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Exact Position at Molteno and Cyphergat Is Not Yet Clear But Engagements Are Said to be of **Small Importance.** 

Boer Entrenchments Before Lord Methuen Extend Some Forty Miles, While Those Before Buller Extend Seventeen Miles—Flanking Will be Difficult— Canadians Back at Belmont-War Topics.

this morning. The engagements at Molteno and Cyphergat are of small importance, except to prove that the Imperial troops are beginning to attain a greater degree of mobility.

Col. Pilcher, being unable to occupy Dougol. Pilcher, being unable to occupy Doug-las, as he was only on a raiding expedi-tion, decided to evacuate the place. The inhabitants were taken by the Brit-ish force to Belmont. The Canadians of "C" Company acted as an escort of the refugees, carried babies for the women, and kept everybody lively by singing as they marched plackly along, notwith-standing sore feet occasioned by the heavy sand.

despatch from Rensberg, dated yester-day, says the British casualties to Gen. French's force up to Tuesday afternoon were five killed and 24 wounded.

detachment of 25 New Zealanders had a narrow escape while advancing at Colesberg. While attempting under orders to occupy a kopje, they met with a hot reion from concealed Boers. Another body of British troops doubled to the rescue of the New Zealanders, and their

ent of the London volunteers began yesterday in the Guildhail. The occasion was one of great enthusiasm. Each detachment was sworn in separ ately, all receiving the Queen's shilling from the hand of the Lord Mayor.

British selzed the steamer Bundesrath, and their indignation was even greater because the German steamer General

An army order has been tssued directive sand.

President Steyn of the Orange Free State and is liable to be compelled to fight

in defence of the country. London, Jan. 5 .- (5 a.m.)-This morning's news throws no further light upon the situation. The exact position at Molteno and Cyphergat is not yet clear; but in any case these little engagements are of small importance, beyond proving that the British forces are beginning to attain a greater de-gree of mobility.

Heavy Battle Next Week. It is fully expected that next week will morning forced the burghers to shift 'heir see a heavy battle on the Tugela River, position after their horses had stampeded. which is now the pivot of the campaign. The Boers appear to be working incessantly

Gen. Buller stretch away some 17 miles. and that work upon them is pushed unre-

mittingly.
Flanking Is Difficult. While the advance is delayed, flank move-

ments are rendered most difficult because long marches are not done with celerity, and it is bard to time an attack with cer-Dutch Rising in the North.

The extent of the Dutch rising may now be measured by taking a line from Prieska. on the west, to Herschel or Barkly, on the east. Along the whole of this line, except at points actually occupied by the British, the population seems for the most part

e Admiralty program embraces the stationing of small squadrons at Durban. quez, St. Vincent in the Cape Verde Is. hills westward. Colekop is now the prinlands and Cape Town, and sending an cd. cipal scene of the fighting. ditional ship or two to Aden.

Watching Italian Ports. It is announced from Rome that British agents and detectives are secretly watching all Italian ports.

How Kimberley Is Fortified. New redoubts are being built at Kimber- ments of guns and infantry, of which he ley, and 17 miles of works now encompass appears to be so much in need.

OUR BOYS CARRIED THE BABIES.

Col. Pilcher Did Not Hold Douglas and Returned to Belmont With Refugees.

mont, Cape Colony, Wednesday, Jan. at daybreak. B.-Colonel Pilcher, it is officially announce ed, being only on a raiding expedition, and for military reasons being unable to occupy Douglas permanently, has evacuated the The German Steamer General Had town, bringing off all the loyalists. He to Belmont. When he announced the ne tants of Douglas declared their lives were not worth five minutes' purchase after the of searching her cargo, which is to be disgrated at the Boers at Cyphernot worth five minutes' purchase after the of searching her cargo, which is to be disgrated at the Boers at Cyphernot worth five minutes' purchase after the of searching her cargo, which is to be disgrated at the Boers at Cyphernot worth five minutes' purchase after the office of searching her cargo, which is to be discovered by British troops, with the object of searching her cargo, which is to be discovered by British troops, with the object of searching her cargo, which is to be discovered by British troops, with the object of searching her cargo, which is to be discovered by British troops, with the object of searching her cargo, which is to be discovered by British troops, with the object of searching her cargo, which is to be discovered by British troops, with the object of searching her cargo, which is to be discovered by British troops, with the object of searching her cargo, which is to be discovered by British troops, with the object of searching her cargo, which is to be discovered by British troops, with the object of searching her cargo, which is to be discovered by British troops, with the object of the beautiful at the beauti vited them to accompany him to Belmont. German East African Line, the owners of



but the vehicles of the town were totally The Germans are indignant because the iradequate to convey the refugees, so the

dition with great satisfaction.

has issued a proclamation declaring that every white man, irrespective or nationality, is to be considered a burgher.

