

SOUTH AFRICA. Kruger Has Been Virtually a Prisoner Since Arriving at Lourenzo Marquez.

Five Coldstream Guards Killed and Nineteen Injured by the crashing of a Train by the Boers.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—Lord Wolseley, the commander in chief, in an open letter, asks the public wishing to honor the returning soldiers "to refrain, while extending them a hearty welcome, from offering them intoxicating liquors, as like all of us, they are open to temptation."

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 3.—The military governor on Sept. 28 informed headquarters that he would be prepared for the return of 3,000 or 4,000 refugees weekly after October 10.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—The restrictions around Kruger are increasing and he is virtually a prisoner, says a despatch from Lourenzo Marquez. He had been allowed to use the Portuguese governor's carriage. While driving yesterday he met a party of burghers and made them a patriotic speech. The governor has now refused the use of his carriage. Kruger has been warned to make no more speeches and is forbidden to wear the green sash that is the insignia of his office. Kruger expects to sail on a Dutch cruiser for Holland next week.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The following despatch has been received from Lord Roberts: "PRETORIA, Oct. 3.—A convoy of twenty-two wagons, escorted by sixty mounted men, was attacked by 140 Boers October 1, near De Jager's Drift, while on the way to Vryheid. Twelve of the men escaped. The fate of the others is not known. The Boers detailed a train near Pander yesterday evening. Five Coldstream Guards were killed and nineteen were injured. Commandant Birkbeck, who has been opposing Paquet, has surrendered after a personal visit to Komatipoort to assure himself that Kruger had gone into Portuguese territory."

OTTAWA, Oct. 3.—Sir Alfred Milner cables under date of today from Cape Town the death from enteric fever at Johannesburg, June 7th, of 334, Pte. King, 1st Battalion C. M. F. He adds that the report had only been received.

DURBAN, Oct. 2.—In consequence of the Boers capturing a convoy of Natal volunteers between De Paegers Drift and Blood River, burning several wagons and capturing the escort, the intended home-going of the Natal Volunteers has been indefinitely postponed. This has caused a painful impression throughout the colony.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—"Sir Redvers Buller," says the Daily Mail's correspondent at Pietermaritzburg, "will not return to England, I hear, with Lord Roberts and Kitchener, but will remain in the chief command in South Africa."

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Lord Roberts has wired as follows to the war office: "Hart returned to Krugersdorp Oct. 1. He has been thirty-three days from his base, marched 310 miles, was in contact with the enemy 29 days, killed an unknown number and captured 96. The British lost three killed, three prisoners and 24 wounded. Hart brought back 2,720 head of cattle and 231 sheep.

"Buller has returned to Lydenburg from Spitzkop with a thousand sheep. "There are skirmishes with the Boers daily, but they are small affairs. "The Dublin Fusiliers made a night assault with the bayonet on a Boer laager between Pretoria and Johannesburg and captured nine men, mostly important Boers, who have troubled the district.

"A party of Boers have penetrated the southern part of Orange River colony, entering Dewetsdorp and Wepener. Detachments are after them."

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 4.—A special to the Record from New Orleans says: The British army headquarters in this city are to be closed soon. Since English officers were sent here in August, 1899, to purchase supplies 15,000 horses

and 12,000 mules have been shipped to Cape Town, as well as large quantities of forage and other supplies, the pay thereon being about \$10,000,000 in English gold.

TORONTO, Oct. 4.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: Another lot of Canadians who for some time have been confined in English hospitals, having been invalided from South Africa, sailed today by steamship Vancouver for Montreal. There were forty in the party. Sergeant Major J. Widgery of A squadron, R. C. D., first battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles, is in charge of the men, among whom are Pte. J. H. Robertson, 62nd St. John Fusiliers, P. Co., first contingent; Pte. Wm. McMullin, 8th Hussars, G. Co., first contingent; Pte. W. Irwin, 53rd Cumberland battalion, Quebec Co., first contingent; Pte. D. Oaborn, Nova Scotia Co., first contingent. Hon. Dr. Borjén, minister of militia, sailed on the steamship Nudnik today accompanied by Mrs. Borjén. He expects to reach Canada in time to participate in the dominion election campaign.

CHINA SITUATION.

Propositions of far Reaching Character Being Presented in Rapid Succession.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Propositions of a far-reaching character concerning China are being presented in rapid succession to the government. The state department had no sooner disposed of one of these propositions today, by delivering a response to the German government, than it was confronted by an even more important proposition, submitted by the French government, and the Russian government. The answer to Germany covered the subjects of punishing Chinese offenders and made known that the United States had instructed Minister Coeger along the lines suggested by Germany. The instructions look towards securing the names of the persons deserving chastisement, also whether the punishments accord with the gravity of the crimes committed and, finally, in what manner the United States and the other powers are to be assured that satisfactory punishment is inflicted. Aside from the specific purposes of the note, it is regarded as important chiefly in establishing the most satisfactory relations between the governments at Washington and Berlin. The Franco-Russian proposition takes a much broader scope and submits a programme under which the negotiations for a complete settlement can be carried forward. The French charge, M. Thebaud, handed the proposition to Secretary Hay shortly after noon today, and held a brief conference concerning it. Half an hour later Mr. Wolcott, the Russian charge, arrived at the state department and handed to Mr. Hay a note expressing Russian approval of the proposition just submitted by France. Mr. Hay gave no formal answer, but they will go first to the president at Canton.

The Franco-Russian proposition is under four heads, namely, first, the punishment of the guilty parties; second, interdiction of the shipment of arms into China; third, permanent indemnity to be paid to the United States; and fourth, sufficient guarantees for the future. In addition, a suggestion is made for the establishment of a permanent legation at Peking for the raising of Taku forts and for the maintenance of a line of communication between Peking and the coast.

The impression here, in advance of action on these propositions by our government, is that they contain nothing essentially unfitting them to be subjects of consideration in a final settlement. The difficulty which is likely to arise lies in the placing of proper limitations upon the scope of each head. This is particularly true of the subject of indemnity. Still, as already suggested, each is undoubtedly a most proper subject for the discussion when the final negotiations are reached, and therefore M. Delcasse's broadest proposition, while likely to consume some time in reducing them to an ultimate and binding form, may be said to have a fair reception awaiting them.

As to the interdiction of arms, the state department already has intimated that this may be a question as to its wisdom, and there is reason to believe that Germany will not view that particular feature with approval. But there appears to be good reason to expect that a middle ground will be reached by confining the interdiction of arms to a specified period, possibly to be fixed by the time required by China within which to pay the indemnity. The chief objection to the proposition is in its being permanent in its present form.

What the United States government particularly desires to avoid is entering into a programme that leaves any manner toward the maintenance of a foothold on Chinese soil, and if the other propositions relative to the maintenance of a line of free and safe communication between Peking and the coast and to the legation at Peking, modified in the direction of temporary expedients, they will be more likely to receive the support of our government. It is apparent from the complexity of the latest Franco-Russian proposals that this phase of the negotiations will take some time to dispose of.

MONTREAL, Oct. 4.—H. T. Stenson, M. P. for Richmond and Wolfe, has resigned to accept the position of collector of customs at Sherbrooke. The appointment is to be made in a few days.

BOSTON LETTERS.

A. O. H. Claim Heavy Damages from Canada.

Capt. Fred Jenkins of the St. John Police on the Track of a Suspected Murderer.

Hon. H. D. Yerxa, of York County, N. B. Renominated by the Cambridge Republicans—A Bogus J. C. Ristein—Deaths of Former Provincialists—The Lumber and Fish Markets.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

BOSTON, Oct. 3.—The air is full of politics, and the politicians expect to do a vast amount of speech-making during the month that remains of the campaign for 1900. The republicans are claiming a walkover for President McKinley, and the majority of eastern business men look for his election. The McKinley men have with them the financial interests, and the corporations are prepared to spend money like water in states where their chances appear in jeopardy. Some of the democratic leaders are no more honest politically than the syndicate capitalists and the others are presenting controlling the republican machinery, but the trouble with them is that they have not as big a campaign barrel as they would like. American politics seems to be becoming more and more corrupt. In some of the states a fair count of the votes has been impossible for years and in others the influence of corporations is so great that they can frequently control the election. Many fear that before many years the presidency itself will be lowered to a basis of dollars and cents.

