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LONDON, CANADA. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1899.

WHOLE NO., 11326

Births, Marriages, Death

DIED. COLLINS-On Dec. 10, 1899, at the family resi dence, 35 Blackfriars street, West London, Mary Ann, relict of the late Daniel Collins in her 63rd year.

Funeral from the above residence on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 8:30 o'clock, to St. Peters Cathedral. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

JARVIS-On Dec, 11, 1899, Mary, the beloved wife of Oliver E. Jarvis, aged 41 years. Funeral will leave her late residence, No. 107 Briscoe street, South London, on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 3:30 p.m. Service at 3 p.m. Funeral private.

Amusements and Lectures

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13,
Complimentary Testimonial to W. E. Hiscott,
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The full 7th Battalion Band of 40 musicians,
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assisted by Mrs. Adele Laeis Baldwin, contratto, and Henry McKinley, tenor, both
of New York; Miss Inez Smith, Mr. Ruthven
McDonald, Mr. W. H. Hewlett. "AbsentMinded Beggar," by Kipling, will be one of the
numbers sting. Tickets, 75c, 50c and 25c. Obtainable from the officers of the Battalion and
T. R. Parker, city office C. P. R. Box plan
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general public Tuesday and Wednesday. 25u DE PACHMAN-

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Meetings.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EAST Middlesex Reform Association will be held Saturday, the 16th inst., in hall over Huron and Eric Loan Company office, at 1:30 p.m. Full attendance requested. S. B. Gorwill, president; W. B. Laidlaw, secretary.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 20, A., F. AND A. ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 20, A., F. AND A.
M., G. R. C.—A regular communication of
above lodge will be held this evening at 7:30 in
Masonic Temple. Visitors welcome. James
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I HAVE received instructions from Mr. Coles, agent for shippers of East India Rugs, Benares Brassware and Ceylon Curios, to sell at public auction at store next door to Smallman & Ingram's, at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday, December 14 and 15. This is a splendid opportunity to purchase good Christmas presents. The quality is strictly first-class. Rugs consist of Mizapore, Cashmere and other high grade Oriental Rugs. The Brass is genuine hand-worked Benares ware, and of the very best quality. Goods now on exhibition. Sale is without reserve.

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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'Deil's Hall, for the for the year 1900. f nominating a reeve and councilors ar 1900. GEO. RIDDELL,

A rumor is current at Kingston, Ont., that the crew of the steamer Niagara, believed to have foundered in Lake Erie, is aboard the steamer Mohawk, under shelter off Long Point.

A body, believed to be that of one of the crew of the steamship Niagara, was found near Port Maitland, and a bottle was picked up on the shore near Port Coiborne containing a farewell message from Capt. McGlory.

Canadians At Belmont

With the Enemy Only Four Miles Distant.

Total Up 4,590.

ed 672 of Gatacre's Men.

Details of the Disastrous Affair at Stormberg.

Boers' Position Stronger Even Than at Laing's Nek.

Good Artillery Practice and British Discipline Saved the Column From Complete Disaster.

London, Dec. 12 .- No official information has been received here of the doings of the Canadians since they left Cape Town, but news received by the war office shows that they are still on Lord Methuen's line of communication from De Aar to Belmont. So far as known they took no part in clearing the enemy out of Gras Pan last week. That was done from Modder River.

It is not officially certain whether they are under the command of Lord Methuen or Gen. Walker at Cape Town, waro commands the line of communications, but it is probably the latter. The Gordon Highlanders are with the Canadians, not the Seaforths, so far as

An official telegram speaks highly of the way in which the Canadians managed the stiff work at Orange River. building sidings and erecting platforms, besides the routine military work. A cable from a special correspondent with the Canadian contingent, dated Belmont, Dec. 11, says:
"In coasonance with the plan of cam-

paign of sending as many reinforcements to Lord Methuen as possible, and at the same time retaining complete control of the lines of communication. the Canadian regiment has been divided for the present at least. "The right half battalion-that is,

companies A, B, C and D (those from Ontario, Manitoba and British Colum-bia), were yesterday sent forward to this spot, the scene of Lord Methuen's first victory over the enemy. "The left half, comprising companies E. F. G and H (including the Montreal

and Quebec companies), were left behind at Orange River.
"We hear that the enemy is within four miles of this place, and so the prospect is that we shall soon be in the midst of the fray.

British Losses.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 12-4 a.m.-It is just two months since the Transvaal ultimatum was delivered. Nine engagements have been fought, and the British have lost 566 killed, 2,027 wounded, and 1,977 missing or prisoners, or a total of 4.590.

