

## NEWS FROM THE FRONT

### Major Reed Receives an Interesting Letter From his son on Active Service in South Africa.

The War Will Last Twelve Months Longer—Details of the Campaign.

Major Reed, of this city has received the following interesting communication from his son William Reed, who is at present serving in South Africa:

Piet Retief, May 10, 1901.

Dear Father and Mother,—

Your most esteemed and interesting letter of March 21, was handed to me by the orderly to-day and you can imagine how happy I was to receive a letter from home. I was also handed one from Percy and also one from my friend Powers, of Chicago.

We have just arrived here with the column to get provisioned for the next eight weeks, and the column starts out again to-morrow. I must say for the past two weeks I have been with the advance column, we all experienced a pretty tough time. We brought in with us over 500 Boer families. We had but few casualties, but I can assure you that the 2nd L. L. H. certainly did splendid work for such a short time. I was glad to read by your letter that you cheer dear mother as to her absent son, and dear mother I am taking good care of myself and feel fit. I captured one of the Boer horses on the veldt a short time ago, for which I get allowed 50c per diem, which makes me pay a little more.

My term with the L. L. H. expires on July 16th, when I think I will apply for my discharge and take a billet in Johannesburg, as per agreement I signed when enlisting. However, in view of the fact that there is no billet at that time vacant, I shall try and get transferred to Steinbecker's Horse, who pay a great deal more, and after serving six months you get an extra 50c a day, for the next six months.

In regard to how I like soldiering with the L. L. H. I can't say that I am greatly attached to it, and I can't say that I dislike it; but I would not entertain the idea of doing more than a year of it in this guerrilla warfare. We do not get any pension that I am aware of, but as I think I told you

before, we get a medal and perhaps two, one from the Colonial government, and one from the British government. I was glad to hear that Uncle Willie had recovered from his illness, but was sorry to read of Aunt Ann's death; she lived a quite a long age and I presume her death was due to old age. I always thought a good deal of her. Are any of my cousins married?

You will find enclosed a clipping of the Bloemfontein Post, written by a Boer prisoner.

Referring to this country, I may say it won't be any good as long as the war continues, but when hostilities are over I believe a pushing young man can make all kinds of money here providing under British rule that the same wages will be paid as when Oom Paul was president. There are plenty of gold, silver, coal and diamond mines yet undeveloped; the Transvaal is really on a bed of the above mentioned kind of mines, and outside of sheep, cattle and goat raising there are very few industries with the exception of mining. I for one don't intend to leave here unless I have some of this South African so-called easy money. When in civil life again I shall be in a position again to give you a true state of affairs. The war I believe will last another twelve months, though our officers tell us it will be over in about a month, in order to get us to re-enlist; but my dear father, guerrilla warfare is a terror.

I wonder if Frank has received all my letters, as I wrote him when I sent yours, I have received no papers yet, you must have sent three. So my aunt in England don't forget to inquire about me! Well, when I take a trip over to your dear beloved native land, I shall certainly pay them a visit.

On coming here we had a very heavy rear-guard action; the Boers are certainly great at fighting. You can hardly get close to them at all. I had a hearty laugh at some of your assertions in your last letter. You know I am chuck full of fun. Winter is here now, and it is pretty chilly, too.

My friend Powers writes me that he wants to come here, but I tell him not to be too hasty, as the war is still on and my mind has been disabused about it soon being ended. I believe in my previous letter I omitted telling you what squadron I am attached to. It is F Squadron, and as there are three Regiments in the other ones, be sure and address me as above, and now my dear parents as "lights out" are sounding I must conclude, and may God bless you both. With love from your affectionate son,

WM. H. REED.

MORE SMALL-POX.

Woodstock, Ont., June 21.—Four new cases of small-pox have developed in Beachville, but they are under one roof. The father and the children of the Andrew Todd family are down with it. Mrs. Todd has so far not contracted the disease. Every precaution is being taken and the quarantine is rigidly enforced.

Hamilton, Ont., June 20.—Edward Shaw, a carpenter, residing at Van Wagner's Beach, near Winona, was run down by a freight train and instantly killed while crossing the Grand Trunk Railway tracks at Fitch's Crossing, on Hamilton Beach, at 1:30 yesterday afternoon. An inquest will be held.

## BANG BLUE ROCKS

Members of the Maple City Gun Club Spent a Busy Afternoon at the Traps.—The Scores Made.

There was quite a fair crowd at the traps yesterday and some good shooting was done as the score shows.

Thomas Nichols, the grandpa of the club, broke nine targets out of ten in one sweepstake yesterday, and all were complimenting the aged member on his good shooting.

Sweep No. 1, 10 birds—W. Tristram 5, A. C. McKay 8, J. Moore 8, J. Oldershaw 7, L. F. Wilson 5, Thos. Nichol 4, D. Frazer 3, W. Wells 6, J. Piggott 4.

Sweep No. 2, 10 birds—W. Tristram 8, J. Oldershaw 9, J. Aitken 7, Thomas Nichol 9, A. C. McKay 9, Thos. Tennent 5, W. B. Wells 6, J. Moore 8, D. Frazer 5, J. Piggott 5, S. Brown 5.

Sweep No. 3, 15 birds—J. Moore 12, A. C. McKay 11, J. Oldershaw 12, Thos. Tennent 9, L. F. Wilson 11.

Sweep No. 4, 10 birds—M. McLeod 6, W. B. Wells 8, L. F. Wilson 7, Thos. Tennent 2, W. Tristram 9, J. Aitken 6, A. C. McKay 8, J. Piggott 5, D. Frazer 6, J. Oldershaw 7, T. Nichol 6.

Sweep No. 5, 5 pairs—W. B. Wells 8, J. Moore 5, J. Oldershaw 4, W. Tristram 9, A. C. McKay 6, D. Frazer 5, L. F. Wilson 4, T. Nichol 4, W. S. Richards 6.

What a snap in hats at Thibodeau & Jacques? All millinery marked down to half price for to-morrow and Monday.

You need an extra sailor or trimmed hat at this time of the year. You can get one at half price at Thibodeau & Jacques, to-morrow or Monday.

Even if not particularly in need of a hat, you will want one, if you see the half price hats at Thibodeau & Jacques.

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## DISTRICT DOINGS.

### BLenheim.

June 21.—The band attended a strawberry social at Cedar Springs last night.

The South Harwich public school is holding their annual picnic to-day at the Rond Eau park.

Another old pioneer has gone in the person of Jonas Winters. Mr. Win-

ters has been a resident of Blenheim for about twenty-five years, having moved here when Blenheim was but a village. He leaves to mourn his loss an aged wife and one son, H. W. town, and four daughters, Mrs. A. McIntyre and Mrs. Geo. Irwin, town, Mrs. Wm. Vye, Wallaceburg, and Mrs. A. Smith, Chatham. The funeral will be held at the residence of his son, H. W. on Talbot street, on Saturday 22nd inst., at 1:30 o'clock, by Revs. McLaren and Rice, after which the remains will be interred in Evergreen cemetery.

The funeral of the late Frank Mallory, which took place this afternoon, was largely attended.

## THAMESVILLE

June 21.—David E. Kennedy received the sad intelligence Monday morning that his sister, Edith, died at Stonehall, Man., on Sunday, 16th inst., and that her father, Rev. D. M. Kennedy, was expected to arrive in Thamesville with the corpse Thursday morning, 20th, where service will be held in the Methodist church at 2 p. m., after which the remains will be taken to Highgate for interment. The sad news has cast a gloom over the village, as Miss Kennedy was well known and very highly esteemed here. Her father was formerly stationed on this circuit.

## WALLACEBURG

June 21.—Mr. Chas. Lindon and family left Wednesday for their summer residence at Port Lambton.

Miss Eleanor Kunze and Miss Allen Jay, of Detroit, are visiting at Mrs. John Murphy's this week.

Mr. Scott, representing Canada Cycle Motor Co., of Toronto, was in town yesterday.

Mr. F. B. McKay, route agent of Dominion Express Co., called on our local agent, B. M. Burgess, yesterday.

