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HAS LORD MINTO RUN UP AGAINST A SNAG?

The Governor-General Wants Major Drummond to Succeed Hutton.

NOMINATION SENT HOME.

Minister Borden Touchy Regarding His Authority, and He Will Fight Lord Minto

AND A BATTLE ROYAL MAY OCCUR.

It is Rumored That Lady Minto Told Mrs. Drummond of the Governor's Action.

Ottawa, April 11.—(Special.)—John Waldron, bandmaster of the 10th Battalion, Royal Grenadiers, has been appointed to warrant rank.

Rumor as to Drummond.

The statement in the papers that Major Drummond has been appointed G.O.C. has caused much talk in this city. There seems to be more than a grain of truth in the rumor that he has been nominated for the position. But in that fact there is every prospect of the Minister of Militia coming in contact with the Governor-General.

Did it Come From Lord Minto?

Where did the rumor come from? Men who know declare it emanated from Lord Minto, was communicated to Lady Minto, who confided the pleasing fact to Mrs. Drummond. Persons are to be found who heard it from Mrs. Drummond. How it got to the ears of the press is a simple matter. An intimate of Lord Minto, in a burst of enthusiastic confidence, let the fact out at the Rideau Club, whence it was borne to the House of Commons and circulated.

Minto Wants Drummond.

The fact presents itself that Lord Minto wants Major Drummond made G.O.C. He has sent his nomination to the Imperial War Office. Drummond himself has got leave of absence, and is hastening home to do the Governor-General's behest.

The Minister's Side.

Now for the Minister's side, and recent events have shown how touchy he is regarding his authority, and it is reasonable to assume he will not rejoice at His Excellency's action, taken without knowledge of the department.

Dr. Borden Will Fight.

Dr. Borden will consider it an overriding of his powers, and is strong enough willed to fight even Lord Minto. Among the members of the House who know these facts, it is expected that a battle royal will take place over this matter. Drummond is Lord Minto's choice, even as Hutton was, and he is ready to resign sooner than give up his desire. Dr. Borden's choice is Col. Aylmer, or he would compromise on Col. Otter, should Col. Otter be given an Imperial commission, which is altogether likely, now that Imperial commissions are being distributed.

Pinault Thought it Preposterous.

Col. Pinault laughed when The World asked him about Drummond's chances. He thought it was preposterous.

What The Free Press Says.

The position of the Government may be assumed from the following article in its Ottawa organ:

"Think of having a regimental major in command of the Canadian militia," said a high military authority to-day. "There would certainly be a strong objection from the force, and the militia would be in more trouble than ever.

"Major Drummond is an officer of the Scots' Guards, and, while he is an excellent officer, it is well known that the officers of that regiment are not noted for their knowledge of military tactics. As Sir Charles Tupper said recently, the purpose of increasing the salary of the general officer commanding was to ensure the services of the most competent officer for the post. If a regimental major is appointed over colonels this end will not be gained. Inquiry at the Militia Department goes to show that there is not the least truth in the report published in Conservative morning papers that Major Drummond has been nominated for the command of the Canadian militia."

Minto Against a Snag.

This, taken with Sir Wilfrid's answer in the House to-day, signifies that Lord Minto has run up against a snag.

A Rising Against the Grafters.

The elections in Manitoba showed the people in rebellion against the grafters. Sifton and Greenway were the political patrons and protectors of the grafters. Hugh John Macdonald went out gunning for grafters, and he swept the country. No more grafter rule for Manitoba.

With all his faults, Joseph Martin is after the grafters in British Columbia. British Columbia has for years been plundered right and left, north and south, by grafters, and the people are looking for any kind of Moses to lead them against these bandits.

The recent municipal elections in Toronto and Montreal were a protest against grafters, and substantial progress was made in driving a number of these gentry out of business. But more has to be done.

But it is the Province of Ontario that has, above all others, passed into possession of grafters. The Ross Government is a grafters' Government par excellence. The grafters also own the Legislature, and its committees. The people are waiting patiently for just one crack at this nest of grafters. In the meantime the grafters, one and all, are as busy as nailers getting in their grafts. They know that their doom is near—until it arrives there is no time like the present. Gibson, Harcourt, Stratton are all working grafts against the deluge. Poor Dryden's grafts are not so successful.

