

SOUTH AFRICA.

Boers Capture a British Outpost and Ambush a Party of Engineers.

De Wet Driven North of the Vaal River—Kruger Will Not Land in France—How Oom Paul Used the Wires.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—The Times publishes the following despatch from Vrededorf, Orange River Colony:

"The British column had a three days' fight, from Oct. 5 to Oct. 7, inclusive, with Gen. De Wet's command of a thousand men and five guns. The Boers were dislodged and dispersed, and they fled demoralized. The British casualties were slight."

ISLAND OF ST. HELENA, Oct. 9.—The British transport Idaho landed about 200 Boer prisoners here yesterday.

Gen. Cronje and the other Boer prisoners are preparing a big celebration of former President Kruger's birthday, to take place tomorrow.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—Former President Kruger's silk hat box, purchased in London about ten years ago, was sold at auction today. There was keen competition for its possession, and it eventually realized £25. A pipe at one time used by Mr. Kruger brought £8 10s.

OTTAWA, Oct. 9.—The following cablegram was received today: CAPE TOWN, Oct. 8.—No. 143, McCarty, Canadian Mounted Infantry, seriously wounded at Belfast 4th October.

(Signed) MILLNER.

P. McCarty belongs to the G. G. B. G., Toronto.

The following non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian special service forces, invalided to England, embarked on the 2nd of September ult. for South Africa to re-join their respective corps:

Canadian Mounted Rifles, No. 17, Trumpeter R. A. Gassie; 2nd (special service) R. C. R., No. 7,096, Corp. W. F. Fowle; No. 7,970, Corp. A. O. Lohman; No. 4,283, Pte. A. Peters.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Oct. 10.—The British forces have re-occupied Smithfield, Roukville, Wepener and Dewetsdorp, Orange River Colony.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—A despatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, says it is officially announced that Gen. Buller will arrive there on October 15th. It is assumed from this that he is coming home.

LYDENBURG, Transvaal Colony, Oct. 10.—Gen. Buller bade farewell to his troops October 6 and departed southward. There was a striking farewell demonstration. The troops gathered on both sides of the road for miles and cheered vociferously.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 10.—Cecll Rhodes received an ovation today when he assumed the presidency of the congress of the South African League. In his address he attributed the South African war to the "McGwumps," and said that but for them Mr. Kruger would never have dared to send an ultimatum to Great Britain.

Generally speaking, Mr. Rhodes was conciliatory in his remarks. He declared that now that "Krugerism has vanished," Great Britain would establish a liberal government, "which would do everything possible to unite the interests of South Africa with those of the Empire." He said there was no desire to "plaster Rhodesia on Cape Colony," intimating that it was "like-ly to be the other way." But he thought Rhodesia would be one of the federated states, with great opportunities for expansion in the direction of the Congo. He then said: "Now that the battle is over, the disputes on its origin of the war ought to cease. The real question must be subordinated. The league should support three points—the supremacy of the flag, equal rights, and show the Dutch that there is no feeling against them. Having won what it is entitled to, the league ought to demonstrate that the interests of the races are the same. Then there will be great hope for the country."

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 10.—The congress adopted a resolution approving the government's policy and the "splendid services" of Sir Alfred Milner, and tendering sincere thanks to the colonies

for the "imperial spirit which prompted them to send troops to South Africa."

KING WILLIAMSTOWN, Oct. 11.—The Boers have torn up the railway north of Bethulle and captured a British outpost.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—Lord Roberts sends the following report:

PRETORIA, Oct. 10.—An engine with a truck conveying a party of engineers belonging to Page's rifle brigade, while proceeding yesterday to Kaap Muiden, was ambushed by Boers. Capt. Stewart, with forty men of the rifle brigade, went to their support. The casualties, unfortunately, were heavy. Stewart and one private were killed; Capt. Page, Lieut. Stubbs and five engineers were wounded, and Lieut. Small and ten privates of the rifle brigade were made prisoners.

Dellele's mounted men and colonials, after three days' fighting, have driven DeWet north of the Vaal near Venterskroon. DeWet has been assuring the burghers that Europe would "tip the war Oct. 10. The Boers were thus buoyed with the hope that something would intervene to end the war in their favor. I trust they now fully realize how futile were their expectations.