Attorney James P. Bree of New Haven in his capacity, as secretary of the national council, Ancient Order of Hibernians, is authority for the statement that a heavy suit for damages may be brought against the Canadian government in behalf of the order. A month or more ago Mr. Bree sent to the various district representatives of the O. H. the minutes of the last national meeting. These minutes contained "pro-Boer" resolutions. A package sent to Montreal never reached its destination. An investigation by Mr. Bree through the transmitting express company revealed the fact that the package was seized by the Canadian government at the border.

State Detective P. F. Murray of Worcester and Deputy Sheriff Warren E. Tarbell of East Brookfield have in their possession a photograph of the man seen in Fredericton in August, who is suspected by James E. Burden of Melbourne, Australia, of the murder of three members of the Newton family at Brookfield in 1898. Deputy Sheriff Tarbell says the photo resembles Mueller's face, but is not absolutely sure that they are on the right track. According to the Worcester authorities, the suspect, who had been working for Isaac Burden in Fredericton, left there about Aug. 20. He was seen in St. John Aug. 23, and Capt. Fred Jenkins of the St. John police thinks the man sailed from there on the ship "Toppet" for Melbourne, Australia. If further evidence warrants the trouble, it is said the Melbourne officials will be asked to hold the suspect.

Rev. William B. King, rector of Christ Episcopal church, Cambridge, has resigned on account of ill health. Rev. Mr. King was born in Charlotte, N. B., and was educated under the supervision of Rev. G. W. Hodgson of that city, and later at King's College, Windsor. For a time he was curate in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Boston, under Father Hall, now Bishop of Vermont, and had been rector of St. Luke's, Halifax. Rev. Mr. King has been rector of Christ church since 1892.

Hon. Henry D. Yerxa, a native of York county, N. B., has been renominated by the republicans of Cambridge for member of the governor's council.

A man calling himself J. C. Ristein, and claiming to be a brother of Frederick S. Ristein of Fredericton, formerly of Fredericton, is under arrest at New Brunswick, N. J. He was thought to be a murderer, but since his arrest it was found he was wanted here for alleged embezzlement. Frederick S. Ristein says that the man is no relation to him, as far as known. He has two brothers, named J. C. Ristein, one of which is a sash and blind manufacturer in Fredericton, and another, John C., in Cape Nome.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. McLeod of 118 Pembroke street, this city, provincialists, were robbed of \$1,000 by a burglar this week. They had just returned from the provinces and had the amount largely in Canadian money.

The British Naval and Military Veterans of Boston at a meeting Monday evening passed resolutions commending the choice of Field Marshal Lord Roberts as commander in chief of her majesty's forces. The following honorary members were elected: Col. J. C. McDonald, inspector of post offices for Nova Scotia; Rev. M. H. Bullock, honorary chaplain of the Queen; Col. Vincent Robert Blasco, commander of British forces in Canada, and Maj.-Gen. M. H. O'Grady-Haley, C. B. D., Ottawa. The veterans were much impressed by their recent trip to Halifax.

Mrs. Fannie Stewart, who was married to David A. Stewart in Halifax in 1884, has obtained a divorce in the Suffolk county court on the ground of desertion.

Guy Muroche of Calais was the umpire at the first football game at Harv-

ard this fall, that between Harvard and Wesleyan university.

Dr. F. W. Jackson of New York, who has just returned from a hunting expedition in the Tobique region, makes sharp criticism of his former colleagues. The burden of his story is that "the guides and nearly everybody else with whom sportsmen come in contact think it part of their duty to get the better of the animal. Said the doctor: 'I have been there for three consecutive seasons, and each year conditions have been getting worse, until now they are so bad that I can't refrain from expressing my disgust at the methods used. Everybody tries to 'do' you first. When a man makes a contract with you to take your tent and the rest of your hunting outfit into the woods for a certain sum, he will stop two-thirds of the way in and refuse to go any further unless you raise your price. This is just one example of the way they do things. I know for a fact that some of the guides are in control of things, tell the guides not to get any moose for their parties, so that when they come out without any trophies they can sell them heads at prices far in advance of the actual cost. Over my hand you meet with treatment like this, and the only wonder is that sportsmen keep coming as long as they have. It's a great country over there, and if the management of the game matters was as satisfactory and successful as in Maine it would be a great place. The way things are here is simply unbearable.'

