

PAUL'S LATEST PROPOSITION

To Induce Boers to Remain in the Commandos.

Says He Will Pay for Damages Done Their Farms.

Canadians Dying of Fever—Col. Buchanan's Report—British M. P.'s Write Improper Letters to Boer Leaders.

London, Saturday, Aug 4.—A Pretoria dispatch of yesterday says: President Kruger and Commandant-General Botha have issued a proclamation promising to pay all damages done to the farms by the British, provided the burghers remain with the commandos.

BOER PRISONERS IN OYLOON.
Colombo, Aug. 3.—Two hundred and thirty-five Boer prisoners reached here yesterday in the transport Mohawk—100 Transvaalers, 55 Hollanders, 25 Irish-Americans, 33 Germans, and 22 of various nationalities. They include 16 officers.

M. P.'S IN A BAD BOX.
London, Aug. 3.—In response to questions, Colonial Secretary Chamberlain said today in the House of Commons that the Boer governments in fleeing from Bloemfontein and Pretoria, left masses of private correspondence among the archives, which the authorities on the spot were examining. He had received among other things copies of letters that purported to have been written by members of the House of Commons, couched in the form of open criticism, asking for information regarding martial law, and suggesting that President Kruger make temporary concessions and await a reaction in England. In his opinion, the letters were not treasonable, though certainly improper, and he said he desired to explain, and he would await a reply before deciding whether to publish them or not.

ERASMUS SURROUNDED.
London, Aug. 3.—A Pretoria dispatch dated yesterday says: Gen. Hamilton and Mahon are engaging the Boers north of the Orange river. This morning it is probable that Commandant Erasmus' commando will be surrounded today. Gen. Schoeman, who surrendered and took the oath of neutrality, and who was allowed to return to his farm, is in arms again. He is leading a commando north of Pyramid hills.

KAFFIRS DRIVEN FROM KRAALS.
A number of Kaffir women and children today passed through Pretoria, weeping and calling. The Boