

Births, Marriages, Death

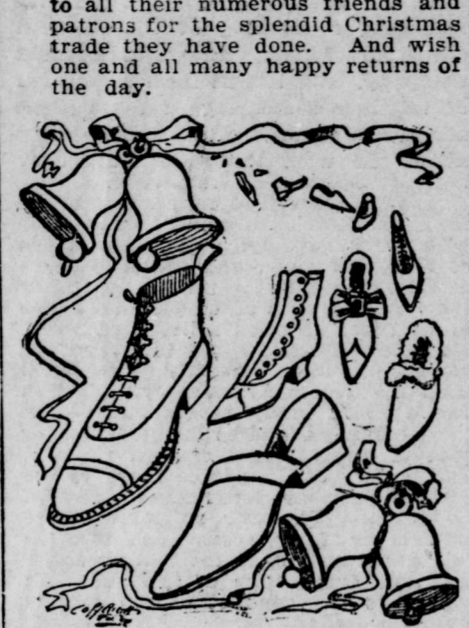
MARRIED. RATHBONE-STINCHCOMB - At the residence of the bride's father, 465 Dundas street, on Monday, December 25, by Rev. Dr. Saunders, Mr. R. Rathbone, of London, to Miss A. Stinchcomb.

Amusements and Lectures

GRAND OPERA HOUSE - The Lyceum Company. Tonight, Thursday, "Merchant of Venice." Friday, "Othello." Saturday matinee, "The Merry Wives of Windsor." Sunday night, "Hugo and Juliet."

Happy New Year.

Pocock Bros., Big Busy Shoe Store, Return Thanks to all their numerous friends and patrons for the splendid Christmas trade they have done.



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Upright Piano, Slightly Used, 75 dollars. Large size, Tonal range, 88 keys, Sanborn & Trebilcock, Bell, Piano, 183 Dundas street (Anderson's Book Store).

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We challenge comparison in both quality and price. All kinds of warm Felt Shoes and Slippers for young and old at BED-ROCK PRICES.

J. S. Brown & Co.

145 Dundas Street.

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WANTED--IN AN ESTABLISHED MANUFACTURING BUSINESS, an active partner, with from \$2,000 to \$10,000, which can be profitably employed. Apply Box 73, Advertiser. 40c

Agents Wanted.

A FEW CANVASSERS WANTED--PERMANENT position. I do not make money out of my agents. I make it out of the goods they sell. Good men only. Cooper, Drawer 33, London, Ont.

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WANTED--AT ONCE FOR SECTION 3, money. Apply this office, South London. Teacher. Duties commencing Jan. 3, 1900. Apply to James Skinner, Rutherford, Ont. 30c bw

Lost and Found.

LOST--ON CHRISTMAS DAY--BLACK rubber shoe, with initials "S. B." on the sole, found at Dr. J. Wilson's, corner Talbot and Fullerton streets, or Advertiser. b

FOUND--COLLIE DOG CAME ON TO my property, 80, Enfield avenue, South London, ten days ago. Owner requested to call and take him away. 30c

LOST--ON WEDNESDAY--ON MAPLE street, between Lewis' Huron Hotel and Carling's Brewery, a muskrat, the finder rewarded on leaving it at Lewis' Huron Hotel. 40c

FOUND--AN OVAL-SHAPED HAIR comb. Call The Advertiser. 39u

FOUND--SATURDAY, SMALL SUM OF MONEY. Call The Advertiser. 39u

LOST--ON WEDNESDAY--A LADY'S silver watch, on north side Dufferin avenue, between Cartwright street and Wellington street. The finder will be rewarded by returning same to the office. 30c

LOST--TORTOISE-SHELL COMB CHRISTMAS afternoon on Queen's avenue or Colborne street. Finder rewarded at Advertiser. 30c

Real Estate.

\$100 DOWN, BALANCE IN MONTHLY installments, will purchase a comfortable home in center of city. B. O'Byrne, Normal School. 4011 wt

FOR SALE--NEW TWO-STORY BRICK with all modern conveniences. Price \$2,300. Choice locality, near Richmond street north. Nice cottage, large lot, and stable, on St. James street, only \$1,350. J. F. Saenger, 403 Richmond street. 4011 wt

HORSE FOR SALE--APPLY J. M. HARGREAVES, 697 Queen's avenue. 30c

\$1,200 WILL BUY A BEAUTIFUL 2 1/2-acre farm, between North and South streets, near G. T. Railway, railroad, school and church, good two-story frame cottage, lately improved; good stables, three acres orchard, mostly bearing. A suitable home for an old couple or a man and wife. Apply Box 365, Newbury. 10011

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HOUSE ON WILLIAM STREET--RENT \$6 per month. For particulars apply to J. W. G. Linnert, Barrister, 430 Talbot street. ywt

TO LET OR FOR SALE--NEW TWO STORY brick house, modern improvements, on St. James street. 4011 wt

Confidence in Gen. Buller

Churchill Sends a Message From the Camp at Chieveley.

