LONDON, CANADA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1899.

WHOLE NO., 11841

Births, Marriages, Death

McBRIDE-In this city, on Thursday, Dec. 28, Enid Leona McBride, aged 7 years. Funeral private.

GRANT-At the family residence, 127 Maitland street, on Dec. 28, Wm. Grant. Funeral op Saturday morning, at 8:30, from above residence, to St. Peter's Cathedral.
Triends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

Amusements and Lectures GRAND OPERA HOUSE-

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-MATINEE-What Happened to Jones NIGHT-Why Smith Left Home

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20=Round | Jimny Smith Glove Sandow Snyder

Contest A. St. Pierre, Detroit, and B. Carroll, Rochester, 10 rounds. T. Taylor and T. Barber, 6 rounds. Admission -25c, 50c, 75c. 39g xvtzyxw

TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL By Mr. W. H. Hewlett, TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON

at 4 o'clock, DUNDAS CENTER METHODIST CHURCH Assisted by Mrs. Caldwell, soprano, of To-Admission silver collection at the door.

TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL BY MR.
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money. Apply this office.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of We the undersigned citizens and electors of We the undersigned citizens and electors of Ward No. !, hereby request that a public mass meeting be called in the City Hall, on Saturday night, Dec. 30, to discuss municipal affairs. F. E. Lea, F. Hazelgrove, Geo. W. Pitt, and

To F. E. Lea and others. Gentlemen:—In accordance with the above request I have called a meeting of the electors of Ward No. 1, for Saturday, Dec. 30, at 8 p.m., in the City Hall.

JOHN D. WILSON, Mayor. 41u

Mayor's Office, Dec, 27, 1899. NOTICE - WE THE UNDERSIGNED NOTICE — WE THE UNDERSIGNED ratepayers respectfully request the electors of the north and east of the township to support Mr. Thomas Ramsay, as he is the only candidate who resides within the limits of St. George's ward. Signed on behalf of the ward: H. Hall, John Fleming, G. H. Routledge, Fred R. Sleight, Geo. A. Routledge, Wm. Routledge. Hyde Park, Dec. 28, 1899.



WELLAND CANAL. NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the under-signed and indorsed. "Tender for Im-provements at Port Colborne," will be received at this office until 16 o'clock on Friday, the 26th day of January, 1909, for the works of improvement at the upper entrance to the Welland

Plans and specifications of the works can be seen on and after the 26th day of December, 1899, at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, and at the Superintending Engineer's office at St. Catharines. Printed forms of tender can also be obtained at the places mentioned. In the case of firms there must be attached to the tender the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same, and further, an accepted bank check for the sum of \$10,000 must accompany the tender. The accepted bank check must be indorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the work at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted. The accepted bank check thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders

are not accepted.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Contractors are specially notified that the conditions requiring the works to be wholly completed by the 30th day of June, 1902, will be rigidly enforced and all penalties for delay encoted. By order

acted. By order.
L. K. JONES,
Secretary, Dept. Rwys. and Canals,
Department of Railways and Canals,
Uttawa, December 21, 1600.

Large Variety The Situation At Ladysmith

Defenses Have Been British Made Almost Impregnable.

Fighting on Sunday South of Elandslaagte--British Defeated the Burghers and Destroyed Their Tents-Boers Driven Back in Front of Buller's Lines==10,000 Yeomanry May Be Mobilized by British Authorities.

Kruger Thinks Britain Will Yet Sue for Peace-The Heat at Ladysmith Is Intense-Tramway Built on Which to Move the Heavy Guns-The Casualties at Mafeking-Duke of Marlborough's Offer Accepted-Cousin of the Duke Going to the Front.

was false.

London, Dec. 29.—The British war the Daily Chronicle gives an explanaoffice has notified the Duke of Marlborough that his offer to serve in South Africa as a captain of Imperial Yeemanry is accepted, says a London cable. The duke expects to sail about the end of January.

John Chamberlain, cousin of the duke, Lady Randolph's second son, now 18 years old, is accepted as a lieutenant in the same corps.

