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This Wholesale Plugging, He Says, Must Be Throttled and Killed, as People Are Furious.

A Gang of Political Freebooters Has Been Working Hamilton For Years—How the Attorney-General Got Mixed in It.

Hamilton, March 20.—(Special.)—"I am surprised at the condition of affairs shown, and am considering the advisability of recommending the Council to order an investigation, possibly before the county judge. This sort of thing must be throttled and killed."

This was Mayor Teetzel's announcement at the City Hall to-day at the impouring disclosures of the crooked voting in the Hamilton Third Main bylaw. The revelations of the wholesale plugging in the vote to spend $200,000 of the people's money have aroused the city to a state of something like fury.

Fresh Cases Coming Out.

Fresh cases of impersonation are coming to light every hour. In one division alone it turns out that fully a quarter of the votes were illegal.

Said a prominent physician to The World to-day: "It is disgraceful, but $1000 properly placed will carry any money bylaw in Hamilton."

Working Hamilton for Years.

On account of the free field afforded them a gang of political freebooters have been operating in the city for years. When The World, at the time of the last Ontario elections, pointed out how important a part the Vinegar Hill toughs were playing in the election campaign of Hon. J. M. Gibson, it will be remembered that the allegations could not be denied.

It's a Panic Now.

The work of the crooks now, however, is causing dismay, which the seeming helplessness of the law has intensified to something like a panic.

The police caught impersonator Marr Phillips red-handed, but when Magistrate Jelfs convicted him the Attorney-General's department telephones that the law is ambiguous and Phillips gets a new trial.

Jelfs Says Law is Abused.

A World reporter had a talk with Mr. Jelfs to-day in regard to his now historic dispute in court with Crown-Attorney Crerar, when the latter official intimated that having been tried once Phillips could not be tried again. "I simply tried to do my duty," remarked the Magistrate, who is a sturdy specimen of a fighting Englishman. "The law is being terribly abused. There has been a lot of impersonation for some time and I feel that unless a firm stand were taken to uphold the law we should have a outburst of blackguards in Hamilton."

Who Were the Parties?

Asked if he thought that the attempt to take Phillips out of his court were not an organized effort to set him scot free, Magistrate Jelfs replied: "Crown-Attorney Crerar had, of course, nothing to do with it, but I believe that certain parties tried to get him outside my jurisdiction to free him on a technicality."

"But you had the law on your side, had you not?"

"Well," said the Magistrate, "Deputy-Attorney-General Cartwright told me that while the law was not against me it was better in case of doubt to give the prisoner the benefit of it and allow him to elect."

Department to Pull Him Up.

"Won't this doubtfulness of the law effect your decisions?"

"I must go on as I think the law is, and leave it to the department to pull me up."

Gibson Gets Him Freedom.

The general impression in Hamilton seems to be that the action of the Attorney-General's department in interfering to give Phillips a new trial will win him freedom. This is what Lawyer A. C. Beasley, who is defending Phillips, says: "I think Phillips will go free. He was convicted by Magistrate Jelfs and spent four days in jail. I don't see that he can be tried for the same offence over again."

It is a Unique Case.

The Phillips case has not yet reached its zenith of interest. Lawyers say it is unique in the history of Ontario.

Disclosures Will Be Startling.

Said a prominent election official to-day: "If Mayor Teetzel's investigation gets down to the root of the matter and looks for the parties who supplied the pluggers with the money, the disclosures will be startling," and he continued: "Why don't the local papers help us out in this?" Everybody knows that one of them has been fighting the third main editorially, while at the same time accepting advertising on the front page, giving strong reasons why the people should vote for the bylaw. The public would like to know who are the interested persons paying for the advertising.

LORD ROBERTS INSINUATES THAT THE BOERS ARE LIARS

Boer President Claims That the Burghers Did Not Use the White Flag Treacherously, But Says the British Used It.