PARIS, Oct. 11.—It is semi-officially denied here that the French government has been approached on the subject of the suggested disembarkation of former President Kruger at Marseilles, whence he could cross France to The Hague. On the contrary, it is added, Mr. Kruger is expected to land directly in Holland.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Mail sends the following interesting despatch:

"From an English telegraphist who was controller of telegraphs for the Transvaal, I learn that there was systematic tampering with all telegrams during the war in order to misrepresent operations in favor of the Boers. He says that Mr. Kruger was constantly wiring to the commanders inquiries as to how many of the British had been killed, and that Gen. Cronje, after the fight at Magersfontein, wired Mr. Kruger that he had counted many thousand British dead on the battlefield.

"Early in the campaign Commandant General Joubert appealed to Mr. Kruger to stop the Boers looting, but he received no reply. Later on he wired from Colenso advising the president to sue for peace. Mr. Kruger replied: 'Have you lost all faith in God?'"

"On another occasion, when the Boers were suffering severe reverses, Mr. Kruger wired to all the generals that ten thousand men were coming to their assistance from the Cape."

BRITISH ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The liberals have been doing far better in the counties in the parliamentary general election than they did in the boroughs. Yesterday they gained two more seats, Cardiff and the Otley division of Yorkshire, thus equalizing the party gains. The ministerialists and the opposition have now gained 27 seats each. Apart from Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman's reduced majority in Stirling burghs and the success of Sir Edward J. Reed at Cardiff, a seat formerly held by James M. MacLean, prominent in Indian affairs, who did not seek re-election, there is little of special interest in yesterday's returns.

The ministerialists now hold 357 seats and the opposition 206. Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, addressing his supporters after the poll had been declared, said he was satisfied with the result, considering the state of the register and the "most disadvantageous circumstances for an election that an ingenious government could devise."

SUMMONED TO ENGLAND.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—Baron Cromer, British diplomatic agent and consul general in Egypt, has been summoned to England, according to the Cairo correspondent of the Daily Express. It is understood in Cairo that he will not return to Egypt, and it is believed that he will become a member of the new cabinet.

The Daily Express suggests that it is possible that Lord Cromer will replace the Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, and says that "A combination of Cromer, Kitchener and Roberts would ensure public confidence in thorough reform of the war office."

RAIN AND FLOODS.

One of the Most Disastrous Storms that Has Visited This Province for Years.

Two of the Railway Lines Running Into the City Completely Hung Up.

Over One Hundred Passengers With the American and Western Mails Stalled Near Fredericton Junction—St. Stephen, St. Andrews and Fredericton in a Bad Fix.

(From Friday's Daily Sun.)

For three days rain has fallen heavily and with hardly an hour's cessation. For continuity this is a record breaker. As a result, St. John is flooded and considerable damage has been done. Streets and sidewalks were miniature rivers, and where there was the slightest decline the water rushed down in regular cataclysms.

From Monday night until 8 o'clock last night the total amount of rainfall recorded at the observatory was slightly more than eight inches. Of this one inch and two-tenths fell during the 24 hours ending at 8 p. m. Tuesday, two inches and nine-tenths for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. Wednesday, and four inches for the same period up to 8 p. m. last night.

The total rainfall for the months of July, August and September was six inches, which is two inches less than the rainfall since Monday night.

The effect of this deluge upon the city streets is plainly visible. Union street looks as if it had been scrubbed and swept. All the rocky protuberances which characterize Main street are now plainly visible. The three days' rain has proved that as a model highway it is but a whitened sepulchre. The new blocks which have been put down at the foot of the street are now trying with considerable success to rise to the occasion. Down in the valley the result of the downpour is obvious. Cellars are flooded, and the inhabitants are looking for Noah with a ark. Gilbert's lane is "flooded" out as far as the watchhouse, and no one is attempting to get in or out save by a circuitous route. The Marsh road is in a state of utter demoralization. Mud, poles, washouts and all sorts of conditions adverse to good roading are evident. The Brookville flat is simply flooded.

The rains have damaged the Loch Lomond road considerably. It was flooded in over a score of places yesterday, there being in some spots two and three feet of water. Streams along the road which at ordinary times are hardly noticed had assumed the proportions of rivers. Portions of the road were carried away.

The mills in the valley, including the City Fuel Co. and Riley's mills, near the City road, were forced to suspend operations yesterday afternoon. There was over a foot and a half of water in the yards and the tracks by the coal sheds were covered.