The Dominion Parliament is also the home of the grafters, and Saint Wilfrid is their greater patron and Saint Jim of Oxford the lesser one. The M.P.'s are tumbling over one another to help the grafters to whatsoever they desire. The grafter gets everything, the public sometimes a few patronizing words, sometimes a kick downstairs.

But the war against the grafter that began in the West will certainly overtake him in the East. And it may be this summer!

Coffee House Restaurant, 78 and 80 King-street East, the ladies' and gentlemen's dining-room is very popular—nice cooking, attentive service and quiet. 46

ROBERTS IS PREPARING TO CLEAR OUT THE BOERS

Who Are Behind Him, and a Strong Force Will be Used—Will Not Move for Another Week Yet.

Senate Bdg Room 16b00

Gen. Gatacre's Removal is the Theme of Much Speculation—The Operations in Natal Seem to be Mysterious—Strathcona's Horse at the Cape.

London, April 12.—(4.10 a.m.)—There is little fresh intelligence from the seat of war in South Africa. It looks as the Lord Roberts may be preparing to make 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.

Gatacre's Removal.

Sir William Gatacre's sudden removal is the theme of much speculation. The curt manner in which it is announced causes much comment. The general impression is that it is connected with the Reddersburg affair, altho there are many who consider that there must be something much more serious.

War Office Doesn't Believe it.

The War Office has received no news of the death of Col. Baden-Powell and utterly discredits the rumor.

The Operations in Natal.

The operations in Natal have not yet been fully explained. There appears to have been an attempt to outflank the British at Elandslaagte, and to sever them from their base at Ladysmith.

The Duke of Marlborough has arrived at Bloemfontein.

There are now 15 grandsons of the Duchess of Abercorn serving with the British forces.

To Command Guards Brigade.

It is announced from Bloemfontein that Col. Inigo Jones has been appointed to the command of the Guards Brigade. Col. Maxwell is to command the 14th Brigade, Col. Know the 23rd Brigade and Major Brazier-Creagh the Roberts Horse.

ARRIVAL OF STRATHCONA HORSE.

The Monterey Made the Trip to the Cape Town in Faster Time Than Usual.

Montreal, April 11.—Elder-Dempster Line agents here received cable this morning announcing arrival at noon yesterday at Cape Town of transport Monterey, with Strathcona Horse on board. All on board well. One hundred and sixty-three horses died on the passage.

The large mortality among the horses was not unexpected. The horses were half wild, not used to constraint, and a voyage of 7000 miles, cooped up in the small space allowed them, was certain to be fatal to many of them. But when they get on the open veldt they will show their hardihood as on their native plains.

The Monterey left Halifax harbor on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, the men having embarked on the preceding day.

Recruits for Strathcona Horse.

Ottawa, April 11.—(Special.)—The fifty additional recruits for Strathcona's Horse will sail on April 22 from Halifax by the Allan Liner Tunisian to Liverpool. Horses, saddlery, clothing and equipment will accompany the men, who will be under command of one subaltern.

To Buy More Horses.

The Militia Department has received word from Lord Strathcona to buy 163 more horses to take the places of those dead.

GEN. GATACRE COMING HOME.

His Retirement is Looked Upon in London as a Recall for His Mishaps.

Bloemfontein, Tuesday, April 10.—General Gatacre (the commander of the third division) is about to return to England.

General Pole-Carew has been appointed to the command of the eleventh division.

Several changes are likely to be made in the brigade commands.

London, April 11.—General Gatacre's return to England is accepted as being in the nature of a recall, tho no reason is given for it, and it will be associated in the public mind for his lack of success. Lord Roberts criticized his management of the Stormberg attack, and possibly Gatacre's having arrived an hour and a half too late to rescue the Reddersburg force may have decided his return. General Rundle, seemingly, succeeds General Gatacre, and, according to a despatch from Bloemfontein, the commanders of several brigades are about to be changed.

CHERMSIDE IN COMMAND

Of the Third Division—Vice Gen. Gatacre Ordered Home to England.

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

Brabant Can Hold Out.

"Gen. Brabant's force is confident of being able to hold out. The Boers, after showing considerable dash, have wavered when it came to the final issue, and have struck at the least vital point, where they are greatly handicapped by their proximity to the Basuto border.

Cape Border is Safe.

"Owing to the strategical concentrations since the enemy's movements became defined, there need be little anxiety as to the safety of the Cape border."