London, March 20.—(7.15 p.m.)—The following despatch has been received at the War Office from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Monday, March 19:

"I have received the following reply to my telegram of March 11 to the Presidents of the Free State and South African Republic:

"'Your Excellency's telegram reached me yesterday. I assure you nothing would grieve me more than that my burghers should make themselves guilty of a deed such as that laid to their charge by you. I am, however, glad to say you must have been mistaken. I have made personal enquiry of General Delarey, who was in command of our burghers at the place mentioned by you.

Delarey Denies It.

"'He denies entirely that our burghers acted as stated by you, but he says that on Saturday [the date being illegible] the British troops, when they were about 50 yards from our position, put up their hands as well as a white flag, whilst at the same time your cannon bombarded the said troops, with the result that Commandant De Beer was wounded. Yesterday morning the head commandant wrote in his account of the battle as follows: "The soldiers hoisted the white flag, but were then fired on by the English cannon and compelled to charge."

"'Perhaps it is not known to Your Excellency that the same thing happened at Spion Kop, where, when a portion of the troops hoisted a white flag and put up their hands, and whilst our burghers were busy disarming them, another portion of the troops fired on our burghers, but some of the British troops were killed. It has also been reported that at the last battle of the Tugela English cannon fired on troops who had surrendered.

Very Cheeky Reply.

"'With reference to the explosive bullets found in Cronje's laager and elsewhere, I can give Your Excellency assurance that such bullets were not purchased or allowed by the Government. I have, however, no reason to doubt your statement, as I know many of the burghers of this State and of the South African Republic took a large number of Lee-Metford rifles and dum-dum and other bullets from British troops.

"'May I request Your Excellency, as the cable is closed to me, to make my reply known to your Government and the neutral powers by cable. (Signed) State President.'"

Roberts Won't Continue It.

The despatch from Lord Roberts concludes as follows: "As the enquiry into that matter proves His Honor's allegations to be unfounded, and as I personally saw the holding up of hands, which he denies, I have not thought it desirable to continue the correspondence."

HERBERT TELLS ON LEMIEUX

Ex-Teller of Ville Marie Bank Gives Some Sensational Evidence in Baxter Case.

HE HAD CASHED BAXTER'S CHEQUES

On Orders From Lemieux, and Some of Them Were for Large Amounts.

Montreal, March 20.—(Special.)—The witnesses examined to-day in the Baxter case were William Weir and A. C. Wurtele. The latter explained the holding of the Pale des Chaleurs bonds by Baxter, who, he stated, had given full value for them. The chief witness, however, was James J. Herbert, the ex-teller, upon whom the Crown depends to prove its case. Herbert swore that while he was teller he had, under instructions from Lemieux, his superior officer, cashed Baxter's cheques for large amounts. Lemieux, he said, had instructed him not to say anything about these cheques to the directors, and a few weeks before the bank suspended Lemieux had got possession of the cheques, telling him that he would keep them until the trouble had blown over, when they would divide the cheques between the three of them. The amount represented by these cheques was about $45,000. He had afterwards tried to get $15,000 from Baxter without success. After the bank failed he had, on Lemieux's advice, gone into hiding and had got money from Baxter to pay his expenses. After he was arrested he had got back the cheques from Mrs. Lemieux, wife of the accused, and had given them to the detectives.

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IRISH RACKET IN LONDON.

Hon. Edward Blake Proposed a Toast and the Police Had to Be Called.

London, March 20.—At the Nationalist banquet at the Hotel Cecil in London this evening, Mr. John Redmond, leader of the Nationlist party in the House of Commons, who presided, said he regarded the last nine years of public life in Ireland as a "hideous nightmare."

"Our re-union is sincere," he continued, "and there is nothing humanly speaking which the 86 Irish members of Parliament cannot obtain with the exigencies of the British parties."

Mr. Edward Blake, member of Parliament for South Longford, who proposed the toast "Ireland—a nation," was greeted with hostile cries.

