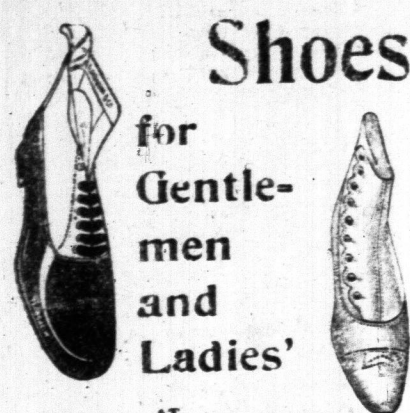


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TWO LOCOMOTIVES

Were Captured by the Canadian
Boys at Bushof.

They Sustained no Losses in the Ad-
vance on Bloemfontein and are
all in Good Health.

Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, March 15.—The Canadian troops, together with the other sections of the south division of Lord Roberts' army, are camped at Lewburg, four miles south of the city of Bloemfontein. The remainder of the entire British army at this time are encamped about the town at various locations, while Lord Roberts himself, with a portion of his headquarters staff, occupies the house lately the residence of President Steyn, in Bloemfontein. There have been no casualties to the Canadians, who are in good health and excellent spirits. The Canadians distinguished themselves in the advance yesterday by capturing two locomotives at Bushof. The capture was of considerable value, as the fleeing Boers were endeavoring to remove all their railway rolling stock and as large a quantity of supplies as possible. The capture of the locomotives by the Canadians was therefore a considerable feat, and has received an appreciative recognition of the general commanding. The capture is not yet known, but we expect to start northward on the march towards Pretoria without delay. The rapidly with which things have moved since Lord Roberts took command and the assurance that no time will be wasted here.

HOWARD TOWN LINE.
A very sad event occurred in the death of Ethel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Newcomb, which took place on the evening of the 14th inst. The deceased had suffered for five weeks with partial paralysis of the upper part of her body. Death was hastened by the taking of a cold a few days before the final change. A special sad feature of the case was occasioned by the father not being able to leave his bed owing to an attack of pneumonia, from which he was slowly recovering. The funeral took place on Monday, when a very large concourse of people assembled at the home, where service was conducted by the Rev. W. R. Vance, after which the remains were taken to Ridgeway cemetery. Ethel was a favorite with all, especially the young people. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Opn.	High.	Low.	Clos.
Wheat—May...	67 1/2	67 3/4	67 1/4	67 1/2
July...	67 1/2	67 3/4	67 1/4	67 1/2
corn—Sept...	37 1/2	37 3/4	37 1/4	37 1/2
July...	37 1/2	37 3/4	37 1/4	37 1/2
hops—Sept...	23 1/2	24	23 1/4	24
May...	22 1/2	23	22 1/4	23
hops—Dec...	11 1/2	11 3/4	11 1/4	11 1/2
May...	11 1/2	11 3/4	11 1/4	11 1/2
lard—Dec...	6 1/2	6 3/4	6 1/4	6 1/2
May...	6 1/2	6 3/4	6 1/4	6 1/2
rice—Oct...	8 1/2	8 3/4	8 1/4	8 1/2
May...	8 1/2	8 3/4	8 1/4	8 1/2

Rudyard Kipling complains that the localists are the only ones who suffer in South Africa. Their property has been destroyed and those on the borders are refugees. As for the traitors their offences are wicked and their property carefully protected. The Transvaalers at Bloemfontein threatened to turn their guns on the town if the peace advocates refused to fight, but the threat was unavailing. The war party fled. The British are now working the Free State Railroad. The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "Mr. Roberts' statement has been published throughout the republic, but will not be forwarded to Lord Salisbury. Conversations I have had with the highest state officials show that the republic was prepared to grant substantial reforms and concessions until the receipt of Lord Salisbury's telegram. As one of the highest state officials remarked: 'Better hit an egg than none, but better none than a rotten egg.'"

NO INTERFERENCE

Will be Tolerated in South African Affairs by Any One.

That is the Position of the British Government—No sympathy for Pro-Boer Agitators.