KITCHENER AT ALIWAL.

Inspected the Positions and Told the Garrison He Expected an Early Change.

Aliwal North, April 11.—Lord Kitchener arrived here to-day and left soon after. A big Boer gun was knocked out yesterday at Wepener. The garrison is holding its own. There has been heavy cannonading there again to-day. Lord Kitchener inspected the positions across the Fier bridge with General Brabant and staff, after which he sent a sympathetic message to the Wepener garrison, hoping for an early change in the circumstances.

A BULLETIN FROM ROBERTS

Describes Methuen's Fight With the Boers—White Flag Fiend Was Shot.

London, April 11.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts:

"Bloemfontein, April 11.—Methuen reports that the party of Boers he defeated on 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 were wounded and 51 were made prisoners. Besides Lieuts. Boyle and Williams, Sergt. Patrick Campbell was killed, and 10 of our men were wounded. Williams was killed deliberately after the white flag had been held up. The perpetrator of the crime was at once shot.

"Methuen speaks in high terms of the intelligent manner in which the Imperial Yeomanry and the Kimberley mounted corps behaved.

"Buller reports that the enemy attacked his right flank yesterday while he was engaged in changing his position, but our artillery silenced their guns and they did not press the attack. Our losses were four men killed and 8 wounded.

"There is no further news yet from Wepener."

BRITISH CASUALTIES TO DATE.

London, April 11.—The War Office issued this afternoon a return of the total British casualties up to April 7. It was as follows:

Killed in action, 211 officers and 1960 men.

Died of wounds, 48 officers and 465 men.

Missing and prisoners, 168 officers and 3722 men.

Died of disease, 47 officers and 1485 men.

Accidental deaths, 3 officers and 34 men.

Repatriated invalids, 288 officers and 4934 men.

Total, 13,365, exclusive of the sick and wounded now in hospital.

To the War Office return of casualties must be added the losses of the last week and the wounded, aggregating about 10,00, making a grand total of upwards of 23,000 officers and men put out of action.

FIRED ON BULLER'S CAMP.

Shells at Elandslaagte Came From Three Directions, But No Damage Was Done.

Ladysmith, Tuesday, April 10.—The Boers opened fire this morning early, sending shells into the British camp at Elandslaagte from three positions widely separated. The shells did no damage. The troops moved out to reconnoitre and found the Boers in strong force and well fortified. A naval 4.7-inch gun replied to the Boers, who have again placed a Long Tom in position.

Three Men Killed.

Evening.—When the Boers commenced shelling the British were drilling, and one private was killed and another was wounded, before the soldiers were withdrawn from range. Then the naval brigade opened fire, and drew a heavy Boer fusillade, and two of the cruiser Philomel's gunners were killed. The naval men stuck to their positions, however, and the Boers unmasked six guns, including a 100-pounder, and shells fell in all the British camps.

After three hours' bombardment the Boer fire slackened, and the burghers cleared from a kopje on the right when a British shell lit on the spot occupied by their gun.

A Commando Forced to Retire.

Another commando was seen moving toward the British left, apparently with the intention of flanking them, but the British shells forced them to retire. The British advanced pickets were continually sniped, but few casualties have been reported.

In the afternoon the naval brigade again fired a few shells.

To Cut the British Lines.

It is rumored that a body of Boers has gathered southwest of Elandslaagte, with the apparent intention of cutting the British line of communications.

General Clery directed to-day's operations.

General Buller visited Elandslaagte to-day.

OVER IN BULLER'S TERRITORY.

Boer Position Extends 15 Miles—Enemy Have Moved Most of Their Cannon.

Elandslaagte, April 11.—Last night the Boers set fire to the grass on two hills almost on their extreme wing. The motive has not been ascertained, but the incident disclosed the fact that their position extends over fully 15 miles in a continuous row of hills, from Jones' 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 to-day. The British still command Sunday's River bridge. No development from yesterday's affair is expected.

BOER STORIES DISCREDITED

Because Lord Roberts Reports Nothing in Regard to a Fight on Saturday Last.

London, April 11.—Lord Roberts wires to the War Office from Bloemfontein, under date of Tuesday, April 10, as follows:

"The enemy have been very active during the past few days. One commando is now on the north bank of the Orange River not far from Aliwal North, while another is attacking Wepener. The garrison there is holding out bravely, and yesterday inflicted serious loss on the Boers. Major Springe of the Cape Mounted Rifles was killed.