A disturbance ensued, and the police were called in to restore order.

During Mr. Blake's speech in consequence of the uproar, the stewards were sent for to secure quiet. A scrimmage followed, and blows were exchanged. After a sharp tussle, quietude was obtained.

Later, while Mr. Edward McHugh, member of Parliament for South Armagh, was speaking, a small coterie followed their interruptions, which developed into a free fight. Many ladies who were present became greatly alarmed. Ultimately the police overpowered the disturbers and ejected them.

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Who Will It Be?

Politicians were discussing Centre Toronto last night, and there was some speculation as to who the Government nominee would be. The name of ex-Ald. A. F. Rutter was mentioned frequently, but he has said that he is out of politics. Another name mentioned as that of a strong candidate is ex-Ald. John Flett, and there are many Liberals who would be more than pleased to see Mr. John Bertram, ex-M.P., and brother of the deceased member, as the standard-bearer at the bye-election. The name of ex-Ald. Lynd was also mentioned as a possibility. The best known men in the party say they have been too much concerned over the late member's serious condition to discuss the future.

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MR. G. H. BERTRAM, M.P., CENTRE TORONTO, DIES A VICTIM OF CANCER

The Operation Performed by Specialists in New York Was of No Avail—Passes Away After Being Unconscious for Several Days—His Career in Business and in Politics.

Mr. George H. Bertram, M.P. for Centre Toronto, and President of the Bertram Engine Works Company, died at his residence, 220 Beverley-street, a little before 6 o'clock last night.

His death was not unexpected, for Mr. Bertram had been ill for over four months and sank rapidly during the past two weeks.

A Victim of Cancer.

Mr. Bertram suffered from cancer of the left arm, and the disease developed so rapidly after its appearance that it soon confined him to his bed. Last August he went to New York, where he consulted an eminent specialist and underwent an operation. Temporary relief, however, was only gained, for shortly after his return home the disease presented itself in a new form and complications followed. From that time all hope of his recovery was given up and it was apparent that death might result at any time.

Unconscious for Days.

During the last few days he did not recognize the members of his family, who were constantly at his bedside. He remained in this condition up till the time of his death, and passed peacefully away.

Mr. Bertram's Career.

George Hope Bertram was born in Haddingtonshire, Scotland, about 40 miles from Edinburgh, March 12, 1847. He was the son of Mr. Hugh Bertram, who died 10 years ago.

At the age of 18 years he came to this country and settled in Lindsay. There, in company with his elder brother, John, he engaged in the hardware business. Three years later his brother retired and deceased continued to carry on the business.

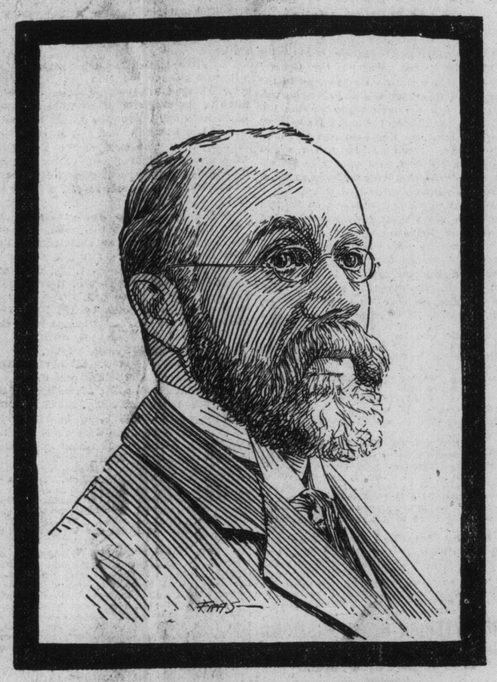
Came to Toronto in 1881.

In 1881 he disposed of his business in Lindsay and removed to this city. Immediately after his arrival here he started again in the hardware trade on Yonge-street. After some years he sold out to his brother John, who still conducts the business at 53 Yonge-street.