The lower flat of a house on Paradise Row, owned and occupied by William Jordan, was flooded and a considerable amount of damage done to furniture and carpets. The house is situated below the street line, and the floor was submerged to a depth of nearly two feet. The family were obliged to remove their household effects to the upper flat. Among the goods damaged was a handsome piano. The Shamrock grounds were flooded at the lower end, and the new range is fitted for warships only. Over a quarter of a mile of the low ground is under water. The work on the range will, as a result, be somewhat delayed.

A tremendous quantity of water came down to Charlotte street, Carleton, from the hills in the vicinity. The catch basin at the head of the street proved entirely inadequate and the premises of W. E. Souly were badly flooded. The water choked the catch basin on Lancaster street, and was only got rid of on Tower street, after passing through several other premises.

The rain has been a blessing to the lumbermen. Beside the many small lots of lumber in the many tributaries, there is 2,000,000 feet of lumber at Grand Falls, which would have remained there all winter but for the rise in the river due to this deluge. The rains up river have not been nearly so heavy as in St. John, but the water there has risen the same as at Indian-town, about three feet. If the fall there had been as heavy as here, the gained much more than it has at Indian-town. As it is, about all the cut lumber will be floated down and the steamer Aberdeen, from Fredericton to Woodstock, will go on the route again on Saturday next.

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Daniel Chisholm's house was almost completely washed away, leaving the house standing on a few piles. The water was so deep at the foot of City road one time yesterday that the street cars were unable to pass, and were compelled to trundle for their passengers on cars on the other side of the temporary lake.

Considerable damage was done at Bathurst. The old dam across the main near the highway gave way and shortly afterwards the highway bridge went down. This is a serious calamity, and will cause considerable inconvenience, as there is a large traffic over the road.

The river is rising at an unprecedented rate for this time of year. The river boats coming down touched at very few wharves. At Indian-town the water has raised about three feet since this second deluge began.

But it is along the railroad lines that the serious trouble is. Between here and Vancorboro on the C. P. R. there are in all about twenty-five washouts, varying in size. The express for Boston, leaving the city yesterday morning, was the only one that has passed over safely. Some forty minutes after it had passed Grand Bay the Fredericton train arrived there and was unable to pass. This was the first news of any trouble. The stream that flows near the track a short distance below Grand Bay had become a mighty torrent and had carried away the roadbed, and was rushing madly over the submerged track. News of the washout was sent to the city, and a wrecking train was quickly despatched from Fairville with section men, who immediately went to work under the direction of the trackmaster. They were unable to do anything that would effectively stop the torrent. There is another washout somewhat further west. One of these is about one hundred and twenty feet long and twenty feet deep. The Fredericton train stopped at Grand Bay and the passengers were brought in by carriages.

The Boston express is stalled at Fredericton Junction, and the Montreal train ten miles west. The passengers, some one hundred and fifteen in number, are being looked after by the railway authorities.

Repairs are being made on the washout nearest the city, and this morning pile drivers are to be sent out from both ends to aid in the repairs of those further on. There are about seven or eight washouts between here and Fredericton Junction and ten more to McAdam, with water over the tracks in many places and small landslides taking some of the cuttings. There are washouts on the Fredericton, Woodstock, St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's branches. The damage will run up to many thousands of dollars. It is the worst thing of its kind in the history of this part of the road.

An attempt was made to have the mails over twenty bags, brought in from Fredericton Junction, but no one was found who would attempt the journey on account of the state of the roads.

Trundle work will be put up at the damaged places, and an attempt will be made to run trains today.

On the I. C. R. there is a slight washout near Quispamsis, but it is not sufficient to stop traffic. At the Gondola Point road crossing the masonry of a culvert has been flooded out, and the embankment has caved in to such an extent that it was thought safer last evening not to run a train over. A crew of men were sent out from the city with a car load of lumber to ballast the place, and were at the work at midnight. Passengers from the Quebec express and the Halifax train, which were stalled at each end of the break, were transferred.

The British and all foreign mails, including United States, were sent by the I. C. R. via Quebec, and will probably reach New York and other points without much delay. Mails for Fredericton and other St. John river points will be sent by boat until the C. P. R. is again in working order.

The man who brought in the mail from Mispec last evening says that the storm there wrecked things generally, and for several miles of his journey he was forced to take to the fields.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Oct. 11.—Rain has been falling here almost steadily since Monday night. Today it has fallen in torrents and great damage resulted. For a while the foot of Marks street was covered with two feet of water. All foot bridges were carried away and cellars flooded. Teams had

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FREDERICTON.

York County Liberals Unanimously Nominate Alex. Gibson Jr.

