

THE WAR OFFICE CENSOR STILL CONTROLS ALL THE NEWS WIRES

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It commenced to rain like anything, being brought on by the drizzle, and we had to search for the dead and wounded, which is not a nice job, and we got wet through. It was nearly six o'clock at night when we got back. We had fought nearly nine hours without a single bit of rest, for it started before breakfast, and we were all done up, but we got a good cup of hot tea when we got in, and some bully beef, and the officers gave us some whisky at night to warm us, and we got to bed.

Retired to Ladysmith.
But our troubles were not nearly over, for they were reported to be advancing the next day, and we were in under arms, awaiting orders, and remained so all day, but they came about four o'clock at night, and threw a few shells over our camp. We advanced towards them, but it came over dark, so we left it for that night, and took a position for the morning, but it rained all the day, and they had got a lot of reinforcements, making their strength up to nearly 10,000 strong, our General ordered us to retire to Ladysmith by force, and we had to leave our camp, and we had a terrible time. We had to leave all our tents and stores, and we had to leave all the wounded at Dundee, but that was better than getting cut up like rats, for we were being surrounded, for the wounded will be safe enough, as they dare not touch them.

Marching Night and Day.
We marched steadily on, night and day, for five days, only resting a few hours, so you can guess we are all done up now we have got here, for we arrived in Ladysmith early Friday morning, just a week after our victory. We got a fine reception as we marched through the streets, but we did look wrecked. We had not had a clean-up for a week, and we were covered with mud, for this is the rainy season, and it is always coming down. However, we are safe at last, and I expect we will get a good rest here. I don't expect we will take much part in it now, for we have lost all our officers, having six killed and seven wounded, and we are very heavy, indeed. I believe my corps have made a very good name at home. I don't know whether it is right or not, but they deserve it, and they have had telegrams from the Duke of Cambridge and from all the rifle battalions, and the general, and several very big men at home, congratulating us on the way we showed ourselves, and the general had all the general on parade, and said we were a pattern to the British infantry, as well as in action and on the march, and he struck it best in the column. So the little Rifles are some good after all.

Will Do His Duty.
I am very thankful I came out all right, for it was a terrible thing, and I felt very sorry for all you at home, for I know you had feared when you knew my regiment and been engaged in the fighting, and I had killed and been wounded, but you will know before you get this. Dear Mum, you must be the spring of life, and I will be falling ill, for I will take good care of myself for your sake and dad's. Tell Nell I have just received an affectionate letter, and I am very glad you are all all right. Tell her I will try and do my duty as a soldier, though I have had two victories at Ladysmith while we were on the road, and I don't think I have won as much more. We are waiting for the troops from home, when we will start advancing, but we are not strong enough yet, and we can only hold our own here. It was wrong to send such a small column as ours to Dundee, for we only numbered 5000, all told, and we were only 14 miles from the border one side, and had large quantities of stores; so of course, the Boers were sure to attack us, and we were all lucky to escape. Give my best love to poor little Lily, and tell her to think of poor old Len away in the wars, and to Nell and Jim and Lewis, and to dad and yourself—So I will close, with best wishes to all, from your loving son, Len.
P.S.—Please excuse me not stamping this, as we can't get any here, but I will stick soon, as I have written our letters on from Marlburg. Address it the same as usual.—Len.

ADMIRAL HARRIS BLAMED

For the Delay in Sending Naval Guns North for the Relief of Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 5.—A special despatch from Estcourt censures Rear-Admiral Sir Robert Harris, commander in chief of the Cape of Good Hope and West African squadrons, for his delay in sending Capt. Scott and Capt. Lambton with guns to Ladysmith. "It is notorious," says the correspondent, "that only at the last moment on Oct. 30, while a decisive action was pending at Ladysmith, a week or a day, a few hours might and I doubt not would have saved the situation and delayed the investment, if it had not ended the Boer attempt."

