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CHESTERFIELD, Eng., Dec. 15.—Lord Rosebery's long expected and much heralded speech, delivered here tonight, was received with marked enthusiasm by an immense crowd. It can hardly be said to have thrown much light along the pathway of the liberal party. That the speech was a finished oratorical effort was amply testified by the frequent applause with which the speaker was interrupted.

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OTTAWA.

Nova Scotians Killing Canada's Fish Trade With Porto Rico.

The New Squadron for South Africa—Three Casualties Reported, One a P. E. Islander—The Harper Memorial.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

Brilliant British Successes Rapidly Follow Each Other.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Reporting to the war office from Pretoria, under date of yesterday, Lord Kitchener says: "Droes Hanlon, after a long night march, surprised Piet Vrieser's laager at dawn Dec. 13, at Wilroesa, 25 miles northwest of Ermelo, killed sixteen Boers and captured 70 armed prisoners. Many others were wounded and were left at farms. He also recaptured four of Benson's guns, the other having been destroyed. Two field cornets are among the prisoners. The recaptured gun is in good order and was used against the retreating enemy." Right Hon. W. St. John Brodrick, secretary of state for war, wired the government's congratulations upon General Bruce Hamilton's brilliant achievement.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Advices received at the war office from Lord Itchenor from Pretoria, report the important capture of Commandant Badenhorst, with a party of Boers, at Sterkfontein.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—A morning paper here asserts that Commandant Gen. Botha has reported to Mr. Kruger that he had 2,000 armed men, 10,000 being Cape Colony recruits.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A picturesque incident of the war is reported from Gainsay, Cape Colony. A garrison of twenty men at Tontelbosch sustained a Boer attack during six days. They had to fight for water every night. They had three of their number killed and 15 wounded.

ANOTHER SYDNEY FATALITY.

SYDNEY, C. E., Dec. 15.—Wm. Morgan, aged about 25 years, a native of Birmingham, Ala., was killed today at the blast furnaces of the Steel Co. Death was caused by a blast of gas from the furnaces, which smothered him and burned him about the chest.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—A successful test was made at the drill hall yesterday afternoon. The subscriptions now amount to \$24,143.49, an increase of \$2,372.27. The imports were valued at \$17,448,239, an increase of \$3,644,086. The aggregate trade for the five months was \$189,348,332, an increase of over thirteen million dollars.

U. S. SENATE.

Has Ratified the Hay-Panucofole Treaty.

Only Six Members Flocked Up Enough Courage to Vote Against It.

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