Mass Meeting in the City Hall Last Night Addressed by the Candidate, Hon. A. G. Blair and Mr. McDonald of Pictou.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Oct. 11.—The liberal convention called for the purpose of nominating a candidate for York to represent the liberals in the house of commons, was called to order at 3 o'clock this afternoon. E. A. Allen was appointed chairman and A. S. Murray secretary. As was generally expected, Alexander Gibson, Jr., M. P. P., was unanimously nominated.

E. H. Allen refused to have his name put before the convention. Mr. Gibson briefly thanked the convention for the nomination. Speeches were also made by Hon. A. G. Blair, F. P. Thompson and L. P. Farris. There was a fairly large attendance.

The mass meeting at the Opera House tonight was a failure both in numbers and enthusiasm. For the past few days the liberal heels about the city have been very busy arranging for a big demonstration, band, torchlight procession, etc., but the elements conspired against their noble efforts, and the best that could be done was a parade up the sidewalk of Queen street to the Opera house by the 71st band and the burning of some red fire in front of the building. The interior arrangements were almost perfect. The stage was beautifully decorated with flags, bunting, palms, etc., and in the background Sir Wilfrid Laurier's picture was suspended, surrounded by various colored incandescent lamps. As soon as the crowd had become seated, Geo. W. Allen, the chairman, introduced the first speaker of the evening, Mr. McDonald of Pictou, whose remarks consisted chiefly of abuse of Sir Charles Tupper. Hon. A. G. Blair followed. His loyal supporters were very enthusiastic and applauded his remarks with might and

main. The minister occupied most of the evening, but it is safe to say that he did not change a vote in the house. Brief speeches were also made by the candidate, Alex. Gibson, Jr., and Hon. L. P. Farris. At the conclusion of the speeches cheers were given for the Queens, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, A. G. Blair, the candidate and the liberal party. The singing of the national anthem brought the meeting to a close. Lottie, second daughter of P. D. McKenzie, proprietor of Long's Hotel, and Langford Good, were united in marriage at the hotel, this city, last evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. C. Hartley, in the presence of the immediate friends of the contracting parties.

THE LOST NEWFIELD.

Further Evidence Taken by Captain Smith and Captain Douglas.

LITTLE RIVER, N. S., Oct. 11.—Captain Smith, R. N. R., wreck commissioner, and Capt. Bloomfield Douglas, R. N. R., naval assistant to the marine and fisheries department, arrived here on the 9th inst to obtain further evidence respecting the wreck of the steamer Newfield. Captain Douglas before leaving Halifax consented to watch the interest of Captain Campbell in the examination of fresh witnesses.

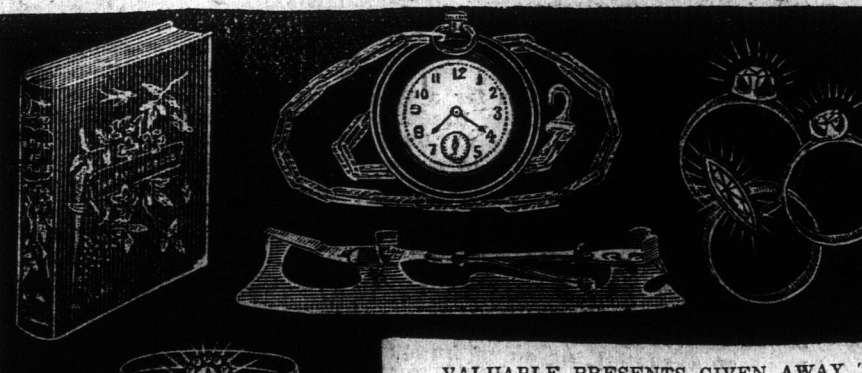
The following witnesses were examined today: C. W. Denton of Tommy's Cove, J. W. Lidg of Whale Cove, Boyd Wenton of Tommy's Cove, Jas. Bunker of Whale Cove. They gave evidence as to the Newfield having been seen by them close to the land shortly before she grounded on the ledge at White Cove. They were cross-examined by Captain Douglas.

It was the intention of Captains Smith and Douglas to go to Whale Cove, Tommy's Cove and the scene of the wreck, but the long examination of the witnesses and the downpour of rain prevented them from doing so. Captain Smith leaves for St. John on duty tomorrow, and Captain Douglas proceeds to Yarmouth on tidal service, both officers returning to Halifax as soon as possible.

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