WESTMORLAND NEWS.

ELABORATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE BANQUET TO HON. MR. BLAIR.

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Gateway to the Transvaal

Gen. Sir F. Forestier-Walker reaches
Cape Town today, and in another week's time the force at his disposal will be strengthened by nearly 2,000 men of the Manchester regiment and the Munster

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The libera From with this addition to the Natal border. The surest defence is often to Manchester regiment and the Munster Fusiliers. Even with this addition, the British troops in South Africa—12,000 strong, if the two regiments just mentioned are reckoned—would need considerable reinforcement to make absolutely certain the result of a war with the Boerr. There would be less need, perhaps, to despatch at once the 30,000 additional troops which the war office has ready to emberk if the strategical points were more securely held. The military authorities are bound to act in accordance with the exigencies of the political situation, and hitherto the colonial office has sought to avoid any such direct menace to the Boers as the massing of large bodies of men at the frontier posts. The reports of the moving of regiments to Mafeking and Laing's Nek current in correct. Mr. Chamberlain may be unwilling to authorize such such as movement, or perhaps General Cox preferred to await the arrival of the new commander at the Cape before sending the reasons for delay may hitherto have been, we believe that on military as well as political grounds there should be no lnger any hesitation in making our position in the northern corner of Natal absolutely secure. Kimberley and Mafeking should also be looked after, but the point of primary importance is Laing's Nek.

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This little correct of Natal is the probable field of battle, that is, if the Boerrealize that their favored plain of blowing up the Kimberley Diamond Mines and securing the Cape Railway, with the aid of disaffected, Dutch colonists, is not feasible. In any case an attempt will be made to selze or destroy the Charlestown tunnel, and so prevent or greatly hinder the invasion of the Transval by troops from Natal. It thus becomes of the utmost importance that the British garrison at Charlestown should be strong enough to resist any sudden movement on the part of the Boers. In order to understand thoroughly the importance of this tunnel it is necessary to bear in mind the geography of the district. As newspaper readers cannot fall to have detected, Charlestown is the frontier town of Natal, and the spot to which English correspondents in Johannesburg have to ravel in order to despatch their telegraph station. It commands the northern end of Laing's Nek and the railway tunnel which runs through it. The whole country is mountainour. The traveller from Darban has been ateadily climbing up 1 ll ever since his train left the narrow belt of ccast land. The scenery is very striking. On the-alet the Drakenburg Range, which rises to a height of 10,000 feet, break down towards Natal in magnificent precipices; on the right ensburg Range, which rises to a height of 10,000 feet, break down towards Natal in magnificent precipies; on the right the Ingela river rune to join the waters of the Buffalo Beyond Ladyemith—an important garrison town—the valley, it such it can be called, contracts, and be-tendency to overfatness. such it can be called, contracts, and becomes a mere pass through the mountains—we approach the gateway of the Transvaal. At last, as the railway rounds a steep curve, a bold mountain comes into sight. To the right of the mountain and connecting it with a lower hill, is a ridge, or 'nek," the "nek" being pierced by a tunnel, into which the train plunges. The bold mountain we have passed is Majuba Hill, the ridge is Laing's Nek. The nek is 5,500 feet above sea level, and rises somewhat steeply some 300 feet above the general level of the country; hence the line pierces the bill instead of going over it, a feat which can, however, be easily accomplished the man on a bicycle. On the Chelowi in side the ridge slopes more gently, the town being ridge slopes more gently, the town being at an elevation of 5,385 feet. Just be-yond Charlestown the railway crosses

the Buffalo river—here a small stream—and enters the Transvaal. Immediately opposite to Charlestown is Volkarest, the Boer frontier post, and not far north is Heidelberg, which will be remembered as the headquarters of the Triumvirate during the war of 1880-81. From the Natal frontier to Johannesburg the distance by ratil is 170 miles, which distance is covered by the quick trains in two hours and three-quarters.

The important point to remember is that Laing's Nek is the only practicable pass from Natal into the Transvaal, and that it and the rail way tunnel are whol-

Bank Official Transferred -A Monoton Man Married—Will Extend a Call to a Texas Minister—Tele graph Operators Wages to Be Increased at Once.

Moncrox, Sept. 26—R. E. Walker, teller in the Merchant's Bank of Hallfax here, has been transferred to the head office of the bank at Hallfax, and leaves tomorrow to take up his abode in the Nova Scotia capital.

Dr. C. F. Jones, son of Mr. Oliver Jones, of this city, was married recently in Missouri. Dr. Jones is at present a resident of National city, San Diego county, Cal., and formerly practiced in Moncton.

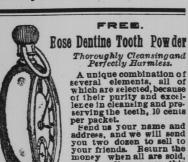
Rev. Dr. McCurdy of Congview, Texas. who has been occupying the First Baptist church pulpit in this city the last two Sondays, left on the Maritime express last night on his return home via Detroit and St. Louiz. The question of extending a call to the Texas preacher will likely be considered at the next business meeting of the church.

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been presented with Mausers. Are the British as fully prepared as the Boers



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GIVEN TEN YEARS

FOR BRUTALLY BEATING LITTLE GIRL TO DEATH.

Charles Dewitt Was Found Guilty of Manslaughter-Mystery of the Stolen Satchel Solved - Arrests Made in the Case-Charles Brown Badly Hurt.