The Bertram Company.

Mr. Bertram, in 1893, purchased the assets of the John Doty Engine Company, and organized a joint stock company for the purpose of taking over the business. The works under his management prospered and it is now one of the most extensive of its kind in Canada. He took an active interest in the building of steamers and developed his business principally along this line. Some of the finest boats plying on the inland lakes, including the steamer Toronto, were constructed in the Bertram ship yards, which are situated on the waterfront at the foot of Bathurst-street.

The steamer Toronto was built for the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company, and gave such satisfaction last year that the directors, at a meeting held in Montreal two weeks ago, closed the contract for a sister boat, to be called the Kingston.



THE LATE GEORGE H. BERTRAM.

Mr. Bertram, when a young man, took an active interest in politics at Lindsay. During the local campaigns he on several occasions went on the platform in behalf of the Liberal cause. His business soon, however, occupied all his time and for 30 years he took no part in politics. It was only at the solicitation of his many friends that he consented to become a candidate in the bye-election held in December, 1897, after the retirement of the then member, Mr. William Lount, Q.C. In the contest for Centre Toronto he defeated Mr. O. A. Howland, the Conservative candidate.

Respected by All.

In the House Mr. Bertram earned the respect of all the members, Conservative and Liberal alike. He was a fluent speaker and, altho a Liberal, firmly believed in the National Policy for the development of Canada. Illness prevented him from taking his seat this session.

He was a member of the Toronto Young Liberals and honorary president of several party organizations.

Mr. Bertram was a member of the Unitarian Church on Jarvis-street.

The Surviving Family.

Besides a widow, he leaves three sons and two daughters. They are: Messrs. John H., George Murray, Douglas Hope, Mrs. W. Hamilton and Mrs. W. Moore. He also leaves two brothers, John and Alexander, and a sister, Miss Bertram.

It is the wish of the family that the funeral be private. It will take place tomorrow afternoon from his late residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

GERMAN POLITICAL GOSSIP

There Has Been No Concert With France and Russia in Regard to South Africa.

GERMANY ACTED FOR HERSELF.

No Truth in the Report That Dr. Von Holleben is Trying to Secure Joint Action.

Berlin, March 20.—There is no foundation for the statement made here on the authority of a St. Petersburg correspondent of The Lokal Anzeiger, that Germany has participated in any way in a reported Franco-Russian communique to Great Britain with reference to establishing peace in South Africa. Germany answered the Kruger-Steyn appeal unaided and uninfluenced; and the text of the answer has been published thru the German Consul at Pretoria. No negotiations took place between Germany and Russia as to how the former should answer, and nothing is known here regarding any special Russian plans or procedures relative to the war.

Sugar Bounties.

The German Foreign Office admits that oral negotiations have taken place in Vienna as to the sugar bounties between Austria and Germany, the result of which must be kept secret for the present. But Germany is not negotiating with other powers than Austria on this subject, and the negotiations in Vienna do not contemplate another international conference.

The Safety of Johannesburg.

Political circles in Berlin place no reliance upon the despatch from Washington that the German Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Von Holleben, is trying to bring about joint action in order to guarantee safety of Johannesburg, and the papers this evening declare that there is no truth whatever in any such report.

A Bustling Spring at Dineens'.

Men are buying new spring hats so much earlier this season at Dineens', and ladies are buying fur garments so much later than in any year of the past, that this March is proving an exceptionally lively spring month at Dineens'. The greatest demand in furs at Dineens' these days is for the chic little Parisian pattern fur capelines, collarettes, ruffs and other designs in fur neckwear which both fashion and good taste decree as most becoming styles to be worn with tailor-made costumes this spring and next fall.

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Miss Ellen Terry was enthusiastically applauded on her appearance in New York Monday evening.

A DEAD CANADIAN'S LETTER.

