

Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea

TWENTY-THIRD YEAR

WHAT HOLLAND OFFERS TO DO

To Send a Commission to South Africa to Tell Boers it is Time to Quit.

PERMISSION WOULD BRING NO ONE.

Dutch Government Has No Authorization From Boer Leaders, But Appeals to Humanity.

London, Jan. 30.—The Hague correspondent of the Daily Mail says he is able to announce on authority that the Dutch note to Great Britain, after renegeing the earnest concern of that government at the prolongation of hostilities in South Africa, offered its good offices in bringing them to a close.

To this end, Holland asked whether Great Britain would be willing to permit a Dutch commission to proceed to South Africa to enlighten the Boer leaders in the field as to the real position of affairs, and, more especially, since it is understood that there is not the slightest chance of intervention on the part of any European power; that the prolongation of hostilities is useless, and the Boer struggle can serve no further good purpose.

The correspondent says the Dutch government expressly announces in this note that it possesses no authorization whatsoever from the Boer leaders, either in Europe or South Africa, to take this suggested step, but that it appeals to Great Britain, on the ground of common humanity, for military permission for the Dutch commission to accomplish its mission of peace.

Such permission would bind neither the British government to the discussion of terms or the initiation of any negotiations, nor pledge the Dutch government for the success of its self-imposed task.

It is understood that Great Britain is awaiting the receipt of Lord Kitchener's views on this suggestion, and is willing to grant the requested safe conduct to the Dutch commission if Lord Kitchener has no objections, though it is not hoped for any practical result from the effort.

MISS STONE IS FREE.

London Times Announces Her Liberation on Turkish Territory.

London, Jan. 30.—The Sofia correspondent of the Times, wiring under date of Jan. 29, says: "It is reported that Miss Stone and her husband, who were captured by the Bulgarians in the Caucasus, have been liberated on Turkish territory."

Centre Island. I have on my list for sale, situated on Centre Island, a perfect summer residence, beautifully located, detached, with a bath, and a complete kitchen, with a private wharf, tennis court, and a large lawn, and a fine view of the water.

SCARBORO SOLDIER ILL. Pte. Steber, Along With Two Other Canadians, Has Entered Hospital.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The Colonial Office has notified the Governor-General of the serious illness of three more Canadians of the South African Contingent. They are reported as being dangerously ill of enteric fever at Heidelberg.

FEW BIRTHS, MANY DEATHS. French Premier Comments on the Depopulation of His Country.

Paris, Jan. 29.—The Premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, presided to-day at the opening session of the Parliamentary Commission, appointed to investigate the depopulation of France.

Perfection Smoking Mixture very cool. Alive Bolland.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 29.—Earthquake shocks were felt in Kingston during the early hours of the morning. The windows of houses clattered and beds underwent a vibrating motion.

FREE PER CENT TAKE-OFF

Officers of Militia Department in Ignorance of the Alleged Commission—No Claim Likely to be Made for \$100,000 Credit at British War Office.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—It is news to the officers of the Militia Department that the War Office intends to allow a commission of 3 per cent to the colonies upon purchases for the imperial army. About three and a half million dollars' worth of supplies for the War Office has been purchased in Canada by the Department of Militia and Agriculture, but in no case has any thing been added for commission.

MILLINERY HOUSE GUTTED FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

Building Occupied by J. M. Hamilton & Sons at 8 West Wellington Street Badly Scorched.

DAMAGE TO STOCK, ABOUT \$30,000.

Insurance of \$27,000 Carried—Fire Evidently Originated From Defective Furnace.

There was a serious fire last night at the premises of J. M. Hamilton & Sons, wholesale milliners, at 8 West Wellington-street. The building was badly damaged, and the contents will, it is believed, have originated from the furnace.

It was discovered a few minutes after 8 o'clock and policemen Baines, Thompson and Private Watchman James turned in separate alarms from boxes at Yonge and Wellington-streets, King and Yonge-streets, and King and Bay-streets.

The building, which is a four-story brick structure, is owned by the Christopher Robinson estate, and is damaged to the extent of nearly \$100,000, the loss being principally to the second and third stories.

The contents of the two flats, which were in possession of the firm when the firemen arrived, consisted of the whole of the firm's new stock purchased a few days ago, preparatory to the spring millinery opening next month.

KAISER WANTS PHILIPPINES. Visit of Prince Henry to U.S. as Fore-runner of Sale.

Vienna, Jan. 29.—The Neues Wiener Tagblatt asserts that negotiations are in progress for the sale of the Philippine Islands to Germany, and the visit of Admiral Prince Henry to the United States is preliminary to the announcement of this sale.

REDISTRIBUTION BILL. London, Jan. 29.—In the course of to-day's debate in the House of Commons, A. J. Balfour, the government leader, intimated that a redistribution of seats bill, "remotely the fragment anomalies now existing," would be introduced during the sessions of the present parliament.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO. National Association of Marine Engineers of Canada meets at Confederation Life Building, second day.

County Council, third day, old court house, 10 a.m. Toronto Grammar School Old Boys' dinner, McCowen's, 8 p.m.

Wills in Huffs's shop at the Man hattan, 650 Main Street. European Rates resurveyed.

SOME CENSUS FIGURES

On Which the Representation of Toronto and York May Turn.