The General's Men Bound to Vindicate Their Commander--Boers Hold a Position of Extraordinary Strength--Well Fixed for Food--Christmas in Chieveley Camp.

Boers Driven Across the Tugela River by Lord Dundonald's Command--British Capture 500 Cattle--An Entire Lodge of Boer Freemasons Wiped Out--Plot to Seize Cape Town Forts on Christmas Day--Hostile Feeling Among the Dutch Colonists.

London, Dec. 23.--The Morning Post has received the following from Mr. Churchill, under date of Dec. 23, telegraphed from Chieveley camp, where he has arrived: "All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Redvers Buller, and there is a stern determination to succeed next time at all costs.

"A painful impression was caused by the announcement of the change of commanders-in-chief, and the soldiers here are resolved to vindicate their trusted leader. The situation, however, is difficult, the Boer position being one of extraordinary strength, with high hills, lined tier on tier with trenches and galleries, rising from an almost unfordable river, and with a smooth plain in front. The enemy have all the ranges marked, and many powerful guns dominate the various points on the river, while the drifts are commanded by converging musketry fire from probably 12,000 Boers. There are sixteen miles of wild, broken country before reaching Ladysmith, which demands early relief.

SITUATION REVIEWED. London, Thursday, Dec. 23.--4:40 a.m.--Mr. Winston Churchill's new arrival at Chieveley camp is perhaps responsible for some over-coloring of the gravity of the situation, but all today's news conveys the impression that Gen. Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position. Certainly the Boers are not inactive. At both Modder River and the Tugela they are said to be strengthening their positions in order to defend works, which in both cases are SEEMINGLY ALMOST IMPREGNABLE.

As showing another difficulty of obtaining accurate information, a correspondent of the Daily News at Cape Town, under date of Dec. 21, announces that Gen. Buller is coming to Cape Town to meet Sir Charles Warren, and then both will go to Modder River. As five battalions of Gen. Warren's fifth division are said to have gone to Natal, his arrival at Pietermaritzburg seems a natural one.

MAY MASS AT FRERE. Dispatches from Chieveley indicate that Gen. Buller's forces will reinitiate an advance. Doubtless he would be glad to retrieve the Colenso reverse before the arrival of Lord Roberts; yet he is hardly likely to attempt another frontal attack. More likely he is preparing to strike should the Boers make any offensive movement.

AT LADYSMITH. Mr. Churchill's reference to Ladysmith may imply that the situation of the garrison is more desperate than was supposed. The Boers continue fortifying the hills commanding the town. Gen. White, however, telegraphs on Dec. 16, in naval and military circles in London the campaign is regarded as a complete dead-lock, as owing to the dispersal of the British forces and lack of transport, they believe it will be many weeks before Lord Roberts is able to reorganize and make an effective move.

BOER TRENCH WORK. The Boer trench work is so good that it enables the enemy to hold a long line with very few men and to travel great distances under perfect cover, so as rapidly to reinforce any point attacked.

The Times, which comments editorially upon the severe strain, says: "It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that our troubles are due to the unreality of the presumed practical lesson given in the maneuvers at Aldershot."

The imperial government, according to a Calcutta dispatch to the Times, has accepted an offer of two batteries made by the Indian Government.

ENEMY HAS PLENTY OF FOOD. The Daily Chronicle publishes the following from Cape Town: Herr Schlessinger, an agent of the New York Equitable Life Assurance Company, of New York, who has arrived here from Pretoria, says that the Boers possess immense stores of food, imported by speculative capitalists, under the belief that mining would be allowed during the war. He says also

that there were thousands of spectators at the Pretoria railway station when the British, who were captured at Nicholson's Nek, detrained. The order was issued by the Boer commanders to bare their heads, and they did so. The British astonished, returned the salute.

CHRISTMAS IN CAMP. Chieveley Camp, Natal, Monday, Dec. 23.--Although the two armies were in sight of each other, with the temperature 102° in the shade, the British today enjoyed characteristic Christmas cheer. Capt. Gleaner and Kirkwood, of the South African Light Horse, left here yesterday to inspect the patrols along the eastern hills. Their horses returned at night alone. Col. Donald, of the Royal Fusiliers, has had his collar-bone broken by being thrown from his horse while on outpost duty.

On Tuesday the naval guns began shelling the Boer position at 5 in the morning, using lyddite. The shelling continued about two hours. A Ladysmith also had a busy morning Tuesday, shelling the Boer position on Umbulwana mountain. The bursting shells were plainly visible at Chieveley.

BOERS DRIVEN BACK. Chieveley Camp, Natal, Friday, Dec. 22.--Our scouts having reported Boers in force on this side of the Tugela River, three regiments of regulars, supported by artillery and all the available mounted volunteers, under the command of Lord Dundonald, advanced. The Boers retired across the river. The British captured 600 cattle.

Durban, Dec. 20 (delayed in transmission).--It is stated that every member of the well-known Ermle Neilsen's lodge of Freemasons has been killed while fighting on the side of the Boers. The fact is believed to be unique in the history of Freemasonry.

Plot Discovered.

TO SEIZE CAPE TOWN FORTS. London, Dec. 23.--A dispatch from Cape Town says that a plot was discovered there a few days ago to seize the forts, blow up the magazines and carry off Gen. Forestier-Walker and Sir Alfred Milner during the Christmas festivities. The affair was discovered just in the nick of time.

A special correspondent of the Daily Chronicle telegraphing from Stockton, Cape Colony, Thursday, Dec. 21, says: Strong measures are necessary to check the hostile feeling among the Dutch colonists, whose section is shown in the removal of railway bolts, the obstruction of bridges and culverts and attacks upon solitary horsemen. Disaffection is bound to increase, unless immediate reinforcements are forthcoming.

The loyal and British settlers are becoming alarmingly impatient. IN GRICQUALAND, WEST. Dispatches from Modder River represent Dutch disaffection in Griqualand West as growing very serious. In some towns the entire population has joined the Boers. The rebels have formed a laager at a point about 30 miles west of Modder River camp. It is also announced that the Boers have raised the siege of Kuruman and have all withdrawn to Magersfontein.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Times, under date of Friday, Dec. 22, says: "Anxiety regarding the attitude of the colonial Dutch is steadily growing. They make no secret of their sympathy for the two republics, and the only question now is whether, if the military situation is not changed, they will keep from open rebellion. Even in districts that have not been visited by Boers in the eastern part of the province, the Dutch farmers are riding about armed. This is the case also in districts only fifty miles from Cape Town, where a seditious movement is busily propounded. The British force are inadequate to guard 1,000 miles of communications."

WARNING. London, Dec. 27.--The privy council held a meeting today at Windsor

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After Christmas

There are always some presents to be purchased between Christmas and New Year's. Perfumes are the one staple gift which you can safely give to everybody and be sure of your offering being appreciated.

Our new perfumes are wonderfully true to the rich fragrance of the flowers, and possess in a great degree all the qualities requisite to satisfy the most refined taste.

A beautiful Art Calendar, by P. de Longpie, will be given free to every purchaser.

CAIRNCROSS & LAWRENCE, Chemists and Perfumers, 216 Dundas street.

Castle, at which Queen Victoria proclaimed a warning to all British subjects not to assist the inhabitants of the Transvaal or Orange Free State or sell or transport merchandise there to under penalty of the law. The proclamation was gazetted tonight.

A RECENT SORTIE. Kimberley, Wednesday, Dec. 20.--At half-past two this morning mounted detachments under Col. Peckham, with three maxims and three seven-pounders, under Major May, reconnoitred, leaving the entrenchments. The British advanced to Toll Pan. The Boer pickets fired, and the maxims replied. The Boers disappearing over the ridge. Our guns then began to shell Toll Pan at a range of 2,500 yards. A Boer gun dropped four shells near our men, but did no damage. As the Boers were strongly entrenched, we withdrew. Their guns are well posted.

TO RELIEVE MAFEKING. London, Dec. 23.--The Rhodesian Mafeking relief force, according to a dispatch from Mafeking, Bechuanaland, dated Saturday, Dec. 16, was progressing slowly, owing to the necessity of repairing the bridges, which averaged one per mile. An intercepted Boer mail bag was addressed, showed that 20 Boers had been killed and many wounded during the British attack on the Squani laager.

