

brought to the notice of the War Office by the late Colonel Anstruther, was given a commission as second lieutenant in the 94th Regiment. He exchanged two years later into the West India Regiment, has since done good work as Fort Adjutant at Cape Coast Castle, as adjutant of his battalion and as adjutant of the Jamaica Volunteers, and is this week gazetted to a majority in the West India Regiment by special selection over the heads of three seniors. Major Egerton commenced his career in the 75th Regiment in 1876, and also saw service in the Zulu war and the operations against Sekukuni. He makes the seventh regimental major now serving who has risen from the ranks, and the fourth who has had similar good fortune in the West India Regiment, the late Colonels Edward Conran, John McAuley and Major Joseph Brownall being the previous instances in the Colonial corps.

We gather, says an English exchange, from the remarks of a Sussex correspondent that the armored train now in course of construction at the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company's works at Brighton, for the 1st Sussex Artillery, is making good progress towards completion. It is hoped to have this new adjunct to the corps ready for use at Whitsuntide. The cost will be borne by Sir Julian Goldsmid (Hon. Colonel) and Colonel Boxall (Commandant).

After April 1st the Glengarry cap, as now worn by our Infantry, will be no more seen. The new cap has no ribbons, and is decidedly more serviceable than the Glengarry. It is a form of what is known as "the field service cap," worn slightly on the side of the head, with two brass buttons in front, and the badge of the regiment on the left side. The flaps unbutton, and the cap can be worn so as to shade the eyes as well as the nape of the neck, which were left unprotected by the Glengarry.—*United Service Gazette*.

In the Imperial House of Commons, in answer to Mr. Hanbury, Sir U. Kay Sauttleworth stated that arrangements had been made for arming the Marines with the magazine rifle during 1894-95.

Orthoptics will not be allowed in the "Imperial" prize team competition of this year's Bisley meeting, which is restricted to members of the regular branches of the military service.

The Royal Military Tournament will open at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Thursday, May 31st, and conclude on Thursday, June 14th.

A practical joke at the expense of a whole regiment is a rather dangerous pastime to indulge in, as a peasant coming from the neighborhood of Arras, France, has just learned to his discomfiture. The

corps were marching through a village in that part of the country, when suddenly the command to halt was heard, and was naturally repeated by the officers of the different companies. Great, however, was the surprise of the colonel when he found that the gallant 33rd had been brought to a standstill. He had not given the command in question, and a stern investigation soon led to the detection of the culprit, who had been watching the effects of his jest with much composure from the doorway of a public house at which he was lounging. The fellow was at once seized and, guarded by four soldiers with fixed bayonets, was promptly on the road to Arras, whither the regiment was returning. Ere the town was reached, however, the colonel released his prisoner, who was now in a very penitent mood, but not before giving him a severe reprimand.

The semi-official announcement that Rear-Admiral R. O'B. Fitzroy, on attaining his promotion in May, will succeed Vice-Admiral Fairfax in command of the Channel Squadron, is worthy of note, since he will be junior on the list of twenty vice-admirals. According to the *World* Vice-Admiral Buller, C. B., stands a good chance of securing the command, but there are other flag officers senior to him from whom a selection may be made. There are two other vice-admirals' commands which will become vacant within the next twelve months—Sir John Hopkins's, on the North American station, and the Hon. Sir E. R. Fremantle's on the China station, both officers finishing their terms next February. There is little doubt that Rear-Admiral Fisher will succeed Sir John Hopkins, and should one of the present vice-admirals be selected for the Channel Squadron Admiral Fitzroy would not have his future prejudiced by having to wait for the China vacancy. His immediate selection, however, for the Channel, is regarded by naval men as an unjustifiable bit of favoritism. It may be mentioned that he will be succeeded in the Command of the Naval Reserve by Admiral E. H. Seymour, now second in command of the Channel Squadron.

Capt. the Hon. George FitzClarence, R.N., who died on March 24th, at Moorcroft, Uxbridge, was the third son of George, the Earl of Munster, eldest natural son of King William IV, and was born on April 15, 1836. He entered the Royal Navy, and at the time of the Russian war served as a midshipman in the *Black Sea*, receiving the Crimean medal and Sebastopol clasp, the Turkish medal and the 5th Class of the Medjidie. In October, 1855, he was made mate, and in that capacity served in the *Retribution*, previous to his promotion to be lieutenant in May, 1857. He was subsequently appointed to the *Cæsar*, on the North America and West Indies station, and in that vessel proceeded to the Mediterranean, where, to act as flag lieutenant to Rear-Admiral Smart, he joined the *Revenge*,

flagship of the Channel Squadron. In June, 1862, he was promoted to be commander, and in 1877 retired with the rank of captain. Capt. FitzClarence, who was a corresponding member of the Royal United Service Institution, married in 1864 Maria Henrietta, eldest daughter of John Henry, third Earl of Clonmell, and leaves four sons and two daughters.

It is stated that the German Emperor has ordered a squadron of the 1st Dragoon Guards, with the regimental band, to be sent to Coburg during the Queen's approaching visit, to act as a guard of honor for Her Majesty, who is the honorary colonel of the regiment.

A few months ago a description of the first class cruiser, *Powerful* and *Terrible*, was issued as a parliamentary paper. The designs had not then been completed, and the dimensions, it was stated, must be considered as still open to some modification. The principal dimensions contemplated were: Length, 500 feet; breadth, 70 feet; mean draught, 27 feet; displacement, 14,000 tons. The designs have now been completed, and the revised dimensions are: Length, 500 feet; breadth, 71 feet; mean load draught, 27 feet; displacement at load draught, 14,200 tons. The coal capacity at load draught is to be 1,500 tons, but by utilizing wing spaces and space bunkers each vessel will be able to stow 2,500 tons of coal. A remarkable feature in connection with the vessels is that the estimated indicated horse-power to be attained on the contractors' trial is, with natural draught, 25,000, which will give a speed of 22 knots. This horse-power will exceed by several thousands that of any war vessel afloat. The *Blake* and *Blenheim* are each supposed to attain 20,000 horse-power, which is 8,000 more than that attained by the largest and newest battleships.

"Being at St. Paul's," writes a correspondent, "I made my pilgrimage to the monument of General Gordon, the martyr of Khartoum. It was covered in flowers, and my companion—a frequenter of London's central place of worship—told me that he had seen wreaths at every festival on the great man's effigy, and at other times also. General Gordon, at all events, is not forgotten, and the flowers on his memorial effigy are fresh to-day. His magnetic influence survives his most remarkable sacrifice of himself for a lost cause."

Surg.-Gen. A. Smith, M.D., C.B., retired list, Army Medical Department, has been appointed honorary physician to the Queen. The gallant officer served in the Crimea, Jowake, and Afghan campaigns receiving the medal for each, and the C.B. in addition for the latter.

With the approval of the Secretary for War, the annual prize meeting of the National Artillery Association and Camp of