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THE INDIAN FAMINE REPORTED TO WASHINGTON.

Fear that the South African War Will Divert the Public from Relief Contributions.

Washington, April 11.—The state department has made public one of the reports upon which it based its statement to the navy department relative to the famine in India.

MONTREAL BOODLERS.

Two Men Are Now Under Arrest for Misappropriation.

MORE TO FOLLOW.

The Building Inspector Resigned and Was Arrested—A Clerk from the Assessor's Office Also in the Toils—A Nice Little Sensation.

Montreal, April 11.—Ex-City Building Inspector Lacroix, who was forced to resign his position yesterday owing to grave charges made against him, was arrested this afternoon on the charge of stealing money belonging to the city and making no return of the same.

MILITIA OFFICE GOSSIP.

Think They Know More About Horses Than do Some Other People.

Ottawa, April 11.—The militia department officials were criticizing today the news that 183 of the Strathcona's horses had died on the Monterey. They were comparing the mortality among the horses selected by the government.

HOUSE AND BARN BURNED.

A Sixteen Hundred Dollar Fire Near Yarmouth Capt. Lyman Durkee Dead.

Yarmouth, April 11.—The house and barn of William W. Waite at Ohio, in this county, were totally destroyed by fire last night. The animals and carriage in the barn were saved, but nothing was saved from the house.

Death at Chatham.

Chatham, April 11.—(Special) Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Snowball have the sympathy of the community in the loss of their little son Gerald, who died yesterday of whooping cough. The death was particularly sad as Mrs. Snowball was in Hamilton, Ont., at the time, being called there by the illness of her mother.

Kipling Sorry to Leave.

Cape Town, Wednesday, April 11.—Mr. Rudyard Kipling and Sir John Henry D. Villiers, chief justice of Cape Colony, sailed for England today on board the Tan Talon Castle.

Thirteen More Sworn.

Quebec, April 11.—Thirteen more men were sworn in here today for garrison duty.

is a further area of about 145,000 square miles with a population of 21,000,000 in which more or less distress prevails and where relief already has been or will be given.

AGAINST VACCINATION.

Objection to its Compulsory Enforcement in Ontario.

PROCESS CONDEMNED.

A Doctor Declares it is the Most Gigantic Delusion of the Century—Ministers, Doctors and Women form the Attacking Delegation.

Toronto, April 11.—A large deputation of prominent citizens, laymen, physicians and ladies interviewed the Ontario government today asking for the abolition of compulsory vaccination, which is now a necessary preliminary to a child's admission to the public schools.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT LIBERAL.

Elisha Slipp of Jacksonville Died at Woodstock.

Woodstock, April 11.—Mr. Elisha Slipp, of Jacksonville, one of the most respected and well-known farmers of Carleton county, was taken suddenly ill on his way to Woodstock. He was taken into the Trenton Hotel at Upper Woodstock and died there at 8 o'clock.

BOERS ACTIVE BUT ACCOMPLISHING LITTLE.

They are in Strength at Waterval.

London, April 12.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Tuesday, says: "The Boers to the southeast are exhibiting indications of movement, possibly in consequence of our occupation of the railway."

THE BAYONET USED BY GEN. METHUEN.

Boers Again Violated the White Flag. London, April 11.—The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts: "Bloemfontein, April 11.—Methuen reports that party (of Boers) defeated April 5 made a good resistance for four hours and only gave in when our troops, with fixed bayonets, were within 15 yards of them. Seven of the enemy were killed, 11 wounded and 31 were made prisoners."

NOVA SCOTIA MINING SOCIETY.

Halifax, April 11.—The Mining Society of Nova Scotia held its annual meeting here today. The officers were elected as follows: President, W. L. Libby; vice-presidents, George Stuart, C. A. Meisner, M. R. Morrow; council, F. H. Mason, B. G. Wilson, G. A. Pyle, C. E. Willis, A. McNeil, J. G. McNulty, J. H. Austin, B. F. Pearson.

EIGHTY IN THE HOSPITAL.

TORONTO, April 11.—A cablegram received tonight from Dr. Ryerson of the Canadian Red Cross Commission, dated Bloemfontein, today says eighty Canadians are in the hospital suffering from mild attacks of enteric fever. The patients include Lieut. MacDonald and Asst. Surgeon Fiset. Private Wallace, son of Hon. Clarke Wallace, is improving.

REPORT OF BADEN-POWELL'S DEATH IS DISCREDITED.

London Takes No Stock In the Story from Pretoria—The Fresh Southern Invasion of the Boers Seems to Have Been Checked—Brabant Can Hold Out—Mafeking Is In Despair.

London, April 12, 5.10 a. m.—There is little fresh intelligence from the seat of war. It looks as though Lord Roberts may be preparing to take a strong force to clear the Boers from behind him. A Cape Town despatch says he will not move for another week, owing to the necessity of gathering stores and supplies.