"No other casualties have been reported as yet. The troops are being moved up rapidly.

"A patrol of six men of the Seventh Dragoon Guards, under Lieut. Wetherly, which had been reported missing since April 7, has returned safely."

Boer Reports Discredited.

As the foregoing does not mention the alleged British reverse on Saturday at Meerkatsfontein, the Boer telegrams are discredited at the War Office, and they are further discredited on account of the discrepancies in the despatches, as Meerkatsfontein in one message is located near Brandfort and in another it is located southeast of Bloemfontein, the places being 100 miles apart.

BRITISH LOSSES AT WEPENER

During the Fighting on Monday Were 11 Killed and 41 Wounded—Fight Still on.

Aliwal North, April 11.—The British loss in the fighting at Wepener yesterday was 11 killed and 41 wounded. Fighting was resumed to-day. The British are holding their own.

All Right With Brabant.

London, April 11.—News from Gen. Brabant at Wepener shows that all is going satisfactorily there. The troops are getting new khaki serge uniforms and boots.

Too Cloudy to Heliograph.

London, April 11.—The Reuter Telegram Company's correspondent at Aliwal North, wiring at 8.30 this morning, says:

"There is no further news from Wepener. Too cloudy to heliograph. More British troops are arriving."

Kipling Has Sailed.

Cape Town, April 11.—Rudyard Kipling and Sir John Henry DeVilliers, Chief Justice of Cape Colony, sailed for England to-day on board the Tantalion Castle.

Mr. Kipling said he was sorry he was not able to remain longer, as his health had been greatly benefited.

MAY BE ONLY A BOER RUMOR

Pretoria Despatch Says It Is Reported There That Col. Baden-Powell, the Hero of Mafeking, Is Dead.

THIS IS UNCONFIRMED.

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

COLONEL BADEN-POWELL.

TREATING BOER PRISONERS WELL.

They Are Better Treated Than the British Prisoners Now at Pretoria.

London, April 11.—In a despatch to the War Office, Lord Roberts says that 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 in need of it.

Must All Go to St. Helena.

Simonstown, April 11.—Owing to the unfavorable conditions for keeping the Boer prisoners here, the authorities have decided to ship them all to St. Helena with the least possible delay. The sickness among the captured burghers is abating.

BOERS SHOW INDECISION.

Bodies of the Enemy Are Still Moving From Winburg Southward—Where?

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

Where Are the Boers Going?

"Bodies of the enemy are still moving from Winberg southward thru Thabanchu. Their destination has not been ascertained. The Boers in the neighborhood of Paardeberg show no disposition to interrupt our communication with Kimberley, from which point civil convoys are still arriving."

BOERS HAVE TREKKED NORTH

And the Machinery of the Bloemfontein Waterworks and Dams Are Intact.

London, April 12.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, in a despatch dated Tuesday, says:

"The permanent defences are nearing completion, so that the town can be held by a relatively small garrison.

A British scout, who has visited Bloemfontein waterworks, reports that the machinery and dams are intact. Only a few Boers remain in the neighborhood. The enemy have trekked six miles north and formed a laager near Waterval."

STOPPED BORING THE MINES.

Epler, an Austrian Financier, Sent a Remonstrance to Pretoria and Orders Were Given.

London, April 12.—The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of The Times, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "Epler, an Austrian financier, who is acting as captain of the Rand Mines Police, in order to frustrate the destruction of the mines, sent a remonstrance to Pretoria against boring, with the result that State Engineer Muniik's order for boring was cancelled."

REBEL DUTCH WILL BE SHOT

If There is Any Act of Hostility in the Vicinity of Colesberg, Cape Colony.

Colesberg, Cape Colony, April 11.—In view of the state of unrest across the border, Lord Roberts has proclaimed a warning to the Cape Colonists that further acts of hostility will be treated with the utmost rigor of martial law.

THAT CHICAGO AMBULANCE CORPS

Was Detained at Lorenzo Marquez on Suspicion of Filibustering.

London, April 12.—The correspondent of The Daily Mail at Lorenzo Marquez, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "The departure of the Chicago ambulance corps for Pretoria was delayed on suspicion of filibustering. The members left by special train this afternoon, accompanied by a motley following of Frenchmen and Germans, 100 in all. The departure only occurred after many stormy interviews with the Portuguese authorities.