London, March 15.—In the House of Commons to-day, replying to William Redmond, Irish Nationalist, who asked whether the Government of the United States had offered its good offices to Her Majesty's Government with the view of bringing about peace in South Africa, the Government spokesman, Mr. A. J. Balfour, said Her Majesty's Government would not accept the intervention of any power in the settlement of South African affairs. The following is the text of Mr. Balfour's reply to Mr. Redmond:—"The United States Charge d'Affaires, on March 13, communicated to Lord Salisbury the following telegram from Mr. Hay:—'By way of friendly and good office inform the British Minister of Foreign Affairs that I to-day received a telegram from the United States Consul at Pretoria reporting that the Government of the South African Republic request the President of the United States to intervene with the view of a cessation of hostilities, and saying that a similar request had been made to the representatives of the European powers. In communicating this request I am directed by the President of the United States to express the earnest hope that a way will be found to bring about peace, and to say that he would be glad in any friendly manner to aid in bringing about the desired result.' The reading of this despatch was greeted with cheers from the Irish members. Continuing, Mr. Balfour said:—"Lord Salisbury requested Mr. White to convey the sincere acknowledgment of Her Majesty's Government to the Government of the United States for the friendly tone of their communication, and to say that Her Majesty's Government did not propose to accept the intervention of any power in the settlement of South African affairs." Loud and prolonged cheers followed this statement.

PRO-BOER MEETINGS.

Mr. Balfour, replying to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Opposition leader, who asked whether, in view of the numerous recent disturbances connected with peaceable meetings called to discuss South African affairs or directed against the persons and property of individuals because of their war opinions, the Government would cause an inquiry as to how far and by whom the disturbances were organized, and what steps would be taken to prevent their recurrence, said that every cause of disturbance had been examined and that the demonstrations appeared to be spontaneous. He added that the government felt the responsibility of the meeting in the heated state of public feeling. They should be careful lest they asked more than human nature could give.

The reply was regarded as unsatisfactory, and Sir Robert T. Reid (Liberal) moved an adjournment with the view of raising a discussion of the question. Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt (Liberal) supported the motion to adjourn. He declared Mr. Balfour's answer discouraged the right of public meeting. Mr. Balfour reiterated that the Boers were justified in forcing their ideas, which though possibly all right, were not agreeable to the majority of the nation. He denied he had said anything inconsistent with the principles of free speech, and asserted the Government would do its best to see that the right of free speech in every legitimate form was safeguarded in every part of Her Majesty's dominions.

Fitzmaurice (Liberal) suggested the Government could withhold the police grants in the districts where the police did not do their duty, and Mr. Reid (Conservative) observed that those who held the meetings in question were a parcel of semi-traitors and a handful of agitators and scoundrels. He added that he was delighted at this show of feeling in the country.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman said he thought the Government should have upheld the law, and expressed regret that no more satisfactory answer was given.

After a lively debate, the motion was rejected by a vote of 239 to 129. The whole Opposition and all the Irish members stood up in support of Sir Robert Reid's motion. He said he regretted the necessity of the motion, and expected Mr. Balfour would show the Government's unqualified disapproval of the disgraceful scenes, in place of which, the speaker asserted, he had thought proper to lecture those who had not asked for his advice.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Jos. Chamberlain, answering a question, as to the threats to demolish the mines and raise John Bull, said that at the commencement of the war President Kruger had been warned that he and his Government would be held personally responsible for any act contrary to the usages of civilized communities.

GOD BLESS OUR QUEEN.

Why so much war is raging I cannot understand; But the heart of every Englishman Is with his native land; And when victory's cry is sounded, O'er the Transvaal fields so green, I'll look to God with heart of love, And say "God bless our Queen."

While so much blood is being shed Upon that Southern shore, My heart goes out in thankfulness As I think the matter o'er, How we, who live in Canada, Are blessed with peace serene, I'll look to God with heart of love, And say "God bless our Queen."

God grant this war that's raging, May come quickly to a close, For we are bound to conquer, And the Boers are bound to lose, And when victory's cry is sounded O'er Transvaal fields so green, I'll look to God with heart of love, And say "God bless our Queen."

H. ELDRIDGE, Chatham, Ont.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bronzo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. See E. W. Groves' signature in each box.

ROBERT B. MANTELL.