Walter White of Windsor Wrote Just Before the Battle in Which He Fell.

Windsor, March 20.—A letter written by Walter White a few days before he was killed in the battle at Modder River on Feb. 18, was received by his mother this morning. It was written at Belmont just before the Canadian troops began the advance that cost so many lives. "Five letters have reached us since Walter's death," said Joseph White, the boy's father, "but there will be no more. It has almost seemed like receiving letters from the dead. But we are glad they have come, for it shows that Walter thought of his home right up to his death." The last letter reads: "I haven't time to write you more than a line. I received your letter, and was glad to hear you were well. We are moving this afternoon. I don't know where we are going, but I won't be able to write very often, so if you do not hear from me you need not worry. I may not be able to write for a month or more. I am well, and so are all the rest of our boys. Write often. Love to all friends and yourself. Take good care of yourself for my sake. I must close now, as it is time to get on the train."

The letter had not left Africa before young White was killed.

PROCTOR'S CUTE GAME.

Pretended That His Leg Was Broken to Get a Night in the Hospital.

The ambulance brought to the Emergency Hospital last night a young man who gave the name of William Proctor, and his last address as the Central Prison. He was found on West Queen-street lying on the pavement, and was picked up by sympathetic passers-by, to whom he told a story that he had broken his leg. The physicians at the hospital could not locate any injury, and eventually compelled him to admit that he had only fallen down in order to get a free ride and a night's lodging. The game, however, didn't work, and he received his walking ticket.

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Killers of Live Birds.

New York, March 20.—The live-bird shooting tournament of the Brooklyn Gun Club, which began yesterday at Interstate Park, Queen's, L.I., was concluded to-day.

J. S. Fanning of San Francisco shot in splendid form, and killed straight in two of the three handicap events. Bassett and Lamberson divided first money with Fanning in the Plum Pudding Handicap, all three having killed 15 straight.

Lily-of-the-Valley.

These, the purest, sweetest and most fragrant of flowers, are now at their loveliest at Dunlop's. Nothing more desirable than a bunch of these dainty white bells, with a few violets, to brighten the room of one of your sick friends. 5 King-street west and 445 Yonge-street.

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To-Day's Program.

Ionic L.O.L. At Home, Temple Building, 8.

Conference to consider a Dominion Exhibition in 1901, City Hall, 2.30.

Board of Trade, Railway Committee, 4.

Board of Control, City Hall, 10.30.

Ontario Legislature, Queen's Park, 3.

Soldiers' Wives' League, Armouries, 4.

Canadian Home Circles Convention, Victoria Hall.

Recruiting at Stanley Barracks for Halifax garrison.

Grand Opera House, "The Sign of the Cross," 2 and 8.

Toronto Opera House, "Over the Fence," 8.

Princess Theatre, "Quo Vadis," 2 and 8.

Shea's Theatre, Vaudeville, 2 and 8.

J. STEWART TUPPER, Q. C.,

Tells the Winnipeg People How He Found Political Feeling in Ontario Province.

THE GREAT VICTORY IN MANITOBA

He Found Gave Much Satisfaction—Laurier Government Likely to Be Ousted.

Winnipeg, March 20.—(Special.)—J. Stewart Tupper, Q.C., who has just returned from a three weeks' visit to Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto, said to The Winnipeg Telegram, when asked as to the state of feeling in Ontario in reference to the Conservative victory in Manitoba, and as to the opinions held there regarding Hon. Hugh John Macdonald's leadership, that everywhere he went the greatest satisfaction was expressed at the magnificent victory of the Conservative party, and on all sides the highest admiration was expressed for Hugh John Macdonald's leadership both during the campaign and since. The victory in Beautiful Plains was regarded as most significant, and was hailed with delight.