Gulliot Heard From Bowden.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 5.—Lieut. Col. Gulliot received a cablegram this morning from Africa. Bowden, who says that all the Windsor boys who are with the Canadian South African contingent are in good health. The message was sent from Cape Town preparatory to the departure of the troops for the front.

Queen's Flag on the Maine.

London, Dec. 5.—The Queen has given a Union Jack for the hospital ship Maine, which the Duke of Connaught will present to the Executive Committee on Dec. 16, when the vessel will be on view.

Gen. Joubert's Movements.

Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, Wednesday, Dec. 3.—The following despatch has been received here:—General Joubert has retired from Estcourt and is now at Colenso bridge. He brings a large herd of cattle and intends concentrating around Ladysmith.

Bismard in Buffalo.

Buffalo, Dec. 5.—A fierce blizzard struck this city early this morning and continued until evening. Snow fell heavily and the wind reached a velocity of 34 miles an hour. Street car traffic was paralyzed for the greater part of the day, the storm appears to be a local one, and little delay is reported to through trains on the different railroads.

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VITAGRAPH MACHINE BURST.

A Panic Was Caused in a Buffalo Theatre—No One Killed, But a Man Was Burned.

Buffalo, Dec. 5.—A bundle of films that were being used in a vitagraph machine at the Court-street Theatre exploded during the matinee performance this afternoon. The machine was badly burned and a panic ensued. A young lady who was singing on the stage behind the scenery screaming at the top of her voice, and the audience made a rush for the doors. Fortunately a couple of policemen were on hand and they succeeded in stopping the rush long enough to prevent anyone being badly hurt. The draperies in the upper gallery caught fire as did also a number of seats and the gallery had to be cleared with water before the fire was extinguished.

LONDON PRESS ON THE MESSAGE

Great Britain is Gratified at the Partial Abandonment of Non-Resistance, as indicated.

London, Dec. 6.—All the morning papers have editorialized on President McKinley's message to Congress. The Daily Telegraph says: "What differentiation the president has drawn into the outer circle of eastern policy. It is the fact that which is the real reason for this partial abandonment of non-resistance." The Standard says: "The reason for this partial abandonment of non-resistance is not, as is apprehended, but rather unqualified satisfaction, at the United States and Germany are the powers most concerned in maintaining the 'open door' of the word 'alliance' about which, so much unnecessary fuss has been made."

Essa Conservatives.

Ivy, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association of the Township of Essa, held in the Orange Hall, Ivy, on Friday, Dec. 3, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Moved by Richard Bell, Reeve of Essa, seconded by George Duff, ex-Reeve of Essa: That the members of the Liberal-Conservative Association of the Township of Essa desire to place on record our high appreciation of the patriotic course being pursued by Sir Charles Topper, leader of the Opposition in the Dominion Parliament, and Hon. J. P. Whitney, M.L.A., leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, and to express our sincere sympathy with the Conservative government being established in this Dominion, and our fair Province of Ontario.

A Reliable Mineral Water.

Mr. Harry B. Hodgins, wine merchant of Queen-street west, has been appointed wholesale and retail agent for Ontario for White Rock Ozonate Lithia Water, which has a great vogue in the United States, especially in the clubs and hotels of New York. It is a natural pure mineral spring water, containing a few ounces of lithia to the gallon. It is a delicious water by itself and blends in a remarkably fine way with wine and spirits. The purity of the water is guaranteed by the company and is borne out by the analysis of the water. None of the bottles are used a second time and a special cork seals the mouth. The absolute cleanliness is guaranteed in every case.

Dobbs Was Easy for Walcott.

New York, Dec. 5.—Bobby Dobbs, late of England, and formerly of Milwaukee, who was in his bout with Joe Walcott two nights before the Broadway Athletic Club, fought a very close and exciting battle, but Dobbs was easily defeated. The fight was a very close one, and Dobbs was easily defeated. The fight was a very close one, and Dobbs was easily defeated.

Stracey Lake No More.