Robert Bruce Mantell is one of the most famous figures of the American stage. Mr. Mantell is, as his name implies, a Scotchman, and was born at Irvine, Ayrshire, three and thirty years ago. He is an actor only by inclination, as he owns a large amount of property in Glasgow and Belfast, from which he draws a handsome income, thus being quite independent of the profession he has followed with such ardor and success. Although born in the land in which he will make his appearance, he was brought up in Belfast, where his family moved when he was a boy, and it was in the Irish city that he first made his appearance, essaying the part of De Mauprat in "Richelieu," and with a success that induced him to turn his attention seriously to the treadmill struggle which all young Thespians must face before they can hope to gain fame and fortune. Success came quickly to Mantell, however, for the public was quick to recognize in him an actor of brilliant and winning personal gifts. His play, "The Dagger and the Cross," in which he made his appearance here, is said to be the historic achievement of his career. Mr. Mantell's tour is directed by Mart. W. Hanley, the popular stage manager, under whose guidance Mantell is to make his greatest prosperity and success than ever before. Mr. Mantell appears in Chatham Saturday night.

TILBURY.

March 16.—Wednesday afternoon about four o'clock, fire occurred in the Ross block, Queen street, which was confined mainly to the laundry. The firemen were promptly on hand, and the fire was soon extinguished. The outside of the building shows little damage.

Miss Adeline Lang, of St. Thomas, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. G. Robinson, of Stewart, mother of Mrs. J. T. Campbell, of this village, was buried Wednesday in the Stewart cemetery.

Everyone should attend the Red Cross entertainment in Anderson hall this evening.

Mrs. W. A. Shaw and Mrs. Geo. Munro, were in Detroit yesterday. The Daily Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

BLENHENIM.

March 16.—The Widow Brown Co. played to a poor house here last night. Stormy weather and other attractions were the cause. The company are deserving of better support. They play in Ridgeway to-night.

W. C. White is spending a few days home, having returned from a travelling trip through Michigan.

Cedar Springs gives a Patriotic Concert to-night. Mayor Haggart, Dr. Holmes and a number of Blenheim people take part in it.

The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N. Balcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered to any part of the town.

The I. O. O. F. gave a very successful At Home last night in the lodge room. Grand Chief Patriarch Wm. Potter, Deputy Grand Master O. L. Lewis, and Bro. Estabrooke, D. D. G. M. of Kent county, were present and spoke on behalf of the order. A duet was performed by the office of chairman. Messrs. Goulet and Holmes sang several songs, assisted by Miss Barberis. Mrs. Beedie, District Deputy of the Red Cross, presided. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a gold watch to Mr. P. Burs, accompanied by an address in appreciation of his services as one of the founders and oldest members of the lodge. A presentation of some of the Fenian raid medals was to have taken place, but the parties to which the decorations belong were unable to present them. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Very much regret is felt that Thos. Grist, who was so severely kicked by a horse a few weeks ago, continues so low. Very little hope is held out for his recovery.

Mrs. Fennacy, Sr., continues to improve.

J. W. Baird and R. J. Powell leave next week on a prospecting trip to the Northwest.

THAMESVILLE.

March 16.—The windows of the dry goods stores are tastefully decorated with the latest in spring dress goods.

John Thompson has disposed of his farm and will offer for sale on April 3rd his fine herd of thoroughbred stock.

There will be a phonograph concert in Mayhew's hall to-night, admission 10 and 15 cents. There will be a matinee on Saturday at 2 p. m.

The members of St. Stephen's Guild have decided to hold a bazaar and flower show in May.

Rev. Mr. McInnes attended the Presbytery meeting at Windsor this week.

Bofa, to Mr. and Mrs. Hamby, a son, on March 13th.

A PLEASANT PARTY.

Last Monday evening a very enjoyable time was spent at the residence of Henry Russell, of the 13th con. Raleigh, when a large crowd of young Chathamites took advantage of the sleighing, and surprised Mr. and Mrs. Russell. Those present were, Miss M. Keen, Miss M. Keen, Mr. and Mrs. S. Russell, Miss L. Storch, Miss J. Russell, Dr. McKenney, and sister Miss L. McKenney, C. Barber, Miss B. Cameron, W. Bessy, H. Shillington, F. Cameron, Miss E. M. and N. Terry, J. Adams, Misses E. and A. Manning, P. Reed, Misses M. and G. McKellar, L. Baillie and W. Gordon. Unfortunately the young people had to walk part of the way home, owing to the cold, being bare in some places. They arrived at their homes at the early hour of 5.15 a. m. The young people rendered many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Russell for the kindness which they showed throughout the evening.

A full choral practice of the voices taking part in the sacred concert to be held on the 17th inst. under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of William St. Baptist Church, was held last evening. The program is under the musical direction of the conductor of the choir, Mrs. Alice James.

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Necessity pointed the way and, two years later, we established, at Stratford, a factory that we might carry out our own ideas of what ready made clothing should be. That factory is now one of the institutions of Canada—a ten year old success and no dwarf. This year it swelled in girth and took a leap upward—expressed in figures, over 50 per cent.

The clothing we made at first was not as good as we are making now, each year we have improved. But nevertheless, the clothing we then made was so satisfying to ourselves and the people, that, in 1893, we opened another store at Guelph for the sale of our product. That store has won in Guelph the same proud position earned by the store in Stratford.

B sides clothing, in every form that the word is generally understood, we manufacture working garments. We sell nothing in these lines but our own and at retail only in our own stores. We do keep hats and caps and full ranges of furnishings and serve the public the best we know how.

We have the utmost confidence in our own future and in the future of Chatham. That accounts for this announcement—this telling who we are.

The new store on the South West corner of King and Fifth Streets is ours—that is we have leased it for a term of years. It is one hundred feet deep and has nearly thirty feet front. We are doing our best, with all that's modern in successful and progressive store keeping, to create a model store.

We do not come among you with blare of trumpets, but we come to stay, and hope to be ready for business sometime next week—but "that's another story" as Kipling says.

Watch the papers.

Thornton & Douglas

SHORT PARAGRAPHS:

Within the last ninety-five years the population of Belgium has doubled itself, rising from 3,000,000 to 6,000,000.

In Madagascar silk is the only fabric used in the manufacture of clothing. It is cheaper than linen in Ireland.

Thimbles have been found in prehistoric mounds, with every evidence of having been made by machinery similar to our own.

In males, the average weight of the full grown human brain is about forty-nine or fifty ounces; in females, forty-four ounces.

It is one of the peculiarities of the laws of Denmark that the crown must be worn by a Christian and a Frederick alternately.

One hundred years ago it was considered a wonderful achievement for ten men to manufacture 48,000 pins in a day. Now three men make 7,500,000 pins in the same time.

In West Africa the natives hiss when they are astonished; in the New Hebrides when they see anything beautiful. The Basutos applaud a popular orator in the assemblies by hissing him. The Japanese, again, show their reverence by a hiss.

The burning of the bride's playthings is part of the wedding ceremony in Japan. The bride lights a torch, which she hands to the bridegroom, who with it lights a fire in which the toys are destroyed.

Each day of the week has served as a day of rest somewhere. Sunday among Christians, Monday with the Greeks, Tuesday with the Persians, Wednesday with the Assyrians, Thursday with the Egyptians, Friday with the Turks and Saturday with the Hebrews.

A Competent Witness.

United States District Judge Williams, now holding court in Topeka, tells a funny story. Years ago he was a district judge in Arkansas. At a certain term of court a murder trial came before him, and the most important witness for the prosecution was a colored boy only ten years old. The lawyers for the defence set out to show that the boy was too young to understand the nature of an oath, and therefore was not competent as a witness.

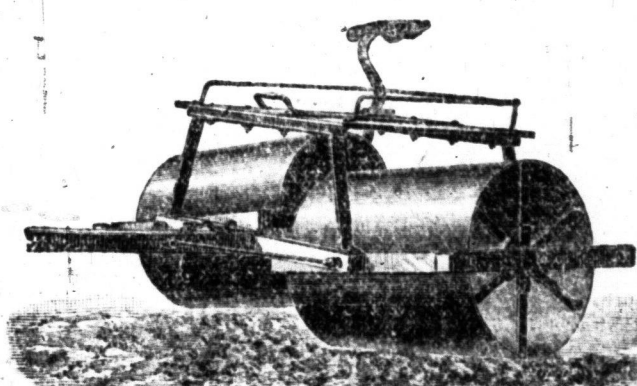
"Boy," said one of them severely, "do you know what would happen if you swore to a lie?" "Yes, sah. Mammy would lick me." "Would anything else happen?" "Deed de would; case de devil would git me."

At this point Judge Williams leaned over his desk and said with pretended sternness: "Don't you know, boy, that I would get you, too?" "Yes, sah. Dat's what I jus' said."—Kansas City Journal.

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