The figures of the census of 1901, just published, may be studied with interest by those who think they can guess how the Laurier government will reap the fruits of the figures dealing with Toronto, York County and Ontario County, which are more or less involved one with the other:

East Toronto Village 1,594 Markham Township 5,378 Markham Village 967 North Toronto Town (part) east 1,177

West York. Etobicoke Township 4,413 North Toronto Town (part) 675 West York 629

Ontario North. Beaverfoot Village 855 Brantford Township 2,479 Brantford Village 1,078

Ontario South. Ottawa Township 4,394 Ottawa City 29,801 Ottawa West 16,703

Ontario West. Newmarket 2,125 Pickering 1,223 Scarborough 2,827

Toronto Centre. Ward 1 28,705 Ward 2 9,693 Ward 3 35,558

Toronto East. Ward 1 31,551 Ward 2 40,719 Ward 3 31,589

Population, 1901 Census. County of York 64,502 County of Ontario 39,500

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Sir Thomas Fitzgerald, an eminent surgeon of Melbourne, who was honored with the appointment as consulting surgeon to the British army in South Africa, died at his home in Melbourne.

ALMOST HAD DEWET. Canadian Scouts, Under Rimington, Chased Him Discreetly.

London, Jan. 29.—(Telegram cable.)—Canadian scouts with Rimington, when near Wilger River, chased a number of carts which were seen leaving a farm. They discontinued the chase owing to their safety, and it was subsequently ascertained that the carts contained Christian Dewet and his retinue.

WILL TELL TELL IT IS OVER. Winnipeg, Jan. 29.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, who is here, says he will remain until the close of the Lisgar campaign.

LAST OF THE BAND. Washington, Jan. 29.—The House Committee on Pensions to-day reported favorably a bill granting a pension of \$25 per month to the last surviving soldier of the war of 1812, Hiram Cook of Ontario, aged 102 years.

PRACTICAL IMPERIALISM

ISLAND COLONY SETS PACE

At Request of Chamberlain in Order Not to Complicate Present Problems—Newfoundland Agrees to Renew the French Shore Modus Vivendi for Another Year.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 29.—The Colonial government has undertaken to renew for the present year the French shore modus vivendi, which expired the thirty-first of last December.

SALISBURY AND LANSDOWNE SPENT \$27,393 IN ONE YEAR

Visit the House of Commons and Confer With Colleagues Concerning Peace.

DUTCH PREMIER CONFIRMS REPORT. Bat is Prevented by Courtesy From Revealing the Nature of His Mediation.

London, Jan. 29.—The Premier, Lord Salisbury, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lord Lansdowne, took the unusual course of visiting the House of Commons this afternoon. They held private consultations with their ministerial colleagues in the committee room.

COST OF THE WAR. Supplementary Estimates Bring it Up to \$29,915,000 This Year.

TICKET-AGENT'S SUICIDE. George M. Gould, Formerly of Ontario, Shoots Himself in Head.

LETTER FROM MENELIK. Negus of Abyssinia Expresses Friendship for Great Britain.

SILVER WILL KILL HIM. Elk Point, S. D., Jan. 29.—While visiting his brother near town last night, a chair, on which Richard Connelly was sitting, collapsed, and a splinter was driven into the base of his skull, more than two inches. An hour later, when a surgeon arrived, the wound had swollen so that it took two men to pull out the splinter.

PREMIER PARENT FETTERED. Quebec, Jan. 29.—At a banquet tendered to him to-night, Premier Parent, in a serio-comic manner, suggested that Toronto, Montreal and Quebec should syndicate and approach the Dominion government, and obtain all the said possible to develop the St. Lawrence waterway.

SERIOUSLY BURNED. Port Hope, Jan. 29.—Miss Jessie Creamer fell downstairs last night with a burning lamp in her hand. The ignited oil ran over her, and she was seriously burned.

AFTER TWO YEARS. Teeswater, Jan. 29.—Sergeant-Major Stephens, who has been in South Africa for two years, arrived home to-day. He was presented with the freedom of the place and a gold watch.

DEATHS. NERLICH—At Dresden, Germany, on the 29th inst., Henry Nerlich, aged 73 years, for the Senate of Ottawa and of the Newfoundland—At 60 St. George-street, Toronto, on Jan. 28, 1902, Henry S. Howland, in his 78th year.

Who will win Saturday's Hockey Match? STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS. Jan. 29. At. From. Hoenszolders—New York. From. Toronto—New York. From. Toronto—New York.

PATENTS

FREE

ONE CENT

RICHEST STRIKE EVER MADE

Stupendous Claims Made for Gold Conglomerates Found in Indian River.

WILL YIELD \$100 TO \$200 TO A TON.

Competent Mining Engineer Says That One Spot Will Produce \$64,000,000.

HON. JAMES UNOPPOSED. New Minister of Marine and Fisheries Re-elected in North Oxford.

MISTAKE OF BOERS. American Bishop Says They Should Be Brave Enough to Quit.

DRIVES TRADE AWAY. Dawson Man Finds Out Evil of White Pass Railway Rates.

ONE DAY MORE. The big stock-taking sale advertised by the Dineen Company during the past week or so; only one day left in which to purchase a high-class fur garment at a very low price.

COLD AND SNOW. Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 29.—(8 p.m.)—Conditions remain about as they were last night. The weather is everywhere cold, with no immediate prospect of any marked change.

Probabilities. Lower Lakes—Cloudy to fair and cold; light local snow falls. Georgian Bay—Generally fair and cold.

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