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LONDON, CANADA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1899.

Births, Marriages, Death

MARRIED. ORIFFIN—BURTON—In this city on Dec. 19, 1809, by Rov. G. B. Sage, Mr. Walter Griffin, of Palmerston, formerly of London, to Miss Carrie Burton, of this city.

Amusements and Lectures **GRAND OPERA HOUSE**

MR. JOHN GRIFFITH, in

"THE THREE MUSKETEERS." Prices-25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Seats now on sale, GRAND OPERA HOUSE. MATINEE AND NIGHT.

Saturday. December 23. WHY SMITH LEFT HOME. Popular prices—Matinee 15c, 25c. Night 15c, 35c, 50c.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE Christmas Day, Dec. 25. MATINEE AND NIGHT.

Vera De Noies' Big Scenic Production, "DEVIL'S ISLAND." (The Dreyfus Affair). The topic of the hour. Produced by a first-class cast and all of the briginal scenery used in the 14th street, N. Y., production, including the marvelous ship scenes. Prices—Matinee, 25c, 35c and 50c. Night, 25c, 50c and 75c. Seats now on sale.

TOMORROW MORNING PLAN OPENS at Auditorium for Watkin Mills' song recital, Thursday evening, Dec. 28. Prices, 50c and 75c.

TRUNKS WANTED IN STATE ROOMS on the Cunard line should not exceed 14 inches in height and two feet in width. Other nformation at F. B. Clarke's, Richmond street, part Advantiser.

A LLAN AND BEAVER LINE STEAM-SHIPS offer very reasonable fares to or from the old country, via Portland, Halifax or St. Johns N.B. Inquire for rates, F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser. DO NOT BE A WALL FLOWER ANY longer. Special new term for beginners opens at Palace Dancing Academy, Monday evening, January 8. Competent teachers and low rates. Dayton & McCormick.

R. B. MILLARD, TEACHER OF DANCING and deportment. Private lessons ary hour. Waltz and up-to-date dances. 345 Princess avenue. 645

Meetings. A O. U. W.-WOODBINE LODGE MEETS
this evening. Visitors welcome. G. A.
Werner, M.W.

NOTICE — THE NOMINATIONS FOR Catholic School Trustees for the city of London, will take place at St. Peter's school, at noon on 27th December. Mr. T. J. Murphy, Returning Officer; M. O'Sullivan, Secretary-SOCIALISM FULLY EXPLAINED—TO-NIGHT at Collins' Hall; tomorrow night at City Hall: Saturday night on Market Square. Hear Arthur Keep. All welcome.

Domestics Wanted. WANTED-GOOD COOK-NO WASHING
-Apply to Mrs. D. J. Cowan, 639 Talbot

Male Help Wanted.

WANTED-BARBER-APPLY ED. WIL-KINS, 731 Richmond street. 34u WANTED-YOUNG MAN AS STENO-GRAPHER. Must be expert. Address WANTED-10 SALESPEOPLE-AT ONCE;

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WANTED—SALESMAN—FIRST-CLASS staple man to take charge of staple department; must have at least 10 years experience. The staple department is must have at least 10 years experience. Sale with the staple department is must have at least 10 years experience. Sale with the staple department is must have at least 10 years experience. Sale with the staple department is must have at least 10 years experience. Sale with the W staple man to take charge of staple de-partment; must have at least 10 years experi-ence; good salary to right man. The Runians,

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ROSWELL'S TEA, COFFEE AND SUPPLY pecial inducements. 743 Richmond street. DAY SURE—SEND US YOUR ADDRESS and we will show you how to make \$3 a day; absolutely sure; we furnish the work and teach you free; you work in the locality where you live. Send us your address and we will explain the business fully; remember we guarantee a olear profit of \$3 for every day's work; absolutely sure; don't fail to write today. Imperia. Silverware Co., Box A 407, Windsor, Ont.

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FAVORABLE OPENING FOR GOOD In men to sell my staple household supplies, dore money can be made working for me than n any other legitinate business in Canada to-ay. Address Cooper, Drawer 531, London,

WANTED — ACTIVE MEN EVERY-WHERE to take orders for "History of South Africa and the Boer-British War."
Workers make §1 to \$10 a day. Sells like hot cakes. Freight and duty paid. Outfit malled free on request. Address, Globe Bible and Publishing Company, 723 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa. 32c

Lost and Found.

L OST-FOX TERRIER BITCH-BLACK apot on back; answers to name of Net. Reward if returned 424 St. James street. 34u LOST - WEDNESDAY EVENING - BE-TWEEN Smallman & Ingram's and Rich-mond street, a purse containing about \$34. Finder rewarded on leaving at this office, b OST-WILL THE PERSON WHO TOOK

Miscellaneous,

ST. GEORGE'S XMAS CHEER-ALL DE-SERVING persons desirous of participating in the above will please apply to either of the following members of the Relief Committee: H. T. Smith, 538 Dufferin avenue; Wm. Skinner, 326 York street; J. Pannell, 98 William street; J. Lewis, 527 Richmond street; J. H. Barons, Smith's cigar store, 125 Dundas street S. A. Roberts, 41 Regina street. R. Cadwal Allean Scorptary DRIENDS OF THE INCURABLE, THE aged and the poor are asked to send their mas donations to the "Y" rooms, 296 Dundae street. Bags have not been sent out this year as formerly. MAKE A SPECIALTY OF BEPAIRING MAKE A SPECIALTY OF MEN ATTACK olectro medical apparatus of all kinds. R. Millar, 200% Dundas street, Spencer Blook. 60tf

Board and Lodging. TO LET-ROOMS-ADDRESS BOX 68, THIS PERSONS DESIROUS OF TAKING NOR-MAL School students as boarders should apply on or before Dec. 23 to the Principal for forms of application for license. 33c POCOCK BROS.

BIG AND LITTLE ONES.

The Christmas spirit prevails in the Big We are ready for the great Christmas business with every line of seasonable footwear. Large assortment and good values give this store a distinctive leadership in the shoe trade.



Most useful gifts—anything in Footwear, Trunks, Valises. Rubber, Overshoes, Fancy Slippers and all kinds of useful gifts that will make Christmas merry.

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140 Dundas Street.

Wanted. WANTED — DIAMONDS, ANYWHERE from ¾ to 2 karat. Must be a bargain. Give weight and price. Address A. T. L., Ad-DRESS SUITS FOR SALE OR TO RENT

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\$10.00 WILL BUY A HANDSOME Quarter out oak hall stand, with British plate glass mirror, for this week only, at Keene Bros., 127 King street. FORSALE-MARE, 6-YEAR-OLD, BUGGY, harness and blanket, \$75 for lot. Apply S. Wilson, 137 Wellington street. 32c WANTED-FIRST-CLASS COOK-APPLY
matron Victoria Hospital, between 7 and
8 p.m.
THE BEST COAL AND WOOD CAN BE
had from W. G. Eadey, 771 Dundas street.
THE LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE
Telephone 1134.

CLEARING SALE OF TOYS, CHINAWALE
Insurance Co. Canada Branch, Montreal. CLEARING SALE OF TOYS, CHINAY AND CARD and novelties, at 20 per cent discount. We bought these before we decided to move to present premises and now desire to dispose of them, as we are giving up these lines. J. H. Cunningham, 662 Dundas street.

FOR SALE DELIVERY WAGON (COV ERED)—Cheap. Apply Jarvis & Vining, 101 Dundas street. TRY MIRACLE WASHING COMPOUND—
It has no equal for washing and labor sav
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& Co., sole proprietors.

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partment; must have at least 10 years experience; good salary to right man. The Runians, Gray, Carrie Co.

CASH FOR ACCEPTABLE IDEAS; STATE if patented. Address The Patent Record, Baltimore, Md.

POR SALE—TYPEWRITERS—CALL AND see The Underwood. All kinds second-hand machines to rent or for sale. Creelman Bros.' Typewriter Co., 436 Richmond street.

ALL KINDS OF POULTRY IN ABUNDAL ANCE for the Christmas trade, Turkeys as low as 8c lb, and other kinds as cheap as you can buy them on the market. We will make a specialty of Oranges, Lemons and Apples for the Christmas trade. Sweet Jamaica Oranges, 30c doz.; Valencias. 20c and 15c, or 2 doz, for 25. Choice Lemons, 15c doz., 2 doz, for 25c. W. W. Harrison, successor to T. A. Faulds, No. 8 Market Lane.

