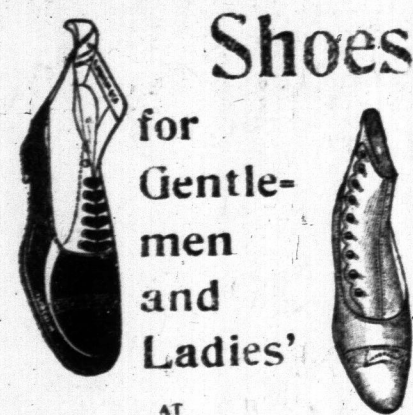


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CASE OF INQUIRY.

Lord Methuen's Conduct now Coming Under Criticism.

He Sent Col. Gough Home but the Same Bluff did not Work With Col. Paquet.

London, March 18.—The Outlook publishes under the heading "Lord Methuen and his colonels: A case for inquiry," what appears to be the first authoritative statement of the internal friction which occurred at Modder river in the early part of the campaign, and is responsible for the frequent rumors that Lord Methuen was to be recalled. The account is furnished to the Outlook by an unnamed correspondent who writes:

"Now that the military stress and anxiety of two months ago have been in a measure removed, it may be as well to give a précis of what passed between Lord Methuen and Col. Bloemfontein, after the first engagement, in which they both took part, and as also to refer to the subsequent disagreement between Lord Methuen and Col. Arthur Paget.

AN IMPASSIBLE TASK.
When the horses of the 9th Lancers were jaded and the men completely exhausted after many hours' fighting, Lord Methuen expected them to charge an absolutely impregnable position. Col. Gough sent a respectful refusal. Lord Methuen then returned to the head of his regiment and severely rebuked him. Col. Gough again pointed out the impossibility of executing the order, and Lord Methuen left the regiment after uttering remarks which made the ears of every man sting.

Early next morning, it is said, Lord Methuen sent a note to Col. Gough to this effect: "My dear Colonel: Please come over to my quarters as quickly as you can. I wish you to spend the day with me."

Col. Gough was able to perceive the sun, at noonday. He answered: "My dear General: I quite see your meaning, and as I must decline to leave my regiment, please let me know whether you wish to put me under arrest or whether you would prefer that I should return to England."

GOUGH SENT HOME.
Lord Methuen replied: "Thanking my dear colonel for his perspicacity and indicating that Col. Gough had to return home."

Col. Gough returned to England, nominally on sick leave. He at once sought the authorities at the war office, laid the facts before them and demanded a court-martial. This had to be refused because of the impossibility of recalling Lord Methuen for the purpose of giving evidence. Three days after his dispute with Colonel Gough, Lord Methuen gave an order to the 9th Lancers, which their commanding officer, Col. Arthur Paget, declared was impossible to execute. He absolutely refused needlessly to sacrifice his men in a vain attempt to take an impregnable kopje. However, he told Lord Methuen that he would himself walk up to the position and be shot. Lord Methuen declined to allow this, but told him he might go back to England. Col. Arthur Paget declined to blank to leave his men except upon the instructions of Sir Redvers Buller, and he wrote to the latter to the same effect. Sir Redvers Buller is reported to have written in reply that he hoped that by the time his answer was received the two old brother officers would have forgotten their differences. There the matter ended, and Col. Paget is still at the head of his men.

CHICAGO MARKETS.			
	Open.	High.	Low.
Wheat—Dec.	67 1/2	67 3/4	66 3/4
May	67 1/2	67 3/4	66 3/4
July	68 1/2	68 3/4	67 3/4
Corn—Sept.	38 1/2	38 3/4	37 3/4
May	38 1/2	38 3/4	37 3/4
July	39 1/2	39 3/4	38 3/4
Oats—Sept.	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/4
May	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/4
July	25 1/2	25 3/4	25 1/4
Pork—Dec.	11.30	11.32	11.20
May	11.30	11.32	11.20
July	11.30	11.32	11.20
Lard—Dec.	6.17	6.17	6.17
May	6.17	6.17	6.17
July	6.17	6.17	6.17
Ribs—Oct.	6.17	6.17	6.17
May	6.17	6.17	6.17
July	6.17	6.17	6.17

THE CANADIANS.

Repairing the Railroad is Now Their Occupation.

It is Practically in Operation Between Bloemfontein and Cape Town.

Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, March 16.—The Canadian troops were this morning ordered to the outskirts of Bloemfontein to guard the northern section of the line of railway between this point and Springfontein. General Pole-Carew has arrived at Springfontein with a detachment of mounted infantry, and will patrol the lower portion of the line between here and there. Thus the entire line of railway between Bloemfontein and Springfontein is now in our hands, and there is practically an all-rail communication between the late Free State capital and Cape Town.

There are a number of repairs to be made to the railway line between Bloemfontein and Springfontein, and the Canadians will be engaged in this work for some days. The despatch with which our men did similar work on the line of communication between Dr. Aar and Kimberley has evidently impressed the British commanders with the engineering skill, as well as the fighting qualities, of the Canadian troops.

A body of 1,800 Boers have surrendered to the British, giving up their equipment of arms and ammunition, and asking to be allowed to return to their farms. A full camp equipment and a supply of new clothing for the Canadian troops have been ordered to be sent here by railway, so it would seem probable that we shall be occupied for some time in this neighborhood. It is not unlikely that the Canadians will be given almost exclusively the task of keeping open the railway communication between Bloemfontein and Cape Town, so that apart from occasional skirmishes with small bands of Boers in Northern Cape Colony we are not likely to see severe fighting again for some days.

STILL BESIEGED.

But Making is Successfully Holding Its Own.

Horrible Tortures Inflicted on Natives—Advance of the Relief Force.

Lourenço Marques, Sunday, March 18.—A despatch from Mafeking dated Saturday, March 10, says:—The garrison is holding its own. We have heard numerous rumors that the siege will be raised, but so far that is not the case. We are pegging away patiently on our quarter rations, supplemented by the occasional capture of cattle. Our home-made gun erratically bombards the Boer trenches.

Horrible stories are current that the Boers are inflicting senseless tortures upon captured native runners. These may not be true, but they are tending to inflame native passions to such an extent that it may soon be impossible to hold the natives in check. Owing to the Boers having deliberately massacred the natives in Stad, which is full of women and children, Colonel Baden-Powell has armed the natives, but he has only allowed them to act on the defensive, although they have claimed to be allowed to go out and attack at the point of the assegai. They will be prevented as long as possible from inflicting reprisals on the Boers.

THE BOERS RETREAT.

Cape Town, March 19.—The mounted force from Kimberley, proceeding to the relief of Mafeking, has arrived at Wardenburg. As the force neared Wardenburg, the Boers evacuated the town, blowing up the bridge. It is reported that the rebels who refused to accompany the Transvaalers when the latter vacated Taung and Vryburg are preparing to flee into Namaqualand on the approach of the British, but that the Hottentot chiefs are getting ready to bar their escape.

The Mafeking relief column, Colonel Drummond and Peckham commanding, had a sharp engagement at Fourteen Streams. The British succeeded in driving the Boers off. They had only a few casualties.

THE POLYPHONE.

The opera grand polyphone that is going to be given at the Patriotic concert Friday, March 23, is a marvel. It uses two reproducing machines, one making an echo of the other, making a sounding board on a piano. The invention is partly due to Thos. A. Edison and the machine has only been patented about 10 days. It is the musical marvel of the 20th century, reproducing band marches, orchestra selections with all the volume of the original. Its announcement is perfect and the machine is to such a stage of perfection that it is destined to do away with human talent to a certain extent. An exhibition of the machine was given in Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, and its utterances could be heard in the remotest corners of the theatre. The magaphones are so arranged that the sounds of the instrument are distributed to every part of the opera house. The size of the record is 7 inches in diameter and when this is slipped upon the cylinder and starts revolving the two reproducing machines come in contact with the record and the music is reproduced. It is the first time that the machine has been shown in Canada and it will be a rare treat to hear the machine both to critics of music and also to the general public.

SPRING TERM.

The Spring Term in the Central Business College, Stratford, Ont., opens on Monday, April 2nd. This College is now closing its winter term, which has been the most successful in the history of the school. Students are now in attendance from Canada, United States and Newfoundland. All interested in securing a business or shorthand education should write to Mr. W. J. Elliott, Principal of the College, for a catalogue containing full information.

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THE PROBABILITIES.
G. N. W. Social.
Toronto, March 19.—10 a. m.—Strong southerly winds, mild, with occasional rain; Tuesday high westerly winds, snow flurries, turning colder again.

LOCAL BRIEFS

The late cold snap sent the river down nearly four feet. The Mattheus Wade, of Morpeth, was in the city this morning.

Under the direction of Supt. E. B. Jones new wire lines are being placed upon all the city lamps.

