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## WORST SNOW STORM

Known in Great Britain in Twenty Years.

All Telegraph Lines to London Are Down and Despatches Have to be Sent by Mail.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The postal authorities say that yesterday's gale and snowstorm caused the worst breakdown of the telegraph and telephone lines that has occurred in twenty years. North of a line drawn through Birmingham, the whole country, including Ireland, is almost cut off from communication with London. Press despatches had to be sent by rail. The heavy snowfall continued throughout the day and the gale was still raging last night. There is no doubt that many shipping disasters will be reported.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The Commercial Cable Company this evening sent out the following notice:

"Our latest advices from London indicate that there is no telegraphic communication between London and Liverpool and places north, including Scotland. A special train service from London to Liverpool has been established, and the average run is about five hours.

"There is no delay to other points in Great Britain or the continent."

## THE WAR.

Wounded Britishers Robbed and Stripped by the Boers—No Hope from Roosevelt.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The war office has issued a statement tonight dealing with the Boer treatment of Col. Benson's wounded at Brakenlaage, which is a result of a special investigation of the matter instituted by Lord Kitchener.

The statement sets forth that eighteen officers and men of Col. Benson's command were kindly and even carefully treated by the Boers, while the remaining 75 men were examined, looted, and then sent to the workhouse.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Gen. Samuel Pearson, who was a commissary general in the Boer army for some time at the beginning of the war in South Africa, and who is the Boer representative in this country, called upon President Roosevelt today.

The president suggested nothing that would lead to a discussion of affairs in South Africa. It is the intention of the Boer representatives in this country at some future time to try and present a memorial to the president praying that he take cognizance of affairs in South Africa.

PRINCETON, Dec. 13.—Four proclamations relating to natives have been issued here.

The first allows colored ministers and educated natives to apply for letters of exemption from the operation of the pass laws and other enactments.

The second constitutes a more effective prohibition on the supply of intoxicating liquor to natives under severe penalties. The third proclamation is for the regulation and protection of natives entering and leaving the Transvaal and the control of native labor on the diggings. It contains extensive precautions safeguarding native privileges. The fourth regulates native labor agencies on the same lines.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Brussels correspondent of the Standard cables that Mr. Kruger has been informed of the willingness of one of the powers to intervene in South Africa if the Boer leaders will accept autonomy under the supremacy of Great Britain.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The correspond-

ent of the Daily Mail at Brussels says that by a proclamation dated Nov. 15, Gen. Botha ordered the execution of all burghers enrolled with the British forces as scouts who fell into the hands of the Boers.

The correspondent adds that 15 such burghers have already been shot.

## OTTAWA NOTES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—It is now certain that the department of agriculture will not be able to fill the order for oats which the British war office sent to Canada three weeks ago. The demand for oats is so active in Canada and the price has advanced so rapidly that it is now far beyond the limit fixed by the imperial authorities. As a result only small quantities of this grain are going forward on the day ships.

The militia department was advised today that Richard Took of the S. A. C., who comes from St. Helen's, Ont., is dangerously ill of enteric fever.

The final returns of the census will not be available for over a month, as certain remote points are still to be heard from.

The Allied Trades Association will put four labor candidates in the field in the municipal election.

## BIG DROP IN OIL.

Cause of the Break Can Only Be Surmised.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 12.—Pennsylvania crude today dropped from 19 to 18, causing much speculation as to why the purchasing agency should make this price.

The cause of the break can only be surmised, as those who know will not talk. Among the causes given were: once today are weakness in the refined market occasioned by complication in the foreign trade and the fact that the Texas product will to a certain extent displace the oil now in use in the southwest.

## BALFOUR ALL RIGHT.

Best Workmen Should Get the Highest Remuneration.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury and government leader in the house of commons, while distributing the technical education bill, last night, referred to foreign trade and competition. He said he was no pessimist and that he believed in the future of the British Empire. He said that the trade of other nations was an injury to British trade. The property of one nation, he held, belonged to the people of that nation, and he must take care that our best workmen get the highest remuneration.

## FIRE AT UNION MILLS.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Dec. 12.—A fire today broke out in the mill of a house at Union Mills, owned by Mrs. Smith, and did about \$200 damage. Efficient work by the milltown fire department prevented greater destruction.

## ST. MARTIN'S.

There is quite a flutter of excitement in political circles as to who the successor of the late John McLeod will be, and a number of prominent citizens are mentioned. The general feeling is that St. Martin's ought to produce the man.

Leonard Floyd, who has been for some time in the Northwest, has returned, and while he believes the West to be a fine country, is now satisfied to make his home in New Brunswick.

Rev. S. H. Cornwall is paying a brief visit to friends in Nova Scotia, the home of his birth.

S. V. Skiller has moved into the large and handsome house he has erected since the fire. The building presents an imposing appearance and adds much to the beauty of Beech street.

Miss Lottie M. Howard, teacher of the primary school, has recalled her resignation, and will teach in that department after the Christmas holidays.

The scholars have made steady progress under Miss Howard's training, and people are delighted with her decision to remain here.

## SUDDEN DEATH

Of the Rev. Job Shenton of Fairville, One of the Best Known and Most Worshipped Members of the Methodist Ministry of N. B. and P. E. Island.

Rev. Job Shenton, one of the best known and most beloved Methodist clergymen in Eastern Canada, dropped dead as he commenced to eat his dinner in his Fairville home shortly after noon Wednesday. Mr. Shenton and his wife sat down to their mid-day meal as usual, both in the best of health, apparently, and happy in spirit. Grace was said by the venerable pastor, and shortly after without a sound—he fell in a chair, and in a few minutes he was dead.

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