Burghers on the Plain Near Frere Compelled to Shift Their

Position. Frere Camp, Jan. 3 .- Captain Thorney croft's patrol found the enemy in some force at the Little Tugela bridge. Their presence was discovered by scouts. It is reported that five men and a detenant of the party have not returned.

Frere Camp, Jan. 4.—A vigorous sheding of the Boers' trenches on the plain this

Going to Observe the Boer Methods. Washington, Jan. 4.—Captain Carl Reich-Boer Entrenchments.

Lord Methuen's cavalry scouting has developed the fact that the Boer entrenchments extend some 40 miles, far overlapping the extend some 40 miles, far overlapping the pany the Boer army for the purpose of ob-British positions, and making flank attacks serving and reporting on the war in South

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cluded 22,000 rations and a supply of rum. pied by the British. Satisfaction in London. London, Jan. 4.—There is great satisfac-tion here at the news that De Aar has been

The fighting in the hills is incessant. The latest telegrams say General French | the Indwe line. has almost surrounded Colesberg, but that

A despatch from Rensburg this morning

AFTER CONTRABAND CARGOES. to Unload-Kanzler's Captain

Berlin, Jan. 4.-The Imperial mail steam cossity of evacuating the place, the inhabi- er General has been detained at Aden and troops left. Colonel Pilcher therefore in- charged. The General is owned by the

Situation Is Aggravated.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The seizure of the Imperial mail steamer General has considerably aggravated the situation here, and the in-dignation against England is intensified. The Government, however, is still earnest

has yet been received from London, and, according to advices here, none is to be expected for several days longer. To-day's ews, however, induced the German Gov ument to send another protest to London.

ndignation against England in this met German Colonial Society, among whose 80, 00 members are a number of reigning rinces, which says: "England's recent ermany because of her deficiency in naval power has taken such deep root that th nmanders of the English warships hast rights so long as only Germany is thereb touched. This lack of fear to touch th German flag must be thoroughly and speed

Indignation meetings have been held by branches of the Colonial Society. The Ger man press with hardly an exception, thus

Britain Rules the Sea, Britain cared less for the cargo in question than for demonstrating before the world that, although most unlucky on the land, she is the unchallenged mistress o the sea, a demonstration which will do more for the German navy than all the

Discharged Her Cargo. Hamburg, Jan. 4.—Although the mani-Hamburg, Jan. 4.—Although the manifests of the German steamer General, selzed at Aden, show there was no war material on board, she was compolled to discharge on board, she was compelled to discharge nounce the conclusion of arrangements for her cargo.

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Contraband of War.

serving and reporting on the war in South
Africa. His duties will be similar to those zier with the Dutch and Russian Red Cross exceedingly difficult. Military analysists of Captain Slocum of the 8th Cavalry, who detachments for the Transval on board is with the Boer trenches confronting is with the British army in the Transval. discharged a quantity of her corgo at

British Artillery Opened Fire at Cyphergat and the Enemy Re-

tired Hurriedly. Sterkstroom, Jan. 3.-General Gatacre to day met the invading forces at Cyphergat. near the British advance camp at Bushcomplished, under cover of the guns on the man's Hoek. The Boers retired hurrledly The enemy occupied Molteno and Cyphergat The destruction of the wrecked train in. to-day, but the latter place is now re-occu-

London, Jan. 4.- The War Office has re ceived a report from Cape Town, dated Wednesday, Jan. 3, reporting the situation in General Gatacre's district. It says : "Dordrecht is now evacuated by Montmorency, who occupies Bird's Siding, on

"Molteno is being attacked to-day by the the Boers are stiffly defending their posi- enemy, who more or less surrounded the tions close to the town, preventing the police station, but who, according to reports, are being forced back. Reinforcements of mounted infantry and field artilsays the heavy artillery duel commenced lery have been sent by General Gatacre. The result is not known.
"A company of mounted infantry, under

French is reported."
No British Casualties.