Yesterday, at his late residence, 18 Major-street, after only two weeks' illness, died at the age of 60, Mr. John Stracey, of the Gutta Percha Manufacturing Company, passed away from an attack of pneumonia. The deceased was the oldest member of the company, and was held in the highest esteem by his employees. He had been chief accountant for 20 years. He was born in Sydney, Kent, Eng., and came to Canada when a comparatively young man. The deceased was a member of the I.O.G.T., A.F. & A.M., of the R.C.Y.C., and of the Victoria Club. He leaves one son, Ernest M. Lake, barrister, Toronto, and a widow, to mourn his loss. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Provincial Fat Stock Show.

London, Dec. 5.—The entries for the Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show, which will be held here from Dec. 12 to 15, are now nearly all in, next Saturday being positively the last day on which they will be received. The show will excel anything of the kind ever seen on this continent, and the poultry, being better fitted than ever before.

Manchester S. O. E. B. S.

At the meeting of Manchester Lodge, No. 14, S.O.E.B.S., in Ayer's Hall, to-night, the following officers were elected: President, G. Beales; vice-president, S. Clarke; chaplain, F. L. Chandler; secretary, J. Jones; treasurer, C. Seabach; I.W. B. Symons; O.W. J. Tennant; physician, Dr. Allen; committee, H. Green, J. Brown, L. M. Lancaster, W. Wallace and G. Collier.

Tell From a Train.

While walking on top of a train which was nearing Teeswater on Monday night, Henry Pinchin, a C. P. R. brakeman, accidentally fell from the train, fracturing the hip and leg, and sustaining other injuries. He was brought to Toronto yesterday morning on a special train, and is now in the General Hospital. Pinchin lives at 22 Maple Grove-avenue, this city.

Horse Killed.

A horse attached to a light buggy and driven by William Boyd took fright at the corner of Yonge and Albert-streets yesterday afternoon, and collided with a Winchester-street car. The animal was killed outright. The driver, a narrow escape from being seriously hurt.

Pioneer of Kent County Dead.

Duncan McNaughton, an old resident of Chatham, who was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, in 1816, has just died. He settled in Kent County when it was a wilderness. He was a Presbyterian and a Liberal.

To Visit at Rideau Hall.

After the first of the year Mr. and Mrs. George Gould of New York will visit Lord and Lady Minto at Rideau Hall.

WAR NOTES.

Papers found on captured Boers indicate that the Transvaal Government expected to occupy Durban not later than Nov. 20. The Netherlands cruiser "Friesland" has arrived at Durban and her appearance there has aroused considerable curiosity. The Transvaal Government has issued a proclamation, calling out the rifle clubs and volunteers for mobilization. The Government has assumed control of the Begule Foundry at Johannesburg and shells are now being manufactured there. The Great Southern Railway of the Argentine Republic has presented to Great Britain 6000 horses for use in the campaign in South Africa.

Prof. Roentgen, famous as the discoverer of the X-rays, has been elected to the University of Munich.

The new armed British cruiser Cressy of 12,000 tons and 21,000 horse-power, has just been launched at Glasgow. The story of the career of Miller, the alleged swindler of New York, by Chicago detectives in Montreal lacks confirmation. Capt. McCleskey of the New York Detective Bureau has heard nothing of it.

MACHINE OPERATORS

HEADING WESTWARD

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tribulations during the rebellion, and also Mr. Garret's fellow-countrymen in letters was asked as to the effect of the letter had produced a great effect on the country, and had awakened much sympathy for the Northern Pacific people who have it, believed, been sacrificed to the interests of the C.P.R. by the Greenway Government.

How the Farmers Feel.

Many farmers are in the city to-day with excursions from the west. When one of their number was asked as to the effect of President Mellie's letter and the political outlook generally, they were of opinion that the letter had produced a great effect on the country, and had awakened much sympathy for the Northern Pacific people who have it, believed, been sacrificed to the interests of the C.P.R. by the Greenway Government.

Pure Election Demanded.