ONE TO THE TRANSVAAL—TEN BOT hair is falling out, stop it by using Amberine. Cures dandruff. No one need be bald, it positively grows new hair on bald heads. It's the only preparation that will do all we claim for it. Prepared and sold by Job Cock & Co., 58 Wellington street, London, Ont. Price \$1 per bottle.

K BENE'S, MASONIC TEMPLE, IS THE cheapest place to buy stoves or furniture. Large stock on hand. I goods from market square Saturday night return same to H. Porter, Auctioneer, and save further trouble? Warrant issued after this notice.

S2c ment on hand. Examining them you find them right. 267 Talbot street, south Market Square, GET YOUR BICYCLE CLEANED AND stored for the winter at lowest price. All kinds of repairing. D. McKensie & Co., 298 Richmond street, one door south of G.T. R. ENAMELED PIPES AND DRUMS, HAND-SOME, durable, cheap; also plain pipes and 3-tube drums. Everything first-class. Stoves put up. Jobbing promptly done. Fine ordered work a specialty. Enameling and japanning to order. The Cannom Stove and Oven Co., Limited., 197 King street. Phone 1102. See our gasoline heaters. Cash or week-ly payments. ENAMELED PIPES AND DRUMS, HAND-SOME, durable, cheap; also plain pipes

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When he leaves a pair of our fine holiday slippers in men's calf and goat, or genuine alligator opera slippers, Creole or Faust slippers in handsome styles and rich colors. There is nothing that will be received by man, woman or child with more pleasure than our fine footwear as a holiday gift, that will be useful as well

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BEST QUALITY HARD WOOD; ALSO soft wood and slabs, Phone 1312 D. H Gillies & Co., Lumber and Wood Dealer. COAL AND WOOD-BUY THE BEST-WE have them. McKenzie & McLeod, 300 Clarence street.. Phone 1083. MERRY BELLS—WE MAKE BELLS AND Brass Work. Our Babbit metals are equal to any, and cannot be beat. John Law, 121 Clarence street, London.

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J. T. Westland, 340 Richmond street, upstairs. BARGAIN-ONE FANCY WALNUT A buri upright piano, 7½ octaves, 3 pedals, full swing deek, stool and drape, only 4 months in use. A snap. Organs \$10 and upwards. Easy terms, Heintzman Co.. 217 Dundas street,

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Board of Trade Rooms, 422 Richmond Street, London.

Estate Daniel Collins

Auction Sale of Real Estate and Chattels.

TTENTION is directed to the posters ar A nouncing the sale of the real estate and effects of the late Daniel Collins, consisting of ice house and tools and good-will, Collins' Hotel, is dwellings and 7 vacant lots, in West London, together with horses, wagons, etc., and of three different parcels of farm lands in London township and farming implements. Sale in West London, on Dec. 29, 1899, at 1 p.m. Sale in London township, on Dec. 29, 1899, at 1 p.m. Particulars can also be had from Dennis Collins, Blackfriars street, West London, and 32h R. H. DIGNAN, 418 Talbot street.

Lures dandruff. No one need be bald, it positively grows new hair on bald heads. It's the only preparation that will do all we claim for it. Prepared and sold by Job Cook & Co., 58 Wellington street, London, Ont. Price \$1 per bottle.

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You TRIED THE NEW Wellington street, London, Ont. Price \$1 per bottle.

HAVE YOU TRIED THE NEW delicious as asparagus when cooked in the same way. An exquisitively-flavored acquisition to our winter list of vegetables. For sale by all prominent grocers.

SIGHTLY USED UPRIGHT PIANO. 75 caplendid condition, call quick. Sanborn & Trebilcock, 183 Dundas street, (Anderson's Bookstore.)

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We, the following ratepayers of the city of London, hereby humbly petition your Worship the Mayor to call a public mass meeting of the citizens of London, to be held in the City Hall, on Thursday evening, Dec. 21, instant, to discuss municipal matters.

J. R. MINHINNICK,

JOS. SMITH,

F. B. LEYS,

W. M. GARTSHORE.

To J. R. Minhinnick and others:
Gentlemen,—In compliance with the above petition I hereby appoint Thursday, the 21st inst., at 8 p.m., for the purpose of holding a public meeting of ratepayers to discuss municipal rates. Mayor's office, 20th Dec., 1899. Mayor.