Some of the Fighters.

"The members have no passports, and no credentials beyond a letter from Miss Clara Barton to the effect that she knows some of them personally, and believes them to be genuine, but many have openly expressed their intention of fighting. The Boers are paying from thirty to forty pounds sterling per month for such recruits.

"Thirty-five thousand Boers with ninety guns are concentrated on the range of hills between Kroonstadt and Winburg. The whole line is fortified and is almost impregnable."

A Brigade From Natal.

London, April 12.—The Durban correspondent of The Standard, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "A brigade is being sent from here to join the main army under Lord Roberts. It is under command of Gen. Hunter."

Fighting Continues.

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

EIGHTY IN HOSPITAL.

Dr. Ryerson's Message From Bloemfontein to the Red Cross Society Regarding Canadians.

Dr. Hodgins, hon. secretary of the Red Cross Society, received a cablegram yesterday from Dr. Ryerson, now in South Africa. It was sent from Bloemfontein, and is as follows:

"Eighty Canadians in hospital here with mild fever, including Fiset, Macdonell and Wallace. All are improving."

FIRST COUSINS CANNOT MARRY.

Both Ecclesiastical and Civil Law in the Province of Quebec So Decree.

Montreal, April 11.—(Special.)—Mr. Justice Mathieu has given civil effect by a judgment to the decree of the Archbishop of Montreal, declaring null and void the marriage of Oliva LaChappelle, motorman, and his first cousin, Dame Marie Pelletier, performed at Notre Dame de Grace on March 21, 1899, on the ground that the parties, being related, failed to obtain the dispensation required by civil and religious law, but produced a dispensation for kindred in the third degree, which was irregular and contrary to ecclesiastical law. The suit was taken out by Pelletier, and was not opposed by the young woman, who is a minor in her 18th year. The judgment was pronounced under the authority of article 127 of the Civil Code, but without costs. It was alleged that kindredship between the parties in the first degree was discovered only after the marriage. The parties were children of brother and sister.

A SCARE ON THE GOLD COAST.

Rumors at Accra and Cape Coast Castle That the British Governor is a Captive.

Accra, April 11.—Uncorroborated reports are in circulation here and at Cape Coast Castle that the Governor of Coomassie is in the enemy's hands. The greatest fear is felt for Cape Coast Castle, if a reverse has been sustained, and if the rebellion continues. It is understood that Sierra Leone has asked for a gunboat, but the troops there are not in sufficient numbers to leave the colony. Volunteers have offered for service at the front. The Accra natives profess their willingness to do service, if armed. Mr. Bassett, the missionary, writes from Priso, under date of April 7, that five English officers and 40 Haussas have been killed, and complications are feared with surrounding native States.

The Chief Executive officer, however, still minimizes the seriousness of the situation.

VERMILLION CHARTER FORFEITED

Ontario Government Takes Back 3000 Acres of Mining Land From Ohio Men.

Columbus, Ohio, April 11.—A special to The Ohio State Journal from Akron, Ohio, says: "The local stockholders of the Vermillion Mining Company, incorporated in Ontario, Canada, with $360,000 capital, and holding 3000 acres of mining property in the Sudbury district, have been notified by the Canadian Government that their charter has been declared forfeited, and that the lands would therefore revert to the Crown.

"The Vermillion Company was organized by Akron men, but the directors of the Canadian Copper Company and Anglo-American Iron Company secured a controlling interest, and the Akron men recently brought suit against them for a million dollars damages, alleging that the interests of the Vermillion Company were neglected."

JOE MARTIN'S STOCK IS STILL BOOMING.

The House is Dissolved, Elections to Take Place on June 9, House Meets on July 5.

"Can't Come Too Soon," Martin Says—He Strikes for the Mainland to Catch the Ear of the People First—Sir Wilfrid's Move.

Vancouver, B. C., April 11.—(Special.)—Mr. Martin takes the stump on Monday. He will go to Greenwood and work back to the coast, speaking on every opportunity. He is confident he can win the mining vote in spite of the attempt to prejudice the public against him.

The dissolution of the Legislature yesterday revived interest in the situation, and speculation is rife as to the influences at work on Governor McInnes.

Martinites Deny It.