LADY SARAH EXCHANGED. A dispatch to the Times from Mafeking, dated Monday, Dec. 11, by way of Mochudi, Tuesday, says that Lady Sarah Wilson, aunt of the Duke of Marlborough, who was captured by the Boers while acting as correspondent for a London paper, has arrived here, having been exchanged with a noted horse thief and convict, Joan, a noted horse thief and convict.

BOERS CHECKMATED. Arundel, Dec. 20.--The force here consisting mostly of cavalry and horse artillery, has successfully checkmated a much larger force of Boers at Colesburg. The military situation here generally demands a large increase in cavalry, and the Boers are naturally strong, and is made stronger by entrenchments. They have a big gun, and a direct assault would involve terrible losses, but either flank or rear attack, provided the cavalry were sufficiently numerous and the horses fit. If this is done the Boers will be forced to attack the British in their position in order to clear their communications, or disperse. Loyal Boers report that the enemy has gained but few recruits in this neighborhood.

KIPLING'S POEM FUND. The New York correspondent of the London Daily Mail has received the following cable: "The Daily Mail's Kipling poem fund. 'The Absent-Minded Beggar' is now \$250,000. Of this sum \$150,000 has been expended, and besides relieving the wives and daughters of all men killed in the colors, relief corps have been established at Cape Town, St. Vincent, Southampton and London, to outfit and care for all soldiers, women and children in need of help at home. The fund has made known that all singing and reciting rites to 'The Absent-Minded Beggar' belong to the Daily Mail, and all proceeds to the same should be remitted to that paper in which is spending its fund in active relief. The Mansion House fund being banked, and very little is being done with it.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.--The Cunard steamer Corinthia reached this port yesterday after her first trip to South Africa in the service of the British Government. She made the trip out in 27 days and returned in 24 days, making the most speedy voyage of any of the chartered steamers. Credit was given the Montezuma, of the Elder-Dempster Line, as the record-breaker, when she reached New Orleans on Sunday, but Captain Pritchard, of the Corinthia, states that he beat that steamer on the voyage out by three days and six hours, and on the return, although he had to proceed to Port Elizabeth to discharge while the Montezuma landed at Cape Town, he arrived in Boston just two days after the latter steamer reached New Orleans. The Corinthia carried to South Africa 1,133 miles, of which only 13 were lost en route. The British Government has chartered the steamer for another trip, and she is expected to leave here about Jan. 2.

BUGLE BLASTS. The Hudson Bay Company has shipped a carload of Canadian horses to the New Zealand Government. That government is desirous of determining whether or not these animals will thrive in their warmer climate.



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Meetings.

THE EAST MIDDLESEX FARMERS' INSTITUTE meets at Thorndale, Jan. 3, at Harrietsville, Jan. 12. Afternoon and evening sessions. Addresses by Messrs. J. Woodward, New York, and B. H. Lee, London, and other local talent. All welcome. 40k wtywkbw

MACCABEES--LONDON T.N.T. will meet this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, Knights of Pythias Hall, Dundas street. b

A SPECIAL MEETING OF GENERAL A Teamsters' Local Union, No. 23, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, Laidlaw Hall. All members requested to attend. W. G. Pepper, president. b

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WANTED--AN EXPERIENCED GENERAL servant; references required. Apply 47 York street, corner Maidland. 40c

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WANTED--GOOD GENERAL SERVANT, family of three, no washing. Apply Mrs. Depper, 235 Hamilton Road. 30c

WANTED--IMMEDIATELY--DOMESTIC servant. Apply Mrs. J. R. Elliott, 98 Horton street. 30c

WANTED--GOOD GENERAL SERVANT--511 Wellington street, corner Chesapeake. 30c

WANTED--GIRL--APPLY AT ONCE, 171 John street. 30c

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MAKE A SPECIALTY OF REPAIRING electric motors, all varieties of all kinds. R. M. Miller, 200 1/2 Dundas street, Spencer Block. 4011

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DRESS SUITS FOR SALE OR TO RENT in first-class condition. A. P. Sainsbury, 61 King street. 30c

Dressmaking.

DRESS-CUTTING SCHOOL--DURING holidays we are presenting pure with a valuable Xmas box. Dressmakers' inspection of our method solicited. Mrs. K. Franka, 233 Dundas street. 3011