

Adrian Hofmeyr Tells of His Experiences After the Outbreak of War.

Ordinary Boer Given to Boasting—How Prisoners Were Treated.

Adrian Hofmeyr, a Transvaal Boer, now, we believe, a Transvaal Boer, who suffered seven months' imprisonment in the Transvaal for his support of the Queen and his outspoken criticism of the Boer government.

Behind the Scenes, which was as far as possible hidden from the world. After a time, the author removed to Pretoria, and there shared imprisonment of the captured British in the Staats Model School.

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Details of the attack upon Kallfontein and Zuurfontein stations show that there were only small garrisons of about 120 men at each station. The British had excellent trenches, which enabled them to withstand the attacks until the Boers, having ascertained that reinforcements were coming to the garrisons, retired.

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American's Opinion

Appeal to British Foreign Office for Acceptance of Treaty Amendments.

Writer Holds Such Action Would Lay Foundation for Enduring Friendship.

(Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 16.—An article by Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, on the "relations of the United States and England," is attracting much attention in London, according to the Tribune's correspondent.

Were Frozen To Death

Odessa-Bound Trains, Which Were Caught in Snow, Have Been Released.

Some Passengers Who Tried to Reach Town Found Dead By Sleighting Parties

(Associated Press.) London, Jan. 15.—The Odessa correspondent of the Daily Mail, giving later details of the experiences of railway passengers, who were snow-bound while on the way to Odessa, says:

All the trains have now arrived here. The drifts have been cleared by the consistency of ice, and in one case a tunnel had to be cut through a drift four hundred yards long and thirty-eight feet deep.

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The Man Who Is Wanted

The Kingston News Calls for the Reconstruction of the Conservative Party.

If Discord Continues It Might as Well 'Get Out of the Business.'

(Associated Press.) Kingston, Jan. 15.—The News (Conservative) is demanding a shaking up of the dry bones of the Conservative party.

Quebec, Jan. 15.—The local militia will entertain Hon. Dr. Borden, minister of militia, at a dinner at the garrison club this week.

Patrol Fall. Brockville, Jan. 15.—Mrs. W. Graham, of Smith Falls, is dead as a result of a fall down stairs. Her death occurred yesterday, on the 61st anniversary of her wedding day.

Sudden Death. Halifax, Jan. 15.—Frederick V. Tremaine, ex-assistant postmaster of this city, dropped dead at his residence, Rockingham, last evening.

Well Known Resident Dead. Toronto, Jan. 15.—W. Howard, a well-known resident of Toronto for the last sixty years, and at one time head of the tea firm of Howard, Smith & Co., Toronto and Montreal, is dead of a gripple, which developed into pneumonia.

Inquest Ordered. An inquest has been ordered on the body of Maggie Carr, who died at her father's residence on Shuter street, of consumption, last night.

Residence for Mgr. Falconio. The collection in the Roman Catholic churches in this city next Sunday will be devoted to the fund for building a residence at Ottawa for the Papal delegate, Mgr. Falconio.

Increasing Capital. The World this morning says it learns that the Crow's Nest Coal Co. will raise one and a half million dollars by issuing sixty thousand shares of stock on February 1st.

Brakeman Killed. Paris, Jan. 15.—Harry McMullen, a G. T. R. brakeman, was killed here yesterday afternoon. He is supposed to have slipped and fell between the cars.

Deaths in Montreal. Montreal, Jan. 15.—There were 7,351 deaths in Montreal last year, an increase of 480 compared with 1898. Of the total deaths 4,627 were children, and of these 3,315 were five years old or under.

Price of Stock Exchange Set. A seat on the local stock exchange this morning was sold for \$12,000. The previous seat was bought at \$10,500, and stock brokers expect seats will realize \$15,000 before the close of the year.

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Official Statement. Officials of the Crow's Nest coal fields interviewed regarding the Woot case, statement that J. J. Hill will purchase 20,000 new shares of that company's stock, state that the announcement is decidedly premature.