There is a strong demand heard from independent men all over the city for both sides of the political contest for a pure election, and an equally strong feeling against both sides against perpetrators of frauds, if any are caught.

It is Learned within the past few days that a number of Liberal workers have left Ontario to take part in the elections in Manitoba.

Among them are: James Part, who is alleged to have been in the West Huron election, and who so mysteriously disappeared during the election before the House of Commons Committee last session.

Puncan Elo, who escaped to the States when a warrant was issued for his arrest, and 24 hours ago was in the West Elgin election case, is also reported to have left Ontario, and is believed to be heading west.

The Three Winnieps.

Major Andrew and Dr. Nelson, the two confidants of being able to defeat Col. McMillan, and Hugh John think he will take them into camp. McIntyre is likely to be defeated by Nelson, and Greenway in a most awful tussle with Gordon in Manitoba.

GREAT CONSERVATIVE RALLY.

Hugh John Macdonald and Mayor Andrews Came Out Straight for Government Ownership.

If popular feeling as indicated at public meetings is any sign of what Thursday's polling will bring forth, Hugh John Macdonald, his two candidates here and the country at large will pronounce in favor of the Opposition. The Opposition meeting to-night in St. Patrick's hall, at 100 College-street, will be a great one, and it is expected that the Government will be defeated.

For Government Ownership.

Hugh John Macdonald came out flat-footed in favor of Government ownership of railways and no more subsidies, sentiments which were cheered by the audience. So did Mayor Andrews and Dr. Nelson. There was no equivocation in their attitude.

Mr. Andrews roared the Attorney-General's Department for sending out yesterday, which he declared to be simply instructions as to how to handle the work. Hugh John Macdonald, who was the Government candidate for the election, was the Government candidate for the election, and he was the Government candidate for the election.

Funeral of Norrie King.

The remains of the late Norrie King were taken to St. Catharines yesterday morning for burial. A large number of friends accompanied the body to the funeral home at 202 College-street, at which Rev. Richard Ashcroft of St. James' Cathedral officiated. There were many beautiful floral tributes, as evidence of respect and esteem in which deceased was held. Besides the delegation of Arrangements accompanied the body to St. Catharines. The following were the pall-bearers: Mr. Thompson, Hugh Harshbarger, Bernard Hughes, G. Fitzgibbon, Joseph Wright, Gordon Crawford, William Park and D. B. Macdonald.

The Ottawa Journal said: News of King's death will be received in Ottawa with regret.

He was well known here, and generally liked. He was a great player, and a great friend. He was a great player, and a great friend. He was a great player, and a great friend.

Harbord Old Boys Dine.

In Web's parlors last night the annual dinner of the Harbord Colliery Old Boys' Association was held. President E. F. Burton presided, and about 40 persons were present. The evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner, and speeches were made by J. Watson Bain, A. E. Hagan, J. D. Brown, Dr. R. Gordon McLean, J. McAllister, A. Clark, A. T. De Lury, R. A. D. J. Brown and J. D. Brown. The evening was a most successful one, and the association was well represented.

Great Northern Dinner.

Collingwood, Dec. 5.—The annual dinner of the Great Northern Navigation Company was held here to-night. The affair was largely attended by representatives of the different steamship and railway lines. Among the guests were Mr. J. D. McKinnon, district passenger agent of the Grand Trunk, and Mr. C. W. Graves, Canadian passenger agent of the Great Northern Railway.

Francis Smolka, the Polish patriot, is dead at Lemberg, aged 80.

Aldermen Mathers and Wilson were nominated for the Ward Council yesterday. Mayor Betsworth and Council of St. Boniface were elected by acclamation.

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Vancouver, Dec. 5.—Despatches in the Sydney papers just received indicate a very interesting change in the transportation business between here and the Antipodes. The steamships Mowera and Warimoo have been transferred to the New Zealand shipping Company and will be put into the business for which they were first intended, that of the coast trade in the south. Contracts are now being arranged with Denny's of Dunbarton, the well-known shipbuilders, for the construction of two large ships to run with the Aorangi on the line between here and the Land of the Southern Cross.