Further details of the fighting between Continued on Page 2.

the Bundesrath, previously captured by the

Significant of the intensity of Gernany's

ter is a declaration published to-day by the ceedings against German vessels are an outrage. The fact remains that the small espect which the English people feel for

women and children. The Canadians acted as an escort of the refugees, carried bables for the women and kept everybody flyely by singing as they marched pluckily along in spite of sore feet occasioned by the heavy sand.

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deciding to The Times, will leave this port to day bound for Deligon Bay with a mist cellaneous cargo and it is believed that is believed that is believed that is believed that is believed the built by the horas and to an online and so virtually advises Mr. Laurier to take the built by the horas and to an online and so virtually advises Mr. Laurier to take the built by the horas and to an online and minustion, army hankets and general supplies for the Batter and the Government will ask the House to voic the hard of the canadian forces.

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AFTER CANADIAN HORSES. Imperial Government Making Inquiries for Freight Rates on

He Scents Danger to the

Laurier Government.

Sir Charles Tupper and Pay

for the Contingent.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The Imperial authorities have evidently their eyes upon the Canadian horse sipply, as the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have just had an enquiry from the British War Department as to the freight rate on 1500 horses from Calgary to South Africa via St. John, N.B. 1500 Animals.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., Patent Solicitors and experts, Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

Many of these social entertainments are on the tapis for this month. Flowers for decorative purposes will be required, and Dunlop's ability to supply the very finest varieties at moderate prices is well known. Salesrooms, 5 King west and 445 Yonge-

Boer Sympathizers in Victoria. Victoria, B.C., Jan. 4.—A number of business firms in the city having, it is alleged, been subscribing funds to aid the Boers, prominent business men have formed an association to boycott them.

Francis Wilson at the Grand, 8 p.m. Shea's excellent vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m. "The Dairy Farm," at the Toronto,

Alderson, has reconnoitred to Prieska and exchanged shots with the rebel force on the north bank.

D.M. "The Wife" at the Princess, 2 and 8 p.m. "The Wife" at the Princess Alderson, has reconnoitred to Prieska and p.m. Nursing-at-Home Mission, Y.M.C.A., 3

THE WAVE OF PATRIOTISM TRAGIC DEATHS UP NORTH JOE MARTIN GETS REVENG

First Division.

Frozen in His Cabin-A Daw-

The Civic Grafter: Who said HANDSPRINGS?

Alaska, Four of Whom Were

on the Federal session, apparently inspired from ministerial sources, last night's So-leil states that it is very possible that the

at noon. Patriotic airs were sung by a large choir and addresses were given by the Mayor, Hugh John Macdonald and Col. Buttan. The hall was packed to the doors and the very handsome sum of \$600 was realized from the concert in aid of the fund, apart from the public subscriptions, which already amount to several hundred dollars.

EIGHT HUNDRED DEAD BODIES.

Have Been Recovered From the

Ruins Caused by the Earthquakes in Russian Asia, Tiflis, Russian Transcaucasia, Jan. 4.—Al-together thirteen villages in the Achalkalak district of this Government have experienc-ed earthquake shocks. Six of these places have been completely destroyed and cight hundred dead bodies have already been re-

Montreal, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—A letter received here from British Columbia says Joe Martin intends coming east as soon as the Local Legislature is over, to address a series of public meetings in Ontario.

p.m.
Northern Congregational Church Literary
Society at home, 8 p.m.
Henry George Club dinner at Webb's, 8 p.m.
Executive of the Cartwright Club, 1204
West Queen-street, 8 p.m.

BEATHS.
WATT—At 167 Roxborough-street east, on Thursday, Jan. 4. Anna Maria Gibson, wife of J. L. Watt.
Funeral (private) at 2,30 p.m. Saturday, to St. James' Cemetery, Friends will please not send flowers.

ADVICE TENDERED THE PREMIER ONE MAN HAD \$8000 IN HIS BELT VOTE OF EIGHTEEN TO SEVENTEEN. Le Soleil Thinks It Best to Forestal D. R. Richter of San Francisco Was Legislature Was Opened Yesterday

Columbia Defeated on the

and the Speech From the Throne Was Patriotic of Topeka, from Alaskan ports, brings in-formation of five recent tragic deaths in this afternoon. In the Speech from the the north, four due to freezing. The bodies of two men were found frozen on the day the operation of the legislation provided for the Topeka sailed. In the belt of one was adjustment of the disputes in Atlin district,

The War in Africa,

Adverting to the war in South Africa, in the opening paragraph, His Honor says:

This event has evosed from every part of the Empire such expressions or imperial unity, of loyalty to the Crown and the constitution, and such a recognition of the responsibilities and duties that a share in the giory and advantages of the imperial connection involve, as must kindie the patriotism of every culzen of the Empire Canada was among the first of the great sair-governing dependencies of the Empire to offer material aid to the Imperial Government in its efforts to secure for both races in the Transvala those equal rights of citizenship to which they were entitled by solemn treaty obligations. In the spontaneity of this ofter from Canada, the Federal and Provincial Governments and the people of the Dominion were as one. Hactal differences, party distinctions, have been obliterated in the great wave of popular enthusiasm to share in the burdens of the Empire and to aid the Mother Country in a righteous cause, and in the Canadian contingent now in South Africa are to be found representatives of the stalwart manhood of Canada, from every province of the Dominion. That the number of the volunteers from this province far exceeded that which the Imperial official arrangements made it possible to accept, must be a source of pride and satisfaction to every patriotic citizen of British Columbia. Whist watching the course of events on the field of war with the integest interest and solicitude, we can but pray that our arms may be vistorious, that peace may speedily be concluded, and British supremacy in South Africa be established on a firm and just basis.

The Government Defeated.

district of this Government have experienced earthquake shocks. Six of these places have been completely destroyed and eight hundred dead bodies have already been recovered.

The Semlin Government was defeated on the first division by 18 to 17.

Hou. Jos. Martin has arrived, and is sitting with the Opposition.

The first reports of the disastrous earthquakes in the Achalkalak district of the Government of Tiflis were received on Jan. 2, when it was announced that on the previous day ten villages in the district had been destroyed.

Joe Martin Coming.

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Paris, Jan. 5.—(5.30 a.m.)—MM. Buffet and Deroulede, who were sentenced to banish-ment, left Paris by the Northern Railway

Rich Broker at Montreal Could Not Get the Court to Accept Bail.

TALE OF TELLER HERBERT

Expected to Get Fifteen Thousand Dollars From Baxter, But Got Nothing Personally.

BAXTER HAD GOT ABOUT \$40,000

Witness Paid the Money on Cheques, Some of Which Lemieux Had Initialled. Montreal, Jan. 4 .- (Special.)-The Baxtes

case again engaged the attention of the

Police Magistrate to-day, ball being once more refused, and the case adjourned over till Tuesday next.

Herbert on the Stand.

J. J. Herbert, the ex-teller, was the chief witness. He had known Baxter for four or five years, from seeing him frequently in the bank. He had spoken to him per-sonally a few days before the suspension of the bank. He expected to get the \$15,000 from Baxter, but had got nothing person-

ally. He did not apply to Baxter before the suspension of the bank.

Baxter Got \$40,000.

Baxter had got about \$40,000 from the bank altogether. This money was paid out by the witness on cheques presented by Mr. Baxter, his son or his clerks. One of the latter was named Dubord. Some of the cheques were initialed by Lemieux, which was witness' authority for cashing them, and others he cashed on his own authority, with no security, except Baxter's name. Lemieux obtained possession of the Witness knew where they were now, but

Has Set Mr. Pacaud Thinking and Five People Lost Their Lives in The Semlin Government in British \$15,000 he and not say what he wanted it for and Baxier did not promise to give it to him. Baxier, however, remarked that he could not raise that amount in a few minutes. He saw Baxter once more before

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 4.—The steamer City Victoria, B.C., Jan. 4.—The British Co- was not at the Arcade-street house all the he was. No one saw him but O'Brien, who isters hope also to be in a position to announce the conclusion of arrangements for a fast Trans-Atlantic steamship service. It scents danger ahead for the Laurier Administration if it rans counter to the strong current of pro-British opinion in the Dominion, and so virtually advises Mr. Laurier

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 4, & p. m.—Pressure is very high over the Atand a shallow depression covers the Lake Superior region. The weather has been generally fair in all portions of the Dominion, and milder in Ontario and Quebec. Minimum and maximum temperatures:

ton, 6 below-6; Qu'Appelle, 6 below-2; Winnipeg, 4-14; Port Arthur, 14-28; Parry Sound, 16-32; Toronto, 22-34; Ottawa, zero-16; Montreal, 4-22; Quebec, zero-12; Halifax, 6-20. Lake Superior-Westerly winds, fair and Manitoba-Fine and cold.

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