Regarding Dominion politics, Mr. Tupper said that he found a general impression in the east that the Conservative party would carry the country at the next general elections by a large majority. The reason for the unpopularity of the Laurier Government, he said, was its gross violations of pledges, its gross extravagance and its unwillingness to come to the aid of the Empire in the present war until forced to do so by the overwhelming sentiment of the people of Canada.

"What are the probabilities for a general election?" the reporter asked.

"It is rumored," Mr. Tupper replied, "that the Government will appeal to the country at an early date, as they realize that their position is becoming more hopeless every day, and they fear that if they postpone the elections until the expiration of their five years' term the demoralization of the Liberal party will be as great as in the Province of Manitoba."

Prairie City News Notes.

Forty men left for garrison work at Halifax to-day.

Rev. Hugh Pedley left for Montreal to-day to take the pastorate of Emmanuel Church.

Friends of the late Major Arnold are arranging to have a life-size portrait of him painted.

At the Spring Assizes to-day Ed Cameron was sentenced to seven years' confinement in Stony Mountain Penitentiary for shooting George Pullipat with intent to kill.

A Galician was found near Emerson shot thru the head. It was a case of suicide.

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The Good Fur Time at Dineens'.

You'd think that with sleighing-time so nearly over there would be no reason for buying new fur sleigh robes, men's fur overcoats and ladies' raccoon, Bokhara and Astrachan jackets at this stage of the season. But if you are a lover of nice furs and a judge of good values, you will discover that Dineens' special March prices for furs are the attractions which induce heavy buying this month. Many a choice fur garment is being cleared at its actual first cost in Dineens' March sale.

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POLITICAL QUESTIONS ARE TO THE FORE NOW

Colonial Office Issues a Proclamation in South Africa Regarding the Destruction of Property.

This is an Indication That the Two Republics Will Be Governed as Crown Colonies—Bulletins From Roberts.

London, March 21.—While there is a lull in the military operations, the political surroundings of the war show interesting developments.

The Colonial Office has telegraphed to Cape Town the text of the proclamation concerning the destruction of property. This will not be published in London until after its promulgation in South Africa, but it is known that it will convey an intimation that a wanton destruction of British property during the war will be regarded as warranting a claim for compensation and as justifying a levy upon private property, should the resources of the Transvaal Republic prove inadequate.

May Be Crown Colonies.

The fact that the proclamation is issued by the Colonial Office is regarded as an indication that the republics will be administered as Crown colonies. In this connection it is understood leaders of the Opposition now admit that no other settlement is possible if the republics insist upon their demand for absolute independence. In view of this the Liberals will be confined to securing in the settlement the best treatment for the Dutch population, including security against the disfranchisement.

A South African Policy.

It is becoming regarded as quite a settled matter that, should the war be ended, as it is now hoped, before June, the Government will dissolve Parliament and appeal to the country on the basis of a successful South African policy. Should the war drag on, dissolution will be postponed until next spring. In any event one of the foremost planks of the Government platform will be army reorganization.

Sir Alfred's Movements.

There is no further information as to the movements of Sir Alfred Milner. It is regarded as certain, however, that he has gone to Bloemfontein to arrange for the temporary administration of the Free State.

Steyn's Reply.

Mr. Steyn's reply to Lord Roberts' charges of the misuse of flags of truce is commented upon as impertinent and ridiculous and Lord Roberts' course in closing a useless discussion is commended as wise.

Buller Will Move.

Indications from Natal seem to show that Gen. Buller's forward movement will not be long delayed.

Carrington's Force.

The Government has decided that Major General Sir Frederick Carrington shall command a colonial force of 5000, including the 2500 men Mr. Chamberlain asked for from Australia, which will be stationed on the northern Transvaal border to prevent Boer retreat to an incursion into Rhodesia.

Boer Losses 7000.

A statement comes from Pretoria admitting that the Boer losses during the war exceed 7000.

Nothing From Mafeking.

No fresh news has been received from Mafeking, but a Pretoria despatch Thursday, March 15, asserts that Col. Plumer has not been able to advance south of Lobatsi.