It now seems certain that the seventh division, which is being mobilized at Aldershot, will also be sent to South

The war office has issued a notice that after Jan. 1 a deduction will be made from the pay of soldiers serving in South Africa—in the case of privates 4 pence per day for wives, and 1 penny for each child; in the case of sergeants, 8 pence for wives and 2 pence for each child. These sums have thus far been paid by the government. The order indicates a belief that the campaign will be a long one.

RECONNOISSANCE. Frere Camp, Monday, Dec. 11-7 p.m. -The British cavalry reconnoitered to-day abreast of Colenso, and exchanged shots with parties of Boers, who fell back across the river. The kopjes were observed to be thickly occupied by the enemy.

The railway bridge at Colenso has

been completely destroyed. Two stone piers were blown up last night. The highway bridge is intact.

PRISONERS. Pretoriá, Dec. 11.-Six hundred and eventy-two British prisoners were taken at Stormberg. In the fighting at Modder River yes-

London, Dec. 12.-No news has yet been received confirming the Boer report of the capture of 50 prisoners

from Lord Methuen's column. Washington, Dec. 12.—Upon the applications of the South African Republics, through the medium of the Netherlands government, the British government has consented to supply the Boers with lists of the Boer prisoners held by the British, and with other proper information as to their condi-tion. The British government has in-timated, in addition, that if expects that the Boer government will recipro-cate when called upon in kind.

The Trap.

ELABORATELY PREPARED. London, Dec. 12.—The Daily Chron- Commandant Swanpool, who com-

Alligator, Fine Vici Kid and Goat in tan or black; also warm French Felt Slippers for young and old.

British Losses in Killed, see an experienced soldier trusting so implicitly to his guides, and that his scouts and advance guard do not inform him that he was coming in close contact with the enemy, and that the ground in front was impracticable. The fact seems clear that Gen. Gatacre was led unsuspectingly into an elaborately-prepared trap, and it is almost wonderful that the disaster was no worse, when, as a correspondent says, the force was not molested by the enemy until thad actually reached the incorporable position geometric by the impregnable position occupied by the Boers, when a hot fire was opened un-expectedly upon it. Everything seems to have been unexpected, from the lo-cation of the enemy to his numbers and guns, while the country was, apparently, absolutely unknown, though it is the very district Gen. Gatacre has been preparing to operate in ever since

OVERWORKED HIS MEN.

At a luncheon yesterday Lord Dur-ham, formerly a lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, said that Gen. Gatacre had overworked his troops in the Soudan, and that he was not fit to have a command in South Africa. He also said he blamed the war office enemy. for the disaster to the British forces in the attack on Stormberg, as the officials knew the opinion of the officers who had served under Gen. Gatacre.

GATACRE DECEIVED. Another account of the engagement at Stormberg says: By heroic efforts Gen. Gatacre managed to extricate himself from the ambush into which he had failen, and retreated rapidly to the main camp at Molteno. The wily Boers led the British into the trap by furnishing Gatacre and his spies with false information that the ene-

numbered only 2,500, and were in a weak position. Gen. Gatacre detained to make an early morning march, with a strong column, and to pause in his advance.

The first detachment will sail Saturday next. Even if Gen. French is not compelled to retreat, he will be obliged to pause in his advance.

It is announced from Cape Town that strike a rapid blow. We marched ou: smartly but cautiously from Putter's Kraal, and got within two miles of Stormberg without the slightest indi-cation of the whereabout of the Boers, but in this hotbed of Boer sympathy there are hundreds of colonists ready to give information of our every move

to the enemy. Our forces were proceeding cautiously, when suddenly we were met by

A HAIL OF BULLETS, coming from behind low ridges to the front and right flank. The reception was too warm to withstand, and the Irishmen, leading, quickly sought shelter behind a kopje, which was fortunately near. Other troops did the same Even this shelter was untenable, it being covered by Boer dannon, which were much more powerful than was supposed. The mounted infantry were some distance off, but by hard riding and a long detour they succeeded in joining the main body behind the poor sheiter of a kopje. We were pretty well cov-ered from the rain of rifle fire, but the big guns threw their shells unpleasantly around us.

SPLENDID WORK OF THE BAT-TERIES.

Our field batteries swung into line and did splendid work, keeping the Boers, while we sought a better position, half a mile away. Here we found good shelter, and the infantry quickly got into position and opened fire at long range, while the mounted infantry were sent out to try and get at the Boers' right flank. Up to this time we had suffered but little loss,

A NEW DANGER

suddenly appeared. The Boers who ambushed us were in front and on our right flank, but now there came down from the north another strong commando, all mounted, who menaced our left flank. Gatacre sent the Irish Northumberland Regiments to meet them, and the result was simply disastrous, for they dashed straight into the deadly fire of a number of machine guns, which the Boers had slyly placed in a concealed position.