It is popularly supposed his action has been taken at the instigation of the Ottawa Government, but this is denied by Mr. Martin's supporters.

The Latest Development.

The latest development is alleged to be a union of the anti-Martin Liberals and the Conservatives, with the object of defeating him. If this is done, they probably will achieve their object, as they outnumber the present Martin supporters. One thing against the possibility of this is the internal dissensions of both the said parties. The Conservatives and anti-Martinites are split up hopelessly amongst themselves, and could not unite soon enough to give any chance of defeating Martinites who are solid and rapidly gaining ground.

Bickering Over Leaders.

Each side has its pet leaders, whom they want accepted, but who are not wanted by the others. It is this bickering that Martin is turning to his own advantage to secure the support of the country. At present it is simply a question which party gets into the country constituencies first, for the people there don't understand the issues, and are ready to listen to the first stumper who comes along. Mr. Martin is, therefore, going to secure the powerful advantage of getting out early.

All Afraid of Him.

There is nothing on the other side to touch him as a stumper. Not a man in the province has yet dared to question him on the public platform regarding his policy or past history. Mr. Cotton is the only man who has tried it (on the floor of the Legislative Assembly), and he got such a hammering that it scared the wits out of Martin's other opponents who had a mind to try a shot at him. The Governor announced the election for June 9, and calls the House together on July 5.

None Too Soon for Martin.

Mr. Martin says the election can't come too soon to suit him. Reports from the neighboring country districts show that the feeling is going Martin steadily. There is also quite a change in the newspapers. Martin now has about a dozen vigorous press backers, and the others are slackening the virulence of their attacks considerably.

The Colonist's Charge.

The Colonist to-day charges Mr. Martin with having, when a solicitor for the C.P.R., declared the title of the company to the coal lands valid. He is now clamoring that it is not valid, and it asks him to explain. The Colonist says it has this on authority that cannot be questioned. Martin's reply is awaited with interest, and nobody and no paper has yet been able to corner him in anything like this. His supporters are sure he will turn it to his own advantage as in all other cases.

Did Laurier Order It.

Ottawa, April 11.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it is said, immediately upon the receipt of the report of the Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia, wired that his stated reasons for calling Martin to form a Cabinet were not sufficient, and he had acted too hastily in selecting Ministers without political experience.

Sir Wilfrid is said to have advised Lieut.-Governor McInnes to immediately dissolve the House. Hence the news of the dissolution of the House did not come to the members of the Federal Government as a shock. It was a foregone conclusion.

Say Joe Will Be Snowed Under.

The impression among the western members of the House is that Joseph Martin will be snowed under, and that Lieut.-Governor McInnes will be asked to resign should this eventuate.

Bostock Goes West.

Mr. Bostock has gone west to take part in the elections, and it is not without the realm of possibility that when McInnes goes out Bostock will go in as Lieut.-Governor.

THE ANTI-BRITISH FEELING AMONG AMERICAN SCHOOL BOYS.

The Messenger Boy Who Carries the Philadelphia School Boys' Message to Kruger Will Shun England.

New York, April 11.—James Francis Smith, the 16-year-old American District Telegraph boy chosen at the convention of Philadelphia, Brooklyn and New York schoolboys, at Philadelphia, to carry a message of sympathy from them to President Kruger, arrived in New York yesterday morning. With him arrived a delegation of schoolboys from Philadelphia, New York and Brooklyn respectively. They all went to the American District Telegraph office first, where they were met by M. W. Rayens, superintendent of the company, then to the office of Mayor Van Wyck, who shook hands with them and gave Smith a godspeed; then to Brooklyn to visit President Grout of that boro. They had lunch at the Waldorf-Astoria, and in the afternoon a reception was given Smith in the hotel by schoolboys.

Smith has never been farther from home than Philadelphia. He will carry a box, shaped like a kodak, on a strap of which are lettered his name and business. On the box is lettered in gold, "Philadelphia Schoolboys' Message to President Kruger, from America to Africa by Special Messenger." In the box is the expression of sympathy and the long list of names. In a trunk will be a book of press clippings, expressing sympathy with the Boers.

Smith has several new uniforms. He will leave on the St. Louis this morning. He will be taken from the steamship before it reaches Southampton to The Hague. He will visit also and bear messages to Queen Wilhelmina and Dr. Leyds. The reason for his not landing in England is that it is feared, thru some misunderstanding, he may be detained or the box containing the message may be taken from him. He will return in August. He will be the first American District Telegraph messenger boy to go such a long distance.