FREDERICSON, Sept. 26-The trial of Charles Dewitt, charged with the crime of manslaughter, was concluded this morning and the court adjourned until 230, at which time Judge Wilson, under whom the prisoner had been elected to be tried under the Speedy Trials act, announced the conviction of the prisoner and passed sentence on him of ten years in Dorchester penitentiary.

on a pleasure cruise. He has for the past couple of days complained of not feeling well but nothing was thought of the matter. He had been the guest of Capt. Starkey and yesterday morning he went to the city proper to transact some business and was taken sudderly ill. He was conveyed to Captain Starkey's residence, Main street, North End, and his son, Dr. G. A. Hetherington, superintendent of provincial lunatic asylum was telephoned for and hastily arrived. Dr. Thomas Walker was also telephoned for and with Dr. Hetherington held a consultation, but they could do nothing.

and his son, Dr. G. A. Hetherington, suprintendent of provincial lunstic asylum was telephoned for and hastilly arrived. Dr. Thomas Welker was also telephoned for and with Dr. Hethering. It bring you the book and let you look it up yourself?

The deceased was 77 years of age and was born in St. John, but has been an active worker at his late home. He had engaged in several kinds of business and had been very successful, all. He was an active worker in the Johnson Baptist church and was belived by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He leaves a wife and four children, viz., Dr. Geo. A. Hetherington, professor in the Kansas City Unit sering, superintendent of the lunstic asylum; Prof. E. M. Hetherington, professor in the Kansas City Unit wersity, Kansas; Ribert W. Hetherington, of Queens county, and Mrr. A. B. Jones, of Kars, Kings county.

Another St. John Boy to the Front.

From the Boston Globe of the 17th

treatment of colonial colorr. White and gold and soft boffs, rich reds and greens are the prevailing colors throughout the building."

The globe devotes two columns of its space in describing the work. Other Boston papers make creditable remarks of Mr. Anderson's work on the building the work of the marks of Mr. Anderson's work on the building the work of the work of reconstruction and the difficulties under which this work is being done, are not apprent to the casual observer, as it had to be done in such a manner as not to interfere with the business of the market." Mr. A. E. Anderson is a son of Mr. James Anderson of The Jahr. The The Ja

Don't you mean Bismarck?
What's the matter with Charlie doing

Is he dead?

A MESSAGE TO GARCIA.

In all this Cuban business there is one man stands out on the horizon of my memory like Mars at perihelion. When war broke out between Spain and the United States, it was very necessary to communicate quickly with the leader of the insurgents. Garcia was somewhere in the mountain fastnesses of Cuba—no one know where. No mail nor telegraph message could reach him. The President must secure his co-operation, and quickly.

What to do!

Some one said to the President, "There's a fellow by the name of Rowan" took the fellow by the name of Rowan" took the letter, sealed it up in an oilskin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cubas from an open boat, disappeared into the worked for day's wages, and I have also by the worked for day's wages, and I have also by the worked for day's wages, and I have also by the make the coast of Cubas from an open boat, disappeared into the worked for day's wages, and I have also by the make of Rowan worked for day's wages, and I have also by the make of Rowan the coast of Cubas from an open boat, disappeared into the worked for day's wages, and I have also by the make of Rowan the coast of Cubas from an open boat, disappeared into the who knows him dare employ him, for ne is a regular fire-brand of discontent. He is impervious to reason, and the only thing that can impress him is the toe of a thick soled No. 9 boot.

Of course, I know that one so morally discontent too, for the men who are striving to carry on a great enterprise, whose working hours are not limited by the whitely propagate to hold in line dowdy indifference, slipshod imbediity, and the heartless ingratitude which, but for their enterprise, would be both hungry and homeless.

Have I put the water too strongly? Possibly I have; but when all the world has gone a-alumming I wish to appear to the fellow by the name of Rowan."

I have carried a dinner pail and worked for day's wages, and I have also

Sussex News.

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school of the Christian Brothers because it pleases the women; but let him once be persuaded that the church is returning to real power, and the cli grudging hate of the tithepayer for the priest revives in full force. There lies in the long run the best reason for believing that every clerical revivel must in the end fail in France. Society may become clerical. Literature may be colored by a mandlin and sickly religious sentiment of the emotional order, which is always more or less sensual. The Jesuits may train the well born men, who become army officers.

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With the help of fashion and intrigue the church may attain to a delusive show of returning power. But there it stops, for its army is all general staff. The mass of the bou geoise and the peasants (it is superficus to speak of the town workmen, for whom the priest is only the despised focard) have a deep rooted edvy and fear of the clergy as a power. Against the inert force of reristance all blandishments and all intrigues are vain.— [Black wood.

William Johnson Dead.

BAYSWATER, Kings, Sept. 25—Mr. Wm. Johnson, who had a stroke of paralysis a few weeks ago, died at the residence of Mr. Samuel McColgan, Summerville, Thursday evening last.

Mr. Johnson was well known in St. John and until a short time ago did a restaurant business on Union street.

Be was 68 years old and leaves two sons and a sister, Mrs. F. S. Holmes, of Cambridge, Mass, There are several other sisters who reside in New Brunswick, also four brothers and a mother to mourn their sad loss. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon at the above place and proceeded to the church at