FIGHTING. Chieveley Camp, Dec. 25, 4:35 p.m.-TICENSES TO MANUFACTURE THE Reports from native sources state that there was fighting yesterday south of advantage of knowing the country and of selecting the scene of contest withelandslaagte. The Boers engaged out the burdens of a cumberson comcame from Helpmaakar. The British

> at Helpmaakar now. Chieveley Camp, Natal, Wednesday, Dec. 27.-A heavy Boer gun on Bulwhana Hill fired steadily upon Lady-

> smith throughout the morning. Ladysmith did not respond. The enemy having been again detected attempting to improve the trenches facing Gen. Buller, the British heavy guns opened upon them, and

> the Boers scampered back into the hills. The British patrols sighted the enemy in force on our extreme left. Nine Boers were killed in a skirmish that

followed and six Boer wagons were

captured. SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION. London, Friday, Dec. 29, 4:30 a.m.-The dispatches from the front all represent the Boers as in nervous condidition and all in fear of the advance, but this is probably an exaggeration. It is now estimated that the war will cost at least £60,000,000, and it is suggested that the sinking fund of the national debt should be suspended for five or six years in order to defray

the cost. The Transvaal Government, according to information supplied by Boer sympathizers, threaten to reduce the rations of British prisoners if Great Britain stops the entrance of food by Delagoa Bay.

THE YEOMANRY.

The Imperial Yeomanry committee has issued a statement that the government considers the formation and dispatch of yeomanry as one of the most pressing needs of the situation, as intimated that it is now prepared to accept from 8,000 to 10,000 yeomanry, instead of 3,000 formerly asked for. It is expected that the first contingent of 1,000 will sail about the middle of January.

The government has announced that

It will accept the service of a battery. from the Honorable Artillery Com-pany. It will be attached to the city imperial corps. Lady Chesham and Lady Georgiana

Curzon have issued an appeal for public funds to establish a field hospital for the yeomanry.

CRITICISING THE GOVERNMENT. London, Friday, Dec. 29-4:40 a.m.-During the continued lull in the military operations in South Africa, the papers are filled with letters and articles criticising the government and the campaign, and suggesting remedies, improvements, alterations in the plans and the like. The Times complains of "needless censorship and concealment." It cites the fact that nothing has yet transpired to show how Gen. Gatacre came to lose 600 men at Stormberg.

Town dispatches complain of the inadequacy of the hospital ar-FALSE ALARM CAUSED BY WIND. The Modder River correspondent of

Female Help Wanted WANTED - EXPERIENCED VISITING governess for young ladies. Address M., cape Advertiser office. WANTED-COAT, PANT AND VEST-MAKERS to take work home: constant employment. Apply A. Christie, R. Greene Manufacturing Company, Richmond street. 39c xvt WANTED-VESTMAKER-NONE BUT

Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg, dated Saturday, Dec. 23, says: "Every day reveals some new fact regarding the strength of the Borer position at Colenso. We are no longer fighting a foe which relies on guerilla tactics, but we have to deal with what is rapidly becoming, under continental officers, a disciplined army, enjoying the

tion of a sudden rifle fire inexplicably

opened from the Boers. He says: The

Boers have wires stretched along the

ground in front of the trenches and connected with lamps. If a wire be

touched a lamp is extinguished, thus giving warning. The fire ceased when

the Boers discovered that the alarm

STRENGTH OF BOER POSITIONS.

London, Dec. 29.-A dispatch to the

the hills near Colenso into fortresses troops defeated the Burghers and destroyed their tents. There are no Boers at Helpmaakar now. ishing rapidity. The main positions are connected with the outlying positions by underground passages, the forts proper bristle with machine guns, that command the approaches Probably mines are laid. One hears less nowadays about Boer shells not bursting. Observers of the

Colenso fight say the Boer shell fire was very effective. This is due largely to the fact that the distances are marked off with white paint. The enemy's discipline is improving. trenches represent great manual labor, for which the Boers have a keen dislike, and the way in which they restrained their fire when our troops were advancing is another proof of

improved soldiering." WHAT CHURCHILL SAYS. Durban, Natal, Saturday, Dec. 23.-Mr. Winston Churchill, on arriving here, after his escape from the Boers, received a tremendous ovation. says that from conversations with members of the Transvaal executive at Pretoria, he learns that the Boers began the war with trepidation, but that President Kruger is now confi-den Great Britain will soon

SUE FOR PEACE. In the highest Transvaal circles, Mr. Churchill asserts, there is serious talk of a compromise, by which Great Britain would cede the territory now occupied by the armies of the two republics, pay an indemnity of £20,000,-000, and acknowledge the complete independence of the Transvaal.