OSLER AS VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Wealthy Toronto Man Will, it is Said, Be Given Prominence in C.P.R. Circles.

Montreal, April 11.—(Special.)—It now looks as if Toronto would soon furnish a vice-president to the Canadian Pacific Railway. As already stated, Mr. D. McNicoll was appointed general manager and second vice-president, the positions of first and third vice-presidents still remaining to be filled. It is understood that it was President Shaughnessy's idea to give the first vice-presidency to a gentleman of good financial standing, and consequently the first offer would naturally be made to Mr. R. B. Angus. That gentleman, however, declined, and it is generally believed that at the next meeting Mr. E. B. Osler, already a prominent director of the C.P.R., will be promoted to the position of first vice-president. The third vice-presidency may go to Mr. I. G. Ogden, comptroller.

"Gibbons' Toothache Gum acts as a temporary filling and stops toothache."

Flowers for Easter.

A magnificent display of Easter plants is to be seen at Dunlop's. Never before has he made such preparation to meet the demands of the public, and never before has such a splendid collection of plants and flowers been seen in Toronto. The salesrooms are bowers of beauty, gloriously decorated with lilac trees, azaleas, Easter lilies, spiræa, lily of the valley and every other kind of blooming plant, and his cut flowers are beyond comparison. Call to see them. Visitors are welcome at 5 King-street west and 445 Yonge-street.

Pember's Turkish Baths. Excellent sleeping accommodation. 129 Yonge.

Dying From Shock by Telephone.

Chicago, April 11.—Maud Turnbull, a telephone operator, is lying at the point of death at the home of her widowed mother, at No. 234 North Franklin-street, as the result of an electric shock received while she was performing her duties in the main offices of the Chicago Telephone Company. Her case has the distinction of being the first of the kind in Chicago.

Cook's Turkish Baths—204 King W.

To-Day's Program.

Canadian Road Club Annual Meeting, Athenaeum Club, 8.

Baptist Young People's Union, Jarvis-street Baptist Church, first day.

War Prayer Meeting, Midday, at Knox Church, 12.30 to 12.55 p.m.

Royal Grenadiers' First Spring Parade, Armouries, 8.

Trades and Labor Council, Richmond Hall, 8.

United Empire Loyalists, Education Department, Normal School, 4.30.

Public Library Board, 8.

Ontario Legislature, Queen's Park, 3.

Toronto Humane Society, Bay-street, 4.

Dog Show, Old Walker Building, all day.

Harbord Collegiate Institute, Easter Concert, 2.30.

Rev. Dr. Milligan lectures on Boer War at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 8.

Grand Opera House, "Chris and the Wonderful Lamp," 8.

Toronto Opera House, "Jack and the Beanstalk," 2 and 8.

Princess Theatre, "Across the Continent," 2 and 8.

Shea's Theatre, Vaudeville, 2 and 8.

Bijou Theatre, Burlesque, 2 and 8.

IT'S ONLY THIRTY THOUSAND.

The Russian Garrison at Kushk is Not so Formidable as Was Reported.

London, April 12.—The Simla correspondent of The Times says: "I learn from a trustworthy source that the strength of the Russian garrison at Kushk is about 30,000 men, including a mountain battery. The previous reports were much exaggerated.

"The Duke of Connaught is mentioned as the probable successor of the late Sir William Lockhart as Commander-in-Chief in India."

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DEATHS.

McGARRIGLE—On Wednesday, April 11, at 10 Crocker-avenue, Hugh McGarrigle, sr., in his 75th year.

Funeral Friday, April 13, at 10 a.m. to St. Michael's Cemetery.

Montreal papers please copy.

WILCOX—At her residence, 23 Linden-st., Toronto, on April 10, 1900, Mary Wilcox, in her 84th year.

Funeral private, on Thursday, April 12, at 3 p.m.

Cure a Cold in a few hours. Dr. Evans' Laxative Grip Capsules do not gripe. Money refunded. 25 cents. Bingham's Pharmacy, 100 Yonge-street. ed

THE QUEEN DROVE OUT DESPITE THE STORM

Remained Indoors During the Morning, But Went Out in Afternoon.

EVERYBODY WAS SURPRISED

Her Majesty Called on the Duke of Connaught and Then Drove on.