Hazelton Murder Trial. The Hazelton murder trial had to be postponed this morning, owing to the illness of Alex. Downey, the stenographer who took Mrs. Milne's ante mortem statement.

Manchurianism. Ottawa, Jan. 16.—P. Boulet, a machinist employed in the construction of the new Maria street bridge, had his skull fractured this morning by a falling weight.

Northern Steamers

Two First-Class Vessels to Be Added to Fleet Acquired By the C. P. R.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Jan. 15.—Mayor Townly stated this morning that he had semi-official information that the Canadian Pacific Railway company would put two first class steamers for the northern route in addition to those at present in the C. P. R. fleet.

Prisoner in Kamloops Jail Strangles Himself With a Handkerchief. (Special to the Times.) Peter Verdon, an old resident of Kamloops, committed suicide on Saturday in the jail there by strangling himself with a pocket handkerchief.

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High Freight Charges

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Or Mines in British Columbia Will Be Forced to Close Down. Toronto, Jan. 15.—The Toronto News publishes the following interview with George Gooderham on the freight situation, as it affects southern British Columbia:

"If the C. P. R. does not reduce its freight rates on ore, all mines in British Columbia which are subject to tolls of that corporation will have to shut down eventually."

"And that means the War Eagle will discontinue sooner or later?" "Assuredly," the War Eagle as well as others.

Such were the statements made by Mr. Gooderham, president of the War Eagle Mining Company, to a News reporter this morning, and it accounts for the rapid fall in the choice of that stock on exchange during the past few days.

The value of stocks has declined without apparent reason, and outside operators, when questioned, professed to be ignorant of any reason for the fall.

This morning, however, there was a rumor on the streets that the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate were at war with the C. P. R., and threatened them that unless the corporation showed more liberality in its freight rates on ore, they would withdraw all their interests from British Columbia.

Mr. Gooderham was questioned as to the truth of this report. "Well, we can't say we will withdraw our interests at present," he said, "but you can say this, we would not proceed any further with our investments unless the C. P. R. gives us better treatment. The object of the company is to get as much as they can do without making our operating mines at a loss. We do not propose to submit to this. In addition to high freight charges, rates for treatment of ore at the smelter, which is owned by the C. P. R., are excessive. We made an offer for the purchase of the Trail smelter, but the C. P. R. demanded \$800,000, a price we regarded as too high by 25 per cent. They also refused us any reduction of freight rates."

"Then if you fail to come to an agreement with the C. P. R. as to the purchase of the smelter, and as to freight rates on ore, the War Eagle will have to shut down?"

"Yes, badly stated, that will be the result," answered Mr. Gooderham, "but I think the publication of such a statement will have a bad effect on the stock. Brokers would take advantage of it to hammer down the stock."

After further discussion, Mr. Gooderham concluded: "I think the C. P. R. will yield, as great pressure is being brought to bear on it."

CUT WIFE'S THROAT

And Then Attempted to Take His Own Life. (Associated Press.) Aniston, Ala., Jan. 16.—E. K. Shaw, killed his wife last night by cutting her throat and attempting suicide in the same manner. The couple were under guard at a restaurant on a charge of swindling, when the tragedy occurred.

A letter was found addressed to Mrs. J. P. Smith, Crown Point, Ind., stating that Shaw left to her all his personal effects, some property in Florida, and a \$8,000 policy of insurance. He will be held on a charge of murder.

Pierce, Watts & Co., timber merchants, Liverpool, have been declared bankrupt. Their liabilities are estimated at \$80,000, and their assets at \$40,000.

FOUND DEAD.

(Associated Press.) Para, Mont., Jan. 11.—Jas. Silba, Hinbrook township, was found dead in a field yesterday. He went out for the purpose of rabbit hunting, and is supposed to have accidentally shot himself.