A PRETTY HOT FIGHT.

American Garrison Attacked by 4 to 1-Eight Americans Killed

Manila, Dec. 5.—Last night a force of insurgents estimated at 800 attacked the American garrison of 200 at Vigan, Province of South Ilocos. The American loss was eight killed and many wounded. The garrison, however, held out until the morning, when the Filipinos were driven off and through the mountains, leaving 30 dead. Col. Bisee is now reinforcing the garrison. The American troops are now in the Province of Abra.

Eaton Got a Tumble.

New York, Dec. 5.—The six-day plodders at Madison Square Garden are doing as well as they can. There has been some change in the relative positions of the riders, and several have left the track. On the 24th hour, this afternoon there was an accident, in which Jay Eaton, then a lap ahead of the others, was thrown from his horse. Eaton tried to remount, but found that he was not alone, and before he got another wheel he was four laps in the rear. The matter was taken to the referee by the track, and the referee ruled that the Eaton-Walthour team should take its place with the leaders. The race was then continued, and the one by which it was leading at the time the spill occurred, and the decision was reversed. Waller said he would leave the track, but he was still riding at a late hour to-night.

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Davidson Draws Out.

Harley Davidson, the Canadian, withdrew from the contest at 8 o'clock, having 329 miles and 5 laps to his credit. The riders were 70 miles ahead of the record at the end of the forty-fifth hour.

Score at 12 o'clock: Miller and Waller, 683.3; Maya and McEachern, 683.3; Ginn and Pierce, 683.2; Fisher and Chevalier, 682.7; Stevens and Purville, 682.5; Babcock and Stinson, 682.4; Schmeier and Porter, 680.2; Thomas and Dickerson, 671.1; The and Eastman, 656.

Lost a Diamond.

While W. M. German, M.L.A. for Welland, was engaged arguing a case at Osceola Hall on Monday afternoon, a sneak thief broke into his locker in an adjoining room and stole a diamond pin.

99 Ann-street, Toronto, Nov. 16, '90.

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(Signed) William Adkins.

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LOCAL TOPICS.

Ex-Adm. Fred. Richardson will be a candidate for municipal honors in Ward 1.

The Dominion Hereford Breeders' Association will meet in London on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Two more Methodist missionaries are being sent by Epworth Leagues to China and two to Japan.

Mary Watson was taken into custody by P. C. Kennedy of the Agnes-street division last evening on a charge of theft.

At the making of the Rural Deansery yesterday the parochial and city mission work was discussed. Rural Dean Langtry presided.

A pretty at home was held last night in Pythian Hall under the auspices of the Chrysanthemum Club. About 60 couples attended.

The Amalgamated Carpenters and Joiners, Toronto Branch No. 1, entertained their friends last night in Richmond Hall. A program was carried out and refreshments served.

The Executive Committee of the ex-members of the Queen's Own Rifles' Association have made arrangements for a large parade on Sunday next to take place in the ceremony of unveiling the tablet in the Armouries to the memory of the men who fell in 1885.

Said Trusts Were Detrimental.

A debate was held last night between representatives of the Pickwick and Y. M. C. A. Debating Clubs in the latter's parlors at Yonge and McGill-streets. The subject of the debate was "Resolved, That trusts and combines are detrimental to the best interests of a nation." The affirmative was taken by the Pickwick Club and the negative by the Y. M. C. A. The debate was given in favor of the former.

Three Small Fires.

Three small fires broke out shortly before 11 o'clock yesterday in a fire in three stables in the rear of 384, 386 and 388 Sully-street. Seventy dollars' damage was done by a fire in a house at 1146 West Queen-street. The fire originated from an overheated stove.

The British steamer Hesperus, from Hong Kong, has founded in lat. N. 14, long. 117 E. Chinese members of the crew perished.