THE STORM BURST OUT AFRESH,

Was Almost a Hurricane When the Vice-Regal Lodge Was Reached on Return.

Dublin, April 11.—Owing to the inclement weather Queen Victoria was compelled today to abandon her usual morning drive.

In spite of the almost continuous rain, however, the Queen, accompanied by the Princess Victoria of Battenberg, surprised the few spectators in Phoenix Park by driving out during the afternoon.

Called on Her Soldier Son.

Her Majesty's destination to-day was the Duke of Connaught's residence, where she made a brief call, and then continued her drive past Castle Knock College and Mount Sackville Convent, where the schoolars greeted her. The roads were deserted, rain and wind prevailed and the thorofares were in a horrible condition. In spite of this, it was not until a point overlooking the River Liffey was reached that the Queen ordered her carriage to be closed.

The Storm Burst Afresh.

Just as the Highland attendants closed the carriage the storm burst out with renewed force, but at the first signs of its abatement Her Majesty ordered the carriage to be reopened. As the viceregal grounds came in view the storm reached almost a hurricane, with blinding rain, and tho the carriage was open, the Queen contented herself with the shelter of an umbrella and the horses dashed forward as rapidly as possible, reaching the viceregal lodge safely at 5 o'clock after an eight-mile drive.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce directs the attention of tourists to the value of their Travellers' Letters of Credit as a means of placing themselves in funds when travelling.

The amount of these credits may be drawn in such sums as required, without delay and without trouble of identification, in any of four hundred important places throughout the world.

Special arrangements are being made for the convenience of visitors to the Paris Exposition. The Bank's correspondent in Paris has arranged to open an office in the Exposition Grounds, and to keep a staff of officers at their main office to give useful information about the City and the Exposition.

Drafts may be cashed at any of the larger towns in South Africa. 246

Further particulars may be ascertained on application at any branch of the Bank.

DINEENS' EASTER SEASON.

Ladies' as Well as Men's Goods Shown—Wide Range and First-Class Quality.

Dineens' Easter hat opening has for years been regarded as an event of importance with the buying public of the first-class. This year the event promises to assume even greater importance in the business field.

The stock this year exhibits unusual quality and variety in new styles, while an entirely separate department for ladies will be maintained. Of course, Mr. Dineen does not pretend to branch out as a millinery expert and attend to the trimming of all sorts of creations in ladies' headgear, but he has imported valuable consignments of ladies' tourist, walking and sailor hats from New York and London, and will make a special endeavor to capture this branch of ladies' spring and summer outfitting. In the felt, walking and tourist hats the influence of the war is discernible in jaunty khaki colored felts of half campaign pattern, and in the suggestion of "pugaree" in the bands themselves, and the way in which they are trimmed. In sailors the patterns have changed materially, and are, if it is possible, a little more dainty than the mode of last season.

In men's headgear Mr. Dineen again handles the product of the two best hat factories in the world—Henry Heath's in London and Dunlap's in New York. The names alone guarantee the best quality and the best style extant. In fact, these two firms set the styles and all others are forced to follow. Dineens' special XXX hat, which became so well and favorably known last season, is again being exploited this year, and at $3 a better headpiece is not imported. The Dineen special XXX hat is blocked in New York at a cost of $1 per dozen more this season than any other hat sold for $3 in town, and, though paying the same duty, is sold at no advance in price.

Store open till 10 to-night.

Rain or Sleet.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, April 11.—(8 p.m.)—The high pressure system is still centred in Manitoba. It has, however, diminished considerably and the depression which was in the Lower Mississippi Valley, is now spreading quickly to the lake region. The weather is likely to be fine and very mild from British Columbia to Manitoba, but from the lakes to the Atlantic it promises to be very unsettled.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 52—58; Barkerville, 32—58; Edmonton, 34—50; Port Arthur, 26—38; Parry Sound, 28—56; Toronto, 26—41; Ottawa, 26—52; Montreal, 34—48; Quebec, 26—46; Halifax, 30—50.

Lower Lakes—Unsettled, with rain or sleet.

Georgian Bay—Unsettled, with rain or snow.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Unsettled, with rain or sleet.

Lower St. Lawrence—Becoming unsettled; rain or snow by night.

Gulf—Fair to-day, then unsettled, with snow or rain.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, shifting to east and