HEAT AT LADYSMITH. London, Dec. 29.—According to a dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Wednesday, Dec. 20, the heat then was intense, being 104° Fahr., in the shade. There were many cases of enteric fever in the town at that time, but not enough to cause alarm. On the other hand, reports from Boer sources on

continent assert that typhoid fever is epidemic in Ladysmith. A correspondent of the Daily News at Frere camp announces that a tramway is being constructed from the rail-way to a hill commanding the Boer position, and that along this the British will convey heavy guns.

A NEW DEPARTURE PROPOSED. Mr. Henry Spencer Wilkinson, the Morning Post's military expert, in his review of the situation today, says: The time has apparently arrived for the nation to insist, if not upon a military dictatorship, at least upon the admission into the cabinet of a military minister. empowered to veto any proposals detrimental to the successful prosecution of the war, and also that the administration of the army should be placed wholly in the hands of a tried military administrator."

POTT'S POSITION.

London, Dec. 29 .- A correspondent of the Standard at Lorenzo Marquez says: "Delagoa Bay is the residence of Herr Pott, a Hollander, who is consul-general for the Transvaal and consul for the Netherlands. Pott is the principal medium between Pretoria and Dr. Medium between Pretoria and Dr. Leyds, in Europe. He controls the Netherlands Railway through the Transvaal, and is the head of the Transvaal customs. He also is head of the Dutch East Africa Company, and has the car of the Portuguese government. and has the ear of the Portuguese governor, as well as the chief of each department. It is openly asserted that Pott has a private wire to the frontier, and knows 24 hours before others what is happening. About him gather all the other consuls, the Portuguese officials and the German forwarding agents. If Delagon Bay is closed the

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Boers will retaliate by raiding Portuguese territory."

HOT AND ANGRY. Mafeking, Dec. 12, via Mochudi, Dec. 19.—The following is published by Col. Baden-Powell: Gen. Symman has written regarding our circular to the burghers, advising them to return home, that he is very incensed at its having been sent directed to the burghers themselves. He is also apparently much annoyed at the remark in the circular that sitting down and looking at a place is not the way to take it. He challenges us to come out and drive him away. He also explains that so far from the burghers being kept in ignorance by their commanders and newspapers, the opposite is the case. "The hot and angry lines of Com-mandant Synman's letter show that

in sending the circular to his men, as well as to himself, we touched him upon the raw, and that the circular is of some importance to him.
"Our casualties up to the present are 33 killed and 55 wounded. The total killed and wounded, including natives, is 134. The garrison is well. Bombarding and sniping continue daily. Several have been killed and wounded during the week by shell and rifle

Enemy Mount a New Gun on Surprise Hill.

Ladysmith Well Off for Provisions -Casualties Since the Siege Began,

70 Killed, 236 Wounded. Pietermaritzburg, Diec. 27.-A dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Dec. 22, "The Boers have mounted another howitzer on Surprise Hill, re-placing the gun captured in the sortis of the Rifle Brigade. While they watch us nightly with a searchlight, and bombard the place daily, they show no signs of assaulting the town. They probably think they can starve us out, but we have plenty of provisions. The total casualties since the

siege are 70 men killed and 236

MANY BOER DESERTERS. Winston Churchill, cabling to the New York World, says that although the Boers are confident that if the war continues they will drive the British into the sea, they want to return to their farms, and complain bitterly of hardships in the field. Although the Boer loss probably does not succeed 2,000, batches of deserters from the commandoes are daily brought back to the front by the police. The last reserves have been called out, and the only burghers remaining on the farms are those who are unfit or have bribed the officials. Among the latter a considerable proportion are devoted to the British cause, who, while unable to leave the country, would not draw a trigger on the British troops. The food supplies are not large, and latterly the crops have suffered terribly from locusts. The tight British grip on Delagoa Bay must be felt also.

A FORMIDBLE FOE. Reviewing the general situation, it is foolish not to recognize that the British are fighting a formidable and terrible adversary of high qualities, The burghers increase their efficiency, and their government, although vilely corrupt, devotes its whole energy to military operations. Time, is however, on the British side, and must weaken the republic, just as the Confederate States in America, through There is no hurry, but attrition. Great Britain must collect overwhelm-

ing masses of troops. It will be much cheaper in the end to send more troops than necessary. BOER REPORTS.

Pretoria, Monday, Dec. 25.-Gen. Schalkburger reports, under dates of Dec. 23, that trains are now running to Colenso, indicating that the Boers have built a connection around Lady-

Gen. Cronje reports from the Mod-der River, Dec. 24, that the Boers cap-

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