Agricultural Savings and Loan DIVIDEND NO. 55.

NOTICE is hereby given that a divided of three per cent upon the paid-up capital stock of this company has been declared for the current half year, ending 31st December, and that the same will be payable at the company's office on and after the 2nd day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 15th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.

C. P. BUTLER, Manager.

London, Dec. 11, 1869. bwk33c 16-21-30

Stirring Story Of Friday's Fight

Santa Claus Will Bring By Bennet Burleigh, London never served together.

It is reported that he was ordered to Telegraph Correspondent,

> Gen. Buller Repeatedly Under a Deadly Fire.

British Troops Made a Gallant Fight Under Most Adverse Circumstances.

weather boot and will keep your feet | The Enemy Massing in Great Force at Stromberg.

> Talk of an Uprising in Victoria West, Cape Colony.

Boers Attack Chief Khama-New Guns and Krupp Shells for the British Force.

The Tugela Fight.

BENNETT BURLEIGH'S STORY. New York, Dec. 21 .- A dispatch to the Herald from London gives the following account of the battle of Tugeia BOERS STRONGLY ENTRENCHED. River, which was sent to the London Daily Telegraph by Bennett Burleigh, its correspondent in the field:

Friday, Dec. 15, between the Brltish telegraphing from Modder River last Saturday says: The Boer position, already formidable on Dec. 11, has since verely-contested affair. Gen. Buller, who commanded, was repeatedly under a deadly fire. Surgeon-Major Hughes, of his staff, was killed, while Lieut. F. H. S. Roberts was wounded, dying later. Other officers had narrow escapes, their horses being shot

The object of Gen. Buller's advance was to force the passage of the Tugela, carry the Boer entrenchments, and open up a road to Ladysmith the Puttick traces of

across the ridges. Gen. Hart's brigade, comprising the first battalion of he Connaught Ran-gers, the first battalion of the Royal inniskillen Fusiliers, the first battalion of the Border Regiment and the first battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusillers, was sent to ford what is known as Bridle Drift, west of Doornkop-

Gen. Hildyard's brigade, consisting of the second battalion of the Devonshire Regiment, the second battalion of the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, the second battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment, and the second battalion of the East Surrey Regiment, was directed to proceed to Col- Pretoria, dated Dec. 15, says: enso and cross the river near the iron following official Boer reports

Gen. Lyttleton's brigade, which was the King's Royal Rifle Corps, the gunners and horses killed. The British first battalion of the Durham Light are shelling the Boers in order to pre-Infantry, nad the first battalion of the vent them from crossing the bridge Rifle Brigade, was ordered to support and capturing the guns." might arise, while Gen. Barton's day, Dec. 16, says: Five hundred col-Union Fusilier Brigade, consisting of onists of the Victoria West disthe second battalion of the Royal Fusi-liers, the first battalion of the Royal British organization there, and, as in-Welsh Fusiliers, the second battalion dividuals, have openly expressed disrailway toward Mount Dangwane, to Aar.
protect the British flank and threaten. The Afrikander bundites, at a meet-

The British cavalry and field guns were stationed on either wing. The naval guns were posted in a central position on the west side of the railway, while Col. Long, with his artillery, went to the east side of the railway, on the right of the infantry. Gen. Hildyard sent ahead the Queen's Royal

West Surreys on the right, and the tance of about six miles. The Boers had evidently fully extended their line. Their extreme mo- drawing closer to the British posibility almost gave them a front in tions.

The guns were booming around Ladysmith when ours broke the silence around Colenso by shelling the foot-hills north of the Tugela River and Fort Wylie, which stands on a ridge nearest the bridge. With skill and labor the Boers had built walls and forts, and had dug successive trenches on the road, commanding every line of approach from Estcourt to Colenso. The country is bare and gently undulating, similar, indeed, to English downs. Our troops, therefore, had to advance to the Tugela without any

cover.
The battle commenced before clock in the morning, but the Boers made no reply to the heavy cannonade which our bluejackets directed on them. Few of the enemy were visible. They lay hidden behind their hill works, but on our infantry and bat-teries and cavalry nearly Colenso a sharp musketry fire was opened by the Boers from the houses on the river bank, behind which many of the enemy had been concealed for hours. CONTINUOUS ROAR OF SHOT AND

SHELL. It was 20 minutes after 6 when the Boer batteries opened fire at our field artillery, cavalry and infantry on the east of the railway. Their cannon included a Creusot 50-pounder, Krupps and Hotchkiss, the latter a machine gun, which, while being discharged, gives forth a villainous and unnerving rattatta, a sort of a voluminous of the postman's knock. The enemy's shells race.

face of the fusillade, which was really one continuous roar of shot and shell, fought gallantly on and gained Collenso.