The following death notices are announced: In Everett, Sept. 29, Mrs. Hannah T. Armstrong, wife of William J. Armstrong, formerly of St. John, in Boston Highlands, Sept. 30, John J. Bowen, widow of William Bowen, formerly of St. John, in East Boston, Sept. 30, Edward W. Young, child of James E. L. and Charlotte McLaughlin, parents formerly of St. John, in this city, Oct. 1, James B. Sweet, aged 50 years, formerly of Andover, N. S.

F. S. Miller and J. M. Johnson of St. John, F. R. Pierce of Hopedale and Mr. and Mrs. J. Burns of Halifax were in the city recently.

Spruce continues firm, with the tendency upward. Spruce boards are scarce and higher, matched 12 foot boards No. 2 being quoted at \$17. Full agreement prices are being quoted throughout the list, which has now been in existence three months. Ten and 12 in. dimensions are worth \$17; 9 in. and under, \$15; 10 and 12 in. random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$16.50, and merchantable boards, \$15 and \$16. Hemlock continues scarce and firm at \$13 to \$15 for Canadian. Shingles are quiet and easy at \$2.60 to \$2.70 for extra cedar and \$2.25 to \$2.35 for clear. Laths are firm and in very good demand at \$2.50 to \$2.75 for 6-8 in. and at \$2.25 to \$2.50 for 11-2 1/2 in.

Mackerel is firmer on a falling off in receipts. Prices have advanced \$12 to \$13.50 for plain out of vessel and \$14 to \$14.50 for rimmed. Three thousand barrels of salt mackerel were received from the provinces last week. Prices held at \$9 to \$9.50 per bbl. Another lot mackerel from P. E. I. sold at \$10.50 to \$11 per bbl. of 24. Codfish are firmer all along the line. For large dry bank \$4.50 is asked, \$4.25 and \$4.50 for large shore and Georges. N. S. barrel herring are steady at \$6.25 to \$6.50 for large split and \$5.75 to \$6 for medium. Canned lobsters are steady at 16c, and boiled at 18c.

HALIFAX.

Dock Yard Officials Notified to Make Preparations to Disembark the Canadian Regiment.

General Movement on Foot to Have a Memorable Demonstration—Trying to Buy Russell Off.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 3.—A telegram to the dock yard from the transport officer at Cape Town notifies the officials here to make preparation for the disembarkation of the Canadian regiment on October 25. A general movement on foot to have a memorable demonstration on the occasion of the soldiers arrival here. One proposal is to erect a number of triumphal arches in the principal streets. Mayor Hamilton has called a special meeting of the city council for Monday evening to decide what the municipality shall do and to appoint committees to carry out details.

Liberals in four counties in Nova Scotia—Halifax, Lunenburg, Pictou and Cape Breton—will hold nominating conventions next Tuesday. The Halifax liberals' executive, at a meeting in this city, took another step in the turning down of Russell. They decided to propose as their candidates William Roche and W. B. Wallace. The latter is a lawyer, and it would not do to run two lawyers, as would be the case if Russell were named in this ticket. The executive sent a delegation to Russell, asking him on what conditions he would withdraw from the contest. He deferred making an answer. Meanwhile Dartmouth liberals are organizing in support of Russell.

WON SCHOLARSHIPS.

It is pleasing to note that two young ladies from St. John high school now at McGill were scholarship winners at the recent examinations. Miss Katharine F. Wisdom captured a prize of \$200, which, however, carried with it the requirement of residence in the Royal Victoria College, or \$125 without residence. This is a second year scholarship, and the only one offered. Miss Helen Freeze, daughter of Robert Freeze, won a scholarship of \$300. Her papers showed over 300 marks.

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BOSTON.

The Maritime Provincial Club Entered the Ladies' Auxiliary

Covers were laid for about eighty of the sons and daughters of the maritime provinces on September 20th in the large banquet hall of the United States hotel. The occasion was a banquet tendered by the Maritime Provincial Club to the lady officers and members of the newly formed Ladies' Auxiliary, which was instituted on the 13th of September. About thirty ladies were initiated on that occasion, under the supervision of A. C. Chisholm, president of the M. P. Club, assisted by D. A. McDonald and W. J. Fisher.

After initiation of members, the ladies proceeded to the election of officers and the following were installed for the remainder of the present year: Miss Tilly Mitchell, president; Annie Bradley, vice-president; Miss Theresa Gallagher, rec. sec'y; Miss Barbara McDonald, cor. sec'y; Miss Margaret Fisher, treasurer; Miss Florrie McDonald, warden; Mrs. A. G. McDonald, fin. sec'y.