WHERE 600 MEN WERE LOST, It was evident we were in a nasty position. The Irishmen and Northumberlands got back as best they could, each with 300 men gone. Many

of these were captured, but how many were killed and wounded we do not know. There was nothing to do but retire. The Boers had the best ground and plenty of guns, while we were thirteen miles from home. We knew it would be a fight for every step of the way. British discipline saved the army. There was no confusion or disorder. Every man was in his place, and the retreat was carried out in perfect order, the column being covered by mounted infantry and artillery, ready to swing into position at any

moment.

terday evening Gen. Cronje maintain-ed his position and captured 50 British swarming along our flanks, and dragged along two 40-pounders, which they trained on us at every opportunity. Had their gunners been worth salt they would have inflicted severe damage on us, but their aim was wild, and our casualties were surprisingly few, so we trudged the long thirteen miles without a single man wavering or losing heart. It was masterly work. even though it was a retreat. As we neared Molteno camp the Boers gave up the pursuit and drew off.

The Times' correspondent at Mol-teno estimates Gen. Gatacre's force at The troops arrived at Molteno at 11 o'clock this morning, after 30 hours' work including an engagement of three hours. It is estimated the Boers at Stromberg numbered 6,000.

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has been replaced by a Scotchman named Robertson. London, Tuesday, Dec. 12-4:40 a.m.-No further news has been received to

remove the mystery overhanging Gen. Gatacre's retreat from Stormberg. He has not yet forwarded the promised additional message, and the censor-ship has prevented the correspondents from explaining the matter. from explaining the matter. It appears to be generally admitted that Gen. Gatacre is inclined to overwork his men. Until Gen. Gatacre has given his explanation, it is felt that considerable allowance must be made for the extreme difficulty of getting intelligence in a country whose inhabitants are strong sympathizers with the

STRONGER POSITION THAN LAING'S NEK.

Stormberg is described as a stronger position than Laing's Nek. The only road winds through lofty hills, and flanking is impossible. Colesburg is also said to be an almost im-pregnable position, and as no troops are available to reinforce the columns acting in those directions, it becomes evident that Gen. Gatacre's misfortune or error will delay the invasion of the Free State perhaps some weeks. It is exceedingly probable that he will be compelled to retire on Queenstown and wait for reinforcements, which my's camp at Stormberg could be easily taken by surprise and captured. Gatacre was told that the Boers there Gatacre was told that the Boers there The first detachment will sail Satur-

It is announced from Cape Town that the Boers have succeeded in repairing the Leeumwfontein bridge. Stormberg and Burghersdorp, which the British destroyed on retiring.

AT MAFEKING. Mafeking, Nov. 30-Via Lorenzo Mar-

quez, Dec. 11.-Sorties by the British armored train and Boer shelling of the town continue. The British have had but few casualties. Last evening the protectorate regiment managed to occupy an outpost, where the British Lee-Metfords could reach the enemy's big gun, and the result was that the effectiveness of the Boer fire was mater-

ially reduced. BOER REPORTS.

Pretoria, Dec. 11—Via Lorenzo Marquez.—The Boers captured three British guns in the engagement with Gen. Gatacre's force at Stormberg.

The sortie at Kimberley last Saturday was an attempt to take the Boer position at Kamperdam and to secure the waterworks. All the British shots

posts in the direction of Modder River. There is a report that the British are advancing on the plain, and heavy fighting is anticipated. Gen. Prins Loo and Gen. Cronje command the Boer forces.

Details are expected from Boer out-

THE NEWS IN PARIS. Paris, Dec. 12.-The news of Gen. Gatacre's reverse made an immense impression in Paris. Although the afternoon papers predict the govest consequences in the disaffected portion of Cape Colony they cannot be accused. of unseemly exultation over British misfortune. Most of the journals see in the defeat an undoubted trap laid

by Boers working in conjunction with

Dutch traitors. The Journal des Debats epitomizes the general opinion, saying that Sir Alfred Milner has threatened in vain to overwhelm the disloyal Dutch with the thunderbolts of British wrath; and that even he must today realize that race sympathy is stronger than loyalty. It sees in the attitude of the Afrikanders the inevitable result of "the tactless language of the British press in referring to the war as a struggle between the British and Dutch for supremacy in South Africa."
The Temps says: "The story of the ambush at Stormberg reads like a chapter from Cooper's 'The Spy.' The

STYLISH AND COMFORTABLE.

sitaution resembles that of the Amer-

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