Col. Long rushed in the batteries to get close range, when suddenly the Boers sprung up and opened a de-structive fire with Mausers, at a range of only 600 yards. Gunners and horses were rapidly shot down. With the utmost pluck our private soldiers took teams to recover the cannon, but the animals were killed and ten field pieces were not recovered, despite the heroic efforts of our fellows to get them back. It was here that Lieut. Roberts

Gen. Barton sent in some companies of Scotch and Irish Fusiliers to assist. Meanwhile Gen. Hart's brigade, shelled by the enemy and pelted from the hill tops with Mauser bullets and from the trenches on the river, met with an

equally terrible opposition.

But despite the great losses which were sustained the boys of the Irish brigade grandly won their way across the river, though a few were drowned in the passage. But they found the position untenable, and were ordered

to retire. At noon our troops withdrew to their former camp, the Boers evincing no disposition to follow. During the action the enemy's reinforcements galloped up to occupy the trenches.

London, Thursday, Dec. 21-4:40 a.m. -Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his communications have been The action which was fought on cut. A correspondent of the Daily News been greatly strengthened, extending for an area of 12 miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods through its entire length; wire fences have been placed before the trenches at every point; guns have been brought into position, and there is every intimation that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. The Times, in an editorial from the pen of a milihe British troops, quotes the maxim of Napoleon in concentrating, and regrets that Lord Methuen did not re-tire to Orange River a week ago.

TROOPS SENT TO DURBAN. The latest dispatches seem to show that the British forces are standing on the defensive at all points. Gen. Buller is ordering the troops now arriving at Cape Town to proceed to Durban to reinforce the regular column. Absence of news from him leads to the surmise that he is trying to join Gen. White by a flank movement.

BOER REPORTS. London, Dec. 20,-A dispatch from The

been given out: Gen. Lyttleton's brigade, which was "Heavy fighting continues at Col-composed of the second battalion of enso. Four British guns across the the Cameronians, the third battalion of river were put out of action and the the men by the government for equipeither Hildyard or Hart, as occasion A Cape Town dispatch dated Satur-

of the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the loyalty and have threatened to attack second battalion of the Royal Irish the railroad station, which is on the Fusiliers, proceeded to the east of the direct line between Cape Colony and De that of the Boers.

THE BRITISH GUNS OPENED THE ing that the troops in the vicinity irritate the farmers dangerously. The volunteered for service meeting proclaimed its loyalty, but depaign against the Boers.

forced the people to use expressions

and commit acts which were capable of being interpreted as disloyal. MASSING AT STORMBERG. The Daily News this morning has the following dispatch from Cape Town, dated Saturday, Dec. 16: The Devons on the left of his front, while Boers intend to make a big stand at Gen. Hart pushed on the Inniskillens, Stormberg and are amassing a great Connaught Rangers and Dublin Fusiforce at the abandoned British camp. Hers. Our front extended for a dis- One commando of 2,000 consists chiefly of rebel Dutch. The Boer forces at Mafeking are

Canadian Pluck.

PRAISED BY GEN. ROBERTS. London, Dec. 21.-Gen. Lord Roberts. who is to have full command of the British troops in South Africa, accompanied by Lady Roberts and their two daughters, arrived in London yester-He traveled from Dublin with for another 3,000 tons of hay fro Chamberlain. Their departure ada, for use in South Africa. Dublin was marked by cheering crowds, but the general made a quiet entry into London. After going to a private hotel, he spent above an hour at the war office in consultation with the Marquis of Lansdowne, the secretary of state for war. Then Gen. Roberts returned to the task of packing his effects and interviewing the officers selected for his staff. Gen. Roberts willingly assented to give to the Associated Press the following

"Circumstances naturally forbid my speaking about the campaign ahead of me, except to say that I have entire onfidence in the British soldier, and I believe that the traditions of our army will be upheld in South Africa. For the friendly interest and sympathy exhibited by many Americans, I am most deeply grateful. I feel sure the justice of our cause merits this. Though we may be at war, I can safely say that no unnecessary harshness and no acts of inhumanity will mar the fair name of this branch of the Anglo-Saxon

were soon splashing in all directions, "I cannot too warmly express my adbut our indomitable infantry, in the miration for the spirit which prevails

in our colonies. The action of Canada will always be a glorious page in the history of the sons of the empire. I look for great things from the men she has sent and is sending to the front. The reports which indicate that disloyalty exists in the Irish regiments are absolutely untrue. In the hour of danger my countrymen have ever been among the first to lay down their lives for their Queen and country, and whether the beautiful to the country and whether the country are the country and whether the country and whether the country and whether the country are the country and whether the country are the country and whether the country are the country are the country and whether the country are t ther it be against the Boers or men of any other nationality, the Irish sol-dier will be found loyal to his Queen and brave in battle. You cannot deny those reports of Irish disloyalty too strongly."

The representative learned that Gen. Roberts entertained a great friendship for Gen. Kitchener, though they have

Africa at the request of Gen. Buller.
Oftawa, Dec. 21.—In a letter to Hugh
Alexander, W. F. Thompson, of Cork,
Ireland, who is a brother of young
Richard Thompson, who came over
from Buffalo and joined the Canadian
centingent for South Africa, stafes that contingent for South Africa, states that there is great admiration felt for "plucky Canada" in sending out a contingent. The feeling generally existed that there were a good many foreign officers in the Boer forces. All the moves by their army indicated that London Standard says: The Boer gov-Germans were at the head.

THE MAILS. London, Dec. 21.-The postoffice department has posted a notice to the effect that, owing ot the Majestic, the Britannic and the Cymric being taken as transports, no White Star Line supplies via Lorenzo Marquez. states and Canada will not be dispatched Dec. 27. Letters posted next week will be forwarded by a Cunard liner, Dec. 30. The mid-week will be forwarded by a Cunard will be forwarded. steamers will go to New York on Dec. 27 or Jan. 3. Letters for the United liner, Dec. 30. The mid-week mails will be forwarded by the North Ger-man Lloyd steamer Trave, Jan. 3. NEW GUNS.

London, Dec. 21.—There have been prepared at the Woolwich arsenal, for shipment today, eight 5-inch guns, on specially designed carriages. These guns are adapted for the use of a flying column, in view of facility of attack, pursuit and retreat. They are of long range, and fire 50-pound shrapnel or lyddite shells, or common shells. The arsenal is also furnishing eighteen more 5-inch howitzers.

KRUPP SHELLS Berlin, Dec. 21 .- The district court of Hamburg has just issued an order for the arrest of a British agent named York, for hiring a number of German peasants in the neighborhood for military service. There is nothing, however, to interfere with Herr Krupp in the manufacture of steel shells for the British army: An Essen local paper announces that 25,000 such shells are being made on a rush order, and that the men are working night and

BOERS ATTACK CHIEF KHAMA. London, Dec. 21.-The war office has says: received a dispatch to the effect that the Boers attacked Chief Khama on Nev. 30. The result is not known.

MANY VOLUNTEERING. London, Dec. 21.—The appeal for yeomanry and volunteers are being reasm in all parts of the country. Lord Wolseley proposes that the forces now being raised by the Lord Mayor of London be called the City of London transport will permit. Imperial Bounties. The government expects the total of yeomanry and volunteers to reach 8,000, with Baron Chesham in command, and Lord Lonsdale as adjutant-general. The Aus-

tralian colonies are responding to the imperial government's appeal for Mr. A. J. Balfour, in his unofficial capacity, has written to the Earl of Haddington, dwelling upon the importance of the movement to raise yeo-manry and volunteer forces for South Africa. He suggests, and offers to assist, a public fund to augment the necessarily limited allowance made to

ment. It is expected that the Queen will i change her proposed visit to Italy in consequence of the war.