The Union Match Company of New York, which was incorporated with a capital of \$10,000,000, is said to have sold its manufacturing properties and some of its patents to the Diamond Match Company.

Charles J. Clarke, a prominent millionaire and philanthropist, died at Pittsburgh, Pa., yesterday from concussion of the brain. He was thrown from his wagon while out driving last Saturday and never regained consciousness.

Charles Abbott, a London commission merchant, who is alleged to have collected for the Niagara District Fruit Growers' Association, was given a preliminary examination before P. M. Love yesterday morning. He was sent for trial and bail renewed at the original figure.

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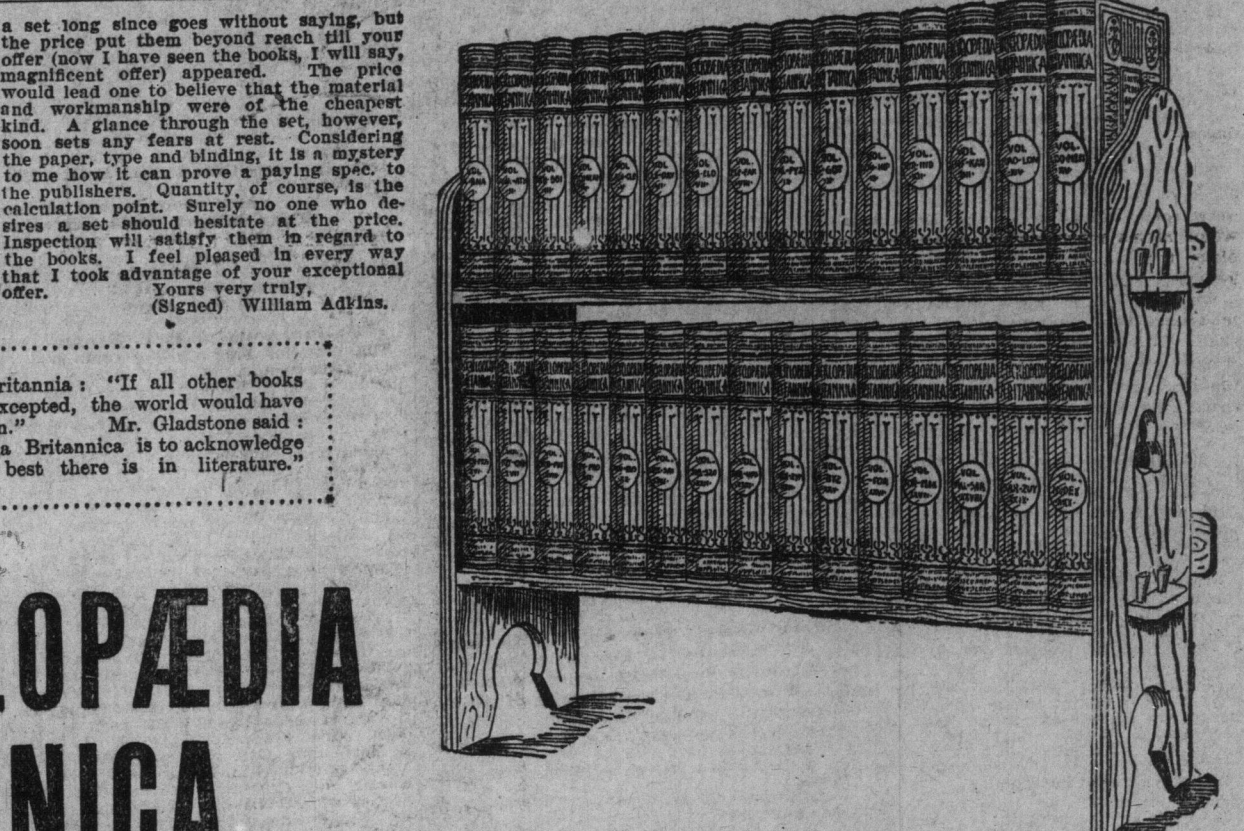
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