## JUNE WEDDINGS.

The home of Mr. S. Collinge, St. Andrew's Ward, was the scene of a very pretty wedding Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, when Miss Dell Collinge and Mr. P. Forbes were united in marriage by the Rev. W. W. Tancock.

The bride was prettily attired in white organdie and carried white roses, while Miss Grace Collinge acted as bridesmaid, dressed becomingly in blue muslin. Mr. Harry Forbes was groomsmen.

The couple are two of the most respected among the young people and received many handsome wedding gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Collinge, of Port Huron; Mr. and Mrs. John Collinge, of Essex, and Miss Addie Collinge, of Detroit, were visitors for the wedding besides friends and invited guests of the town.

A quiet wedding took place Wednesday afternoon, when Miss K. Hayes and Mr. Richard Couper, of St. Thomas, were united in the happy bonds of matrimony by Rev. Baker.

Miss B. Hayes acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Wm. Campbell as second best man.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Couper left on the evening train for St. Thomas, where they will reside.

## Summer Furnishings

"You may lead a horse to water," says the wise old saw, "but you can't make him drink."

"You may lead a man to the university," says a modern version, "but you can't make him think."

And we might get you here with specious promises, but you wouldn't buy very much if the right things were not waiting to meet you. But the right things are here, and a fair and friendly spirit reigns in the store, and the "money back" rule gives you a sunny feeling of security—these, we take it, are some of the reasons why you come and come again, and why some of you have bought few furnishings outside this store since its doors were opened something over a year ago.

Every season's experience counts, and this summer's furnishings have been gathered with riper knowledge than any former supply.

We haven't had quite such an interesting stock of soft-front shirts before.

Belts, bicycle hose, golf hats—a variety of wanted outing goods for summer.

Linen collars in all widths from the comfortable hot weather style, which is 1 1/2 inches. Neckties—never were ties so easy to sell as these standard lines at 25c and 50c. Summer underwear ranges through all the right materials, cotton, linen, wool. In ballbrigan alone we show five styles.

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Mr. Lydiatt, of the Sydenham Glass Co., was married Wednesday at Toronto.

## TILBURY

June 21.—Mrs. W. A. Johnston is visiting in Dresden.

Mr. and Mrs. Westland attended the wedding of the former's sister in Ridgeway on Wednesday. Mrs. Westland will remain there on a ten days' visit.

Mrs. P. Husted is visiting in Fergus.

Richard Beno, son of John Beno, has returned from the Deaf and Dumb Institute, of Belleville, having passed his examinations very creditably, and is much improved.

D. Smith, C. P. R. agent, is making arrangements to have a passenger coach attached to the east bound local on June 26th, due here at 9:15 a. m. for those wishing to attend

the Ringling Bros. circus. This train will reach Chatham in time to see the street parade, and will be attached to the local leaving Chatham after the show, about 6 p. m. for the return trip.

The Daily Planet is on sale at Johnston's Drug Store.

## DRESDEN.

June 21.—Mm. McVean went to Toronto Wednesday on business.

A number of our young people drove out to Kent Bridge last evening to attend a social held at the residence of Mrs. Thos. Hughes.

Mrs. Osagood McVean and family left this morning for their cottage in Port Lambton, where they purpose spending the summer.

Wm. Johnston and family, of Tilbury, are the guests of S. Sager.

J. E. McGloshon received yesterday by express 18 black minora eggs for hatching purposes from Abbot Bros., England.

L. V. Peters, Frank Wells, Fred Bodkin and Allan McIntosh went to London yesterday to attend the races.

John H. Walsh, foreman of the Hurley Co., of Detroit, was in town yesterday and offered to build a beet sugar factory if the town would give them a bonus of \$50,000, and would commence building within sixty days.

# Great Tearing Down Thomas Stone & Son Rebuilding Sale

This sale has not been a spasmodic effort—not the idea of an hour, but a carefully and skilfully planned stock-reducing movement. That accounts for the wonderful success that has crowned our efforts. And we are not done yet. We have been keeping the workmen back in order that we might get more of the goods out of the way. They tell us now that in order to complete the contracts by the time agreed upon they must be allowed to go ahead. AND WE HAVE GOT TO RUSH THE GOODS OUT OF THE WAY.