WEALTHY VOLUNTEERS London, Dec. 21.-The Duke of Marlborough, who is a lieutenant in the Oxfordshire yeomanry, and who has volunteered for service in South Aficar, will take with him 15 men and horses of his troop. He will personally furnish the equipment for The Earl of Warwick, the Earl of Dudley, the Earl of Lonsdale and Viscount Galway are among the other members of the aristocracy who have volunteered for service in the cam-

clared that the conduct of the troops | BOERS WERE AWAY FROM HOME Tuli, Monday, Dec. 11, via Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 16.—Col. Plumer, with a strong reconnoitering party of horsemen, has returned here after a week's expedition into the Transvaal territory. He reached a point fifty miles from Pietermaritzburg in the South African Republic, but found no Boers,

the country being seemingly empty of EFFORTS FOR ARBITRATION. New York, Dec. 20 .- Leonard Charles Van Noppen, member of the Universal Netherlands Union, arrived here today with the appeal of the union to the nations represented at the peace conference at The Hague, asking England to submit the South Africa question to arbitration and end the war in the Transvaal. Signatures to the appeal are being secured in continental Europe, and the appeal will be circulated

in America. BUGLE BLASTS.

Roberts as commander-in-chief of the Irish forces.

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216 Dundas street. ernment has recently admitted to the agencies in Europe their willingness to be moderate in regard to peace negotiations. The chief anxiety of the burghers is in regard to receiving

May Have to Cut His Way Through the Besieging Line of Boers.

Times.

Heavy Fighting at Ladysmith on Sunday Last-Boers Again Violate the Flag of Truce.

[Special Cable Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune and Toronto Globe.] WHITE'S POSITION. London, Dec. 21 .- The Times, in its leader this morning, summarizes the

military situation in gloomy terms. It "There seems to be little prospect of relieving Ladysmith by a general advance along the railway. The probability increases that if Gen. White is sponded to with the greatest enthusi- pressed for supplies he must fight his way south at all costs, in combination with such movement as Gen. Buller's

> "Viewing the situation as a whole, its gloomy gravity is apparent. Our forces in the field are widely scattered, and for a time will be unable to assume the offensive. The incubus of Ladysmith and Kimberley still dominates the position. It is clear that the problem of organizing transport is yet

unsolved." New York, Dec. 21.-The World prints the following from Chievley, Natal, dated Dec. 16:

There was heavy firing this morning at Ladysmith. Col. Bullock of the First Devonshire, three of his officers and 40 of his men were taken prisoners by Boers flying a flag of truce and looking for their wounded. An ambulance train is taking the British who were wounded in yesterday's (Friday's) battle at the Tugela River to Estcourt and Pietermaritzburg. An armistice has been asked for until midnight to bury the dead. The Boers can be seen today placing guns in new positions commanding the camp. The heat is intense, but the British troops

are well.
The Daily Mail prints a dispatch from Chievley camp, dated Saturday, which says: There is an armistice till midnight in order to bury the dead and remove the wounded. Meanwhile the enemy is placing fresh guns so that they may cover our ambulance parties. They express themselves as satisfied with yesterday's battle, boast that they cannot be turned out of their present positions.

The Dutch stripped our dead. During the fighting some heroic deeds were performed, the irregulars vying with the regulars for distinction. Lieut. Ponsonby, of Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry, and Pte. Farmer, of the Natal Carbineers attempted to save some of their comrades at imminent peril to their own lives. An injured man, carried by Lieut. Ponsonby, was mortally wounded while in the arms of that officer.

ROBERTS' PARTING MESSAGE. London, Dec. 21.-The parting message which Lord Roberts sent yesterday through the Associated Press to the American people, is republished in The war office has placed an order London today, and occupies the forefor another 3,000 tons of hay from Can-ada, for use in South Africa.

They characterize the straight, simple There are reports that the Duke of words as eminently soldierly, and as Connaught will succeed Gen. Lord having the ring which should mark the relations between the Anglo-Saxon peoples. Although it arrived too late The subscriptions started in the Brit- for the usual editorial comment on its ish colony in the City of Mexico in contents, the display headlines that behalf of the widows and orphans of his references to America's friendli-British soldiers killed in the Transvaal, ness and Canada's patriotism, and his has already reached the sum of \$7,500. repudiation of the charges of Irish dis-The Madrid correspondent of the loyalty, are widely approved.



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