LORD ROBERTS' BULLETIN

Says Kitchener Has Occupied Prieska Unopposed—Steyn Threatening Loyal Free Staters.

London, March 20.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Tuesday, March 20:

"Kitchener occupied Prieska yesterday unopposed. The rebels surrendered their arms. The Transvaalers escaped across the river.

Steyn Makes Threats.

"Mr. Steyn is circulating a notice by means of despatch riders in reply to my proclamation, to the effect that any burgher who signs a declaration that he will not fight against us again will be treated as a traitor and shot.

500 Beds at Bloemfontein.

"The Bloemfontein people are affording us every assistance in the matter of hospital accommodation. We have consequently been able to arrange for 500 beds.

Prisoners Taken at Prieska.

"Thirty-three prisoners were taken at Prieska, 200 stands of arms and some supplies and explosives.

More Boers Surrender.

"The Boers have begun to surrender on the Basutoland frontier."

FARMS FLYING WHITE FLAGS.

British Troops Cordially Received 25 Miles West of Springfontein—Have Had Enough of War.

London, March 21.—A despatch to The Daily Mail from Donkerspoort, dated Monday, March 19, says: "A reconnaissance toward Philippolis, 25 miles west of Springfontein, found the farms all flying white flags. The British troops were cordially received.

"It is reported that Mr. Steyn is trying to rally the Boers, but the latter say they have had enough."

NEW ZEALAND BACKS BRITAIN

In Her Reply to the Boers—Colony Will Aid to Her Last Effort the Empire.

London, March 21.—Mr. Chamberlain has received the following telegram from the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of New Zealand, the Earl of Ranfurly:

New Zealand Backs Britain.

"The people of New Zealand wish to express their endorsement of the position taken by the Imperial Government in declining to allow the intervention of any foreign power in the settlement with the Transvaal and the Free State and in declining to assent to either state being independent.

Will Support to the Last.

"My Government assures Her Majesty's Government that New Zealand will support to the last the Mother Country, so far as it lies in her power, in maintaining that position, which has been taken up irrespective of consequences.

Many Are Yet Volunteering.

"I am desired to add that there are large numbers of men volunteering, who are good riders and shots, willing to go to South Africa for the relief of the Imperial forces, if their services later will be required elsewhere."

Johannesburg Mines Not Flooded.

London, March 21.—A correspondent of The Daily News at Bloemfontein, telegraphing Monday, March 19, says:

"I learn from Johannesburg that it is not true that the mines have been flooded or otherwise damaged, beyond the fact that the machinery is suffering from disuse. My informant declares that the whole story was fabricated to court sympathy."

CHURCHILL BACKS BULLER.

The Natal Force, He Says, Kept 16,000 Boers Busy While Roberts Was Working.

London, March 21.—Winston Churchill, in a despatch dated Pietermaritzburg, warmly resists the contention that the relief of Ladysmith arose out of Lord Roberts' operations.

"On the contrary," he says, "the operations of Lord Roberts were assisted by the fact that Gen. Buller kept 16,000 Boers occupied. It would be cruel and unworthy to deprive the Natal army of their hard won laurels; and none would more vigorously repudiate such a suggestion than Lord Roberts himself."

SIR ALFRED'S PROCLAMATION.

Britain Will Not Recognize Any Alienations of Property in the Transvaal or Free State.

Cape Town, March 20.—Sir Alfred Milner, the Governor of Cape Colony and British High Commissioner of South Africa, has issued a proclamation declaring that the Imperial Government will not recognize as valid or effectual any alienations of property, whether of lands, railroads or mines, within the Transvaal or the Orange

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DISTRESS SPREADS IN INDIA.

Nearly 5,000,000 Persons on the Relief Works Now in the Famine Districts.