## Shall we See You on Saturday? Read the Price List

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| <b>Curtain Muslins at Building Sale Prices</b><br>Beautiful goods, 52 inches wide—plain white with insertion and frill 6 inches deep, and blue and yellow stripes with 6-inch frill, regular price 35c; on Saturday at 27c.<br>One piece fringed curtain muslin, 52 inches wide with scroll pattern, in plain and white, regular price 30c; on Saturday, special, at 19 1/2c.<br>Madras Curtain Muslin, in cream and white shades, pretty designs, regular price 35c; on sale Saturday at 23c. | <b>Remnant Sale of Carpet</b><br>Remnants of Union Carpets, one yard long, 15c each.<br>Remnants of Wool Carpets, one yard long, 25c each.<br>Remnants of Brussels and Tapestry Carpets, 11-12 yards long, worth from 50c to \$1.40 per yard, on Saturday at half-price.<br><b>Hassocks</b><br>Covered with Art Denim, nice and light in weight, regular price 40c, on Saturday at 15c each.<br><b>Sofa Cushions.</b><br>Well filled and covered with Art Satin, in pretty patterns—Size 18x18—23c.<br>Size 20x20—30c.<br>Size 24x24—33c. | <b>White Pique</b><br>All the fashion journals say that white pique is strictly correct for skirts and waists this season. You can have a fashionable garment at a small figure if you buy on Saturday—<br>Regular 12 1-2c quality at 8c.<br>Regular 15c quality at 10c.<br>Regular 20c quality at 12 1-2c.<br>Regular 25c quality at 15c.<br>Regular 30c quality at 20c.<br>Regular 40c quality at 30c. | <b>Factory Cotton</b><br>Regular Price 6c and 6 1/2c, on Saturday at 5c.<br>This is the greatest cotton bargain you have ever seen, full yard wide, extra heavy, round even thread, suitable for shirting, pillow cotton, or general use.<br><b>Yard Wide Navy Prints at 10c a Yard</b><br>Here is a chance for you. These are worth 12 1-2c, but during our great building sale they go at 10c a yard; note the width, ordinary prints are only 30 and 32 inches wide.<br><b>At 5c a Yard, Worth 7c</b><br>29 pieces of shirting and wrapper prints, dainty patterns and fast colors, at the very least calculation 2,000 yards of this line was sold on Saturday last.<br><b>Regular 25c Linen Suiting Saturday 11c a yd.</b><br>Yard wide crash linen suiting in good shades of dark and light cadet blue. | <b>Black Taffata Gloves</b><br>Slightly discolored; regular price 25c., on sale Saturday at 5c, a pair.<br><b>Millinery</b><br>Cream Satin Ribbon, regular price 9c. yard, on Saturday, special at 5c. yard.<br>11-2 inches wide, double fold, extra good quality.<br>In no other department are there greater bargains during our building sale than this. A large stuff of trimmings have been preparing all week for the great Saturday sale. If you need a hat or bonnet, better come for it at once, you will save from \$1 to \$2, on every purchase. For example: Ladies' ready to wear trimmed hats, regular price \$2.50, on Saturday at \$1.50; regular price \$1.50, on Saturday at 90c.<br>We think this will convince you without quoting any further prices.<br><b>Shirting</b><br>Regular Price 10c on Sale Saturday at 7c.<br>Indigo blue shirting, in stripes and checks, cheap at the regular price, and at less than it would cost at the mills, on Saturday 7c. yard. | <b>Black Dress Goods Special</b><br>42 inch wide, all wool and mohair, neat Maltese designs and new Greendale stripes.<br><b>Regular 50c Wool Delaines and Challies on Saturday at 36c a yard</b><br>Self-colored fancy and silk mixtures in fawns, greys and greens, pretty goods and are the very best qualities.<br><b>Regular \$1.25 Black Serge, Building Sale Price 75c.</b><br>In all the pretty color combinations suitable for dresses and waists. This is magnificent quality, 58 in. wide; four yards will make a full dress. Just the right thing for making flounce skirts.<br><b>Regular 50c Silks on Saturday at 23c.</b><br>In stripes, checks and foulard designs. Splendid qualities and good shades. |
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