At the banquet President Chisholm of the M. P. Club presided and introduced the speakers of the evening. On his right sat Miss Mitchell, president of the newly formed Ladies' Auxiliary. Prominent among the members present were Dr. William Johnson, Dr. John McKinnon and D. A. McDonald. After dinner speeches were made by President Chisholm, Miss Mitchell, Dr. Johnson, James Grant and D. A. McDonald. Song and story were interspersed.

The affair was very joyous and contributed greatly to a better understanding of the aims and objects of both societies. All the speakers dealt with problems confronting both clubs and urged co-operation in order to carry on the work for their mutual advantage. Enthusiasm for the work was most marked and on all sides were heard expressions of wishes that the future may hold many opportunities for similar reunions.

The following ladies and gentlemen were present: Miss Tilly Mitchell, Miss Annie Bradley, Miss Margaret Fisher, Miss Barbara McDonald, Miss Lizzie McDonald, Miss Nellie Phelan, Miss Nellie Cashon, Miss M. A. McDonald, Miss Katie McDonald, Miss Margaret J. McDonald, Miss Flora S. McDonald, Miss Annie McDonald, Miss M. E. McDonald, Miss Elizabeth McDougall, Miss Mary McAdams, Miss Annie McGilvray, Miss Katie Carroll, Miss J. Grant, W. D. McDonald, Miss Bella Campbell, Miss Helen C. McKinnon, Miss Nellie Gallagher, Miss Mary Mitchell, Miss Nellie Mitchell, Miss Clara Cunningham, Mrs. Cassie M. Gillis, Mrs. A. G. McDonald.

A. G. McDonald, D. A. McDonald, Jas. Grant, W. D. McDonald, John McKenzie, J. A. Gillis, A. C. Chisholm, W. J. O'Donnell, W. J. Fisher, C. F. McPherson, A. D. McPherson, R. Mc-

BRITISH ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Oct. 4, 2 a. m.—The results of yesterday's polling in the parliamentary general election were less striking than those of Tuesday. The conservative majorities will show increases in numerous contests, but in a less marked degree. On the other hand, the liberals have gained additional seats.

On the whole, the indication this morning is that there will not be such changes in the complexion of the new parliament. As matters stand now out of the 257 candidates returned the relative strength of parties is as follows: Ministerialists, 212; liberals, including labor members, 47; nationalist, 25. Although the liberals have gained ten seats and the conservatives seven. Only one conservative seat was gained yesterday, but it was a very important victory, in the Brightside division of Sheffield, an industrial constituency. The seat for ten years by the late Anthony J. Mandella, who was succeeded by Fred Maddison in 1897, the Maddison majority of 183 was converted by J. F. Hope, ministerialist, into a conservative majority of 96. At Derby the liberals had a striking success, recovering there two seats wrested in the general election of 1895 from Sir William Vernon-Harcourt and Sir Thomas Ross by Sir Henry Howe Beaumont and Geoffrey Drake.

LONDON, Oct. 5, 4 a. m.—The "khaki" boom has swept the country. Yesterday's pollings are a tale of increased ministerialist and diminished liberal majorities. The returns from the rural districts today (Friday) and tomorrow may do something to rehabilitate the liberals; but the results thus far have fully justified Mr. Chamberlain and the party organizers who are backing the government in their choice of the moment to dissolve parliament.

Few will doubt that an appeal to the country a month or two earlier would have produced an even more remarkable unionist outburst. Nevertheless, the ministerialists may already congratulate themselves on being returned with an increased majority. Yesterday the conservatives gained twelve seats against three gained by the liberals.

METHODIST MISSION BOARD.

KINGSTON, Oct. 4.—The general board of missions of the Methodist church is now meeting here. The receipts of the year were \$25,488, an increase of \$9,569, the largest ever reported. Every conference but one showed an increase. The expenditure was \$20,224.48, an increase of \$2,253.41 over the previous year. The expenditure in the various departments were: Home missions, \$88,000; Indian work, \$48,000; French work, \$26,000; Chinese and Japanese work in British Columbia, \$5,000; Japan, \$22,728; West China, \$9,000. The balance will be for various needs and expenses. The deficit was \$4,755.48.

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