The city council will hold its regular meeting this evening. The session will probably be occupied entirely with routine business.

At the morning service in the First Presbyterian Church yesterday the choir rendered the anthem "Nazareth" with exquisite soprano solo by Miss Clara Budge.

The grandiose walk on Head street beside the Victoria avenue Methodist Church is so far below the slush and water line that it is worse than rain. The engineer should make an attempt to raise this water-way when the weather permits.

The date of the sacred concert to be presented under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, at William St. Baptist Church, has been definitely set for Tuesday, April 3rd. The program is under the musical direction of Mrs. Alice James, conductor of the choir, and will be an exceptionally fine one.

An unfortunate Doyette, who had filled up on bad whiskey on Saturday, raised quite a commotion by running up and down the streets striking pedestrians with a chain of chain he carried. Officer Beetz saw him, however, and he was temporarily housed and paid \$1 and costs to the police court this morning.

ANOTHER INCENDIARY FIRE.

This morning at 1.15 the watchman in the lower righted a blaze on Colborne St. The firemen turned out and discovered that the house on Colborne St., next to the Park house, was on fire. The place has long been an eyesore to the street, and was known for years as the "Marble Mansion." It is now inhabited by colored people. The fire was found to have started in the rear and by the time the firemen arrived had reached the roof impelling around the corner. The water was soon turned on and the fire put out. The only occupant of the house was a colored woman, Mrs. Maya, and shortly after the appearance of the brigade she rushed out in decidedly hasty attire. Kenneth Campbell had a carload of corn in the elevator which was damaged by water. The loss on the house would be about \$50 and on the elevator \$25. The fire was of incendiary origin.

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The Detroit papers yesterday announced the organization of the Straits City Association Football Club, for the purpose of landing the Walker cup this spring in the Peninsular League series. The team, it is reported, will start south this week on a training tour to play the southern clubs, the first game to be played next Saturday at St. Louis with the cycling team of that city. The Detroit team is announced as follows: Goal, Stewart; backs, Switzer and Stricker; halves, Gilbrath, Gibson and Gauthier; right wing, Wilson and Meinke; centre, Scherer; left wing, Bowman and Boehmer.

This is a remarkably strong team on paper and their southern training should put them in the pink of condition, yet their names are not a sure cause for an attack of fever and ague on the part of all of their opponents. Before our Detroit friends indulge further in their fantastic pipe dreams as to the use to which they will put the handsome trophy, it should occur to them that it is not won yet and they will have to first conquer Captain Laurie and his Maple City Braves.

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THAMESVILLE.

March 19.—The town was brilliant on Saturday with displays of green bunting and Union Jacks, and every body was decorated with shamrock. The storm on Friday night eclipsed any previous one of the season. Travelling was impossible. Everybody who went out of town for the evening remained where they were until the storm was over.

The phonograph concert was fairly well patronized.

Mr. and Mrs. Albertson and daughter went down to Chatham on Saturday night to hear Mantel.

There promises to be a great boom in the building line as soon as the spring opens.

Warden Davidson was in Chatham on Saturday.

Mr. May, a representative from the Book Supply Co. of Toronto, was in town on Saturday.

Our pessimistic citizens are predicting for this season the greatest flood of the century.

"Better late than never. It is best, however, to be never late about taking Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify your blood. Take it now."

DRESDEN.

March 19.—Rev. Mr. McTavish preached two excellent sermons in the Methodist Church yesterday, it being the occasion of the anniversary services. To-night a concert will be given in the church at which addresses will be given by Revs. H. W. McTavish and Mr. Yorton. Special music will also be rendered by the choir.

Alfred Feste and family, of Chatham, visited relatives in town on Sunday.

Miss Ethel Sharpe left for Detroit on Saturday evening to visit Mrs. E. Miller.

Mr. Dowdell, of Hamilton, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. G. B. Rush, North Dresden.

An unfortunate accident occurred at McVean's factory on Saturday by which an employe named Joseph Carroll lost a part of one of his hands.

Carroll also conducted a barber shop in the evening in the store on Main street formerly occupied by the steam laundry.

WALLACEBURG.

March 19.—Miss Ruby Gordon, after a short visit home, has returned to Toronto.

A very pleasant social was given at the home of Mrs. W. H. McLean Thursday evening by the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Thos. Forhan gave an "at home" to a large number of friends. J. R. Stone, of Chatham, was in town last week.

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