussars—To be captain, 2nd Lieut. J. A. Harris, vice J. A. Northrop promoted, 2nd July, 1901. To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. T. A. Lyliard, vice W. D. Ryan retired.

Rufus Porter has purchased a residence in Kentville from Mrs. Thomas Harris. Simon Wood has sold his farm at Sheffield's Mills to Rupert Martin. Steven Steadman has bought a farm from his father at Biltown.

Three musicians from Halifax, assisted by local talent of Kings county, gave a concert in aid of the Methodist Church at Canning last week. The sum of \$60 was taken.

Snow to the depth of three inches fell in Cornwallis on Saturday.

DIGBY, April 10.—The tern schooner Havelock, of Annapolis, E. C. Berry master, is here taking on board the lumber discharged from the wrecked brigantine Ora last February; destination Grenada. The cargo is in better condition than at first it was thought it would be.

Several buildings on the lower side of Water street are being raised, preparatory to leveling up the street opposite the Dufferin hotel.

Sch. Eva May, of Charlottetown, J. G. Farron master, from Port Hope, has discharged coal for the electric light station.

A telegram was received yesterday by Chas. Winchester, truckman, that his son Angus, who is a brakeman on the cars at Sydney, was badly crushed. Wm. Winchester, a brother of the injured man, had gone on to Sydney to see him.

Capt. Jacob Winchester of Smith's Cove, near Digby, was compelled to leave sea life on account of trouble from Bright's disease. His death is momentarily expected. Capt. Winchester, although not past middle age of life, has made many voyages to all parts of the marine world, and has commanded some of the finest ships afloat. He will be much missed.

HALIFAX, April 10.—W. L. MacKenzie, deputy minister of labor, has been in the city all day trying to bring about a settlement between the striking longshoremen and the steamship owners and agents of the city. He had held a conference with the employers. The men demand 25 cents and 30 cents an hour respectively for day and night work, and they ask that none but union labor be employed. Hitherto they have been receiving 20 cents an hour all round. The employers agreed to give 25-30 cents all round, but positively declined to agree to engage none but union men. In the evening Mr. King met the men with this statement from the employers. They failed to accept it, but showed a disposition to compromise. Further conferences will be held tomorrow with both parties. Several hundred men are idle.

SALISBURY.

Yesterday's Rain a Great Boon to Lumbermen. SALISBURY, N. B., April 10.—Mrs. William Dunsmuir, an aged lady of Lewis Mountain, Salisbury, died this week while visiting her daughter at Truro, N. S.

The Westmorland county district lodge of Good Templars met in Trinity's hall at this place on Tuesday evening, quite a number being present from Moncton and Dorchester. Among those in attendance were J. V. Jackson of Moncton, and the veteran temperance worker, Charles B. Knapp of Dorchester.

Valentine Burham, grocer of this place, has purchased the building lately occupied by the Messrs. McNaughton as a harness shop, and has carpenters at work fitting it up for a store.

The members of the Church of England choir at this place are preparing to take part in a choral service to be held at Moncton on the 23rd inst. About a hundred voices, it is understood, will take part.

W. C. Russell, a prominent farmer of Scott's Road, was stricken with paralysis last week. Dr. Moore is attending him. He is likely to recover.

The grounds of the Free Baptist paragon at this place were the scene of considerable stir and activity on Wednesday, when a number of Rev. Henry Ferry's friends from Covendale and North River called on him, armed with axes, saws, etc., and very largely converted the good parson's large woodpile into kindling wood.

The crew of about fifteen men who left here last week for Maine, have secured work, so it is stated, with A. E. Tritts, railway contractor.

The rain which is falling today will be a great benefit to the lumbermen in this section, as the log drives on the streams have been moving very slowly on account of low water.

CASTORIA. Castoria is a Paregoric, Drops neither Opium, etc. It is Pleasant, and by Millions of Sold allays Feverish and Colic. Castoria Constipation and Food, regulates Children, giving is the Children's Castoria. It is so well adapted to children and it is superior to any other medicine.

AD AND RHODES. A Friend, But Not an Enemy to the Will. April 7.—The fact that W. name was not among the list of Cecil Rhodes was given some comment, as it was understood that he was close with those designated to Mr. Rhodes' will. In reply any misapprehensions, Mr. Rhodes, who was counsel for the removal of Mr. Stead's name any way due to differences of the South African War, Mr. Stead and which Mr. Stead extended on interests of the English people his acquaintance was Mr. Rhodes. The acquaintance into close intimacy of the last. Mr. Rhodes in Mr. Stead one who he did, and who had the gift of enabling him to literary charm the ideas held dear. As Mr. Rhodes said to me and others, "I Stead himself, the friend two men was too strong to by passing differences about African war."

A FIGHT ON THE PAPER TO QUIT COFFEE.

It is 75 people among my acquaintance have been helped or cured of coffee and using Postum in its place, writes a letter from Independence, Mo. "I on one case, Miss Cora. She was suffering from nervous constipation and went to bed. Found her in bed, and like a living skeleton, so sagged that I feared for her. Cora if she was improving said not but was gradually worse. The doctor was coming a day and giving her a powder. She said, 'I am so miserable I tell you privately if I don't soon I will end it all myself.' I told her not to talk that I believed it was something or drank that caused the and she might get well by change in her diet. I told her experience in leaving off coffee I was in almost as bad a state, but as soon as I mentioned I had a fight on my hands, she stated that coffee helped her mother backed her in it, say it was the only thing she did and she did not believe coffee and with them a long time and Cora to agree to let me make Postum Food Coffee for her. She was surprised that it was a risky-washy stuff. I told her because they did not follow directions boiling it enough. She promised faithfully for two or three days if she was not better I would let it be wrong. Cora met me at the door with said 'Ada, your doctor told me the best doctor of them all. I all night, can eat heartily, growing stronger every day, all the rest of us use Postum place of coffee.' The facts are the girl was being accustomed to death by coffee. Cora married and had a happy and you may depend upon it no allowed to enter there.' Nam Postum Co., Battle Creek.

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