There are now fifteen grandsons of the Duke of Abercorn serving with the British forces. The operations in Natal have not yet been fully explained. There appears to have been an attempt to outflank the British at Elandsbaag and to sever them from their base at Ladysmith.

It is announced from Bloemfontein that Colonel Inigo Jones has been appointed to the command of the Guards Brigade. Colonel Maxwell to the command of the 14th Brigade, Col. Knox to the command of the 23rd Brigade and Major Brazier-Cressh, of the Indian Staff Corps to the command of Roberts Horse.

BRABANT'S FORCE WILL HOLD OUT.

The Fresh Boer Invasion Spent—Chermiside to Succeed Gatacre.

London, April 12.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times telegraphing Wednesday says: "It is announced in general orders that General Sir Herbert Chermiside has been appointed to the command of the third division, vice General Sir William Gatacre, ordered home to England."

BOER PRISONERS RECEIVING GOOD TREATMENT.

Books, Clothing and Luxuries are Given Them.

London, April 11.—In a despatch to the war office Lord Roberts says telegrams, books, clothing and luxuries are freely distributed to the Boer prisoners in his hands, that small sums of money are given direct, that larger amounts are given to the commandant for distribution and that clothing is being issued to prisoners who need it.

WASHINGTON HAS NO RECORD OF REICHMAN.

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PRETORIA HEARS OF SOME FIGHTING.

Hostilities in the Orange Free State and Natal.

Pretoria, Tuesday, April 10.—The latest news from the front is that fighting is continuing at Elandsbaag (Natal) and Dewet's Dorp (Orange Free State) but no particulars have been received.

THE COST OF THE WAR TO DATE.

Estimated at Twenty-three Thousand Men and Officers.

London, April 11.—The war office issued this afternoon a return of the total British casualties up to April 7, it is as follows: Killed in action—211 officers and 1,900 men.

BODEN-POWELL'S DEATH REPORTED.

The News Comes from the Transvaal Capital.

Pretoria, Tuesday, April 10.—It is reported here that Col. Baden-Powell, the British commander at Mafeking, is dead.

GREAT BRITAIN WILL BACK PORTUGAL.

And Maintains She Has a Right to be There.

London, April 11.—The British government, the Associated Press is officially informed, stands ready to take the part of Portugal in case the Boers attempt reprisals, but so far Portugal has not applied for British aid nor has she replied to the Boer notification. With Great Britain at her back, it is said, she will not give in in the slightest in maintaining the transactions at Beira are fully justified by the long standing treaties between Great Britain and Portugal.

CONDOLENCES RECEIVED FROM PRETORIA.

Secretary Reitz Cables Gen. Marauil on His Brother's Death.

Paris, April 11.—The brother of the late Gen. de Villebois Mareuil received a cable message today from State Secretary Reitz at Pretoria, communicating the news of the death of his brother. The telegram concludes: "In offering you my sincere condolences I assure you that we deplore his death, which is a great loss to our country and cause."

FIFTEEN MILES OF BOERS.

Elandsbaag, April 11.—Last night the Boers set fire to the grass on two hills almost on their extreme wings. The motive has not been ascertained, but the incident extended the fact that their position disclosed fully 15 miles in a continuous row of hills from Jenos Kop, on the British left, to a kopje commanding Sunday's river bridge on the British right. During the night the Boers moved most of their cannon. There has been some unimportant skirmishing today. The British still command Sunday river bridge. No development from yesterday's affair is expected.

ENGLISH AND AMERICANS TO BE EXPELLED.

Durban, Wednesday, April 11.—It is said that State Secretary Reitz of the Transvaal has asserted that all Britishers and Americans, with a large proportion of the Germans, will be expelled from the two republics within a fortnight.

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The Men of the Powerful who Defended Ladysmith are Received at Portsmouth.

London, April 11.—The British cruiser Powerful, whose brigade did such splendid service in the defense of Ladysmith, arrived at Portsmouth this afternoon and was received with immense enthusiasm by thousands of people. The whole town appeared to be in the neighborhood of the water side which was lavishly decorated with bunting, while the fortifications and other points of vantage were thronged with cheering crowds, waving flags. The warships in the harbor were ablaze with bunting and their crews manned ship at cheered and cheered again as the Powerful entered. The babel of sounds caused by the band, the cheering and the shrieking of the sirens was deafening.

THE STAR LIED.

A Minister Expressed Opinion in Parliament.

NO APPOINTMENT MADE.

Major Drummond Not to Command Eighty Thousand Dollars for a Lightship on the Lurcher Shoals—Ten Thousand for its Maintenance.

Ottawa, April 11.—In the House today Sir Adolphe Caron asked if the report was correct that Major Drummond had been appointed to the command of the Canadian militia. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he was not true. Mr. Moore, of Stanstead, resumed the debate on the budget. His principal theme was the duty on coal oil, which he said ought to be reduced.

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