Bombay, March 20.—The distress caused by the famine is increasing in extent and severity. Prices here have risen to the level of those of 1897, the great famine year, and are still rising. There are now employed on the relief works in the famine-stricken districts 4,810,000 persons.

The Maharajah of Jeypore has donated fifteen lakhs of rupees to be placed at interest for the relief of sufferers from the present and future famines. He stipulates that the money shall be invested by trustees, who shall devote the income to the purpose specified.

DEATHS.

BULL—At Brampton, on March 20, Bartholomew Hill Bull, father of W. P. Bull, barrister, of this city.
Funeral notice later.

KINGSMILL—On Feb. 21, 1900, at sea, John Jucherean Kingsmill, Q.C., M.A., D.C.L., fourth son of the late Colonel Kingsmill.
Funeral will take place at St. Mark's, Niagara, on Thursday, March 22. Special train leaves Suspension Bridge for Niagara on arrival Grand Trunk train leaving Toronto 9 a.m.

KENNEDY—Owing to the late arrival of the New York train yesterday, the funeral service of the late John G. Kennedy, formerly of 20 Brunswick-avenue, city, will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, St. Stephen's Church, thence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

LAWRENCE—On Sunday, March 18, 1900, at her late residence, 24 McMurrich-street, Annie, wife of Robert Lawrence, in her 68th year.
Funeral private, Wednesday, March 21.

MADILL—On Friday, the 16th inst., at Clifton Park, Ohio, Harriet Theodocia Madill, late of Weston.
Funeral leaves Undertaker W. H. Stone's, 343 Yonge-street, on Wednesday, at 1.30 p.m.; burial at St. Phillip's Cemetery, Weston.

TAYLOR—On Tuesday, March 20, 1900, Emily E. Taylor, fourth daughter of the late George Taylor, Don Mills.
Funeral to the family burying ground, Don Mills, on Thursday at 3 p.m. Friends will kindly accept this notice.

TINGLE—On Tuesday, March 20, Andrew Tingle.
Funeral on Thursday, 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 279 Gerrard-street east.

PLAGUE IS INCREASING.

In Bengal There Were 4725 Deaths From the Disease Last Week—Lord Curzon at Work.

Calcutta, March 20.—The bubonic plague is fast increasing. In Bengal 4725 deaths occurred last week. Those included 744 in Calcutta, 944 in Patna.

The Viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, yesterday visited the Medical College, which is in one of the infected districts of Calcutta.

A Little Warmer.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 20.—(8 p.m.)—The low area which passed across Northern Canada yesterday is now centred over the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the western high area is moving southeastward towards the Mississippi Valley. General indications point to fine weather and a tendency for a little higher temperature in Ontario, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40—52; Kamloops, 36—56; Calgary, 16—56; Prince Albert, 12—32; Winnipeg, 6 below—18; Port Arthur, 8—22; Parry Sound, 20—28; Toronto, 24—32; Ottawa, 28—34; Montreal, 30—30; Quebec, 20—38; Halifax, 40—48.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh westerly winds; fine; stationary, or a little higher temperature.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh westerly winds; fine; stationary or a little lower temperature.

Gulf—Strong westerly winds; fair, with a little lower temperature.

Maritime—Fresh to strong westerly winds; a few local showers, but mostly fair; stationary or lower temperature.

Lake Superior and Manitoba—Fine, with a little higher temperature.

Keep a boy well dressed and he will learn to respect himself. It costs but a trifle to clothe him when his clothing comes from Oak Hall, 115 King-street East and 116 Yonge-street.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

March. 20.	At.	From.
Werra	Gibraltar	New York
Werkendam	New York	Rotterdam
Trave	New York	Genoa
New Orleans	New York	Antwerp
Southwark	Antwerp	New York
Lake Ontario	Liverpool	St. John

Sailed.	From.	For.
Bratsberg	Liverpool	Cape Breton
Tuborg	Gibraltar	Halifax
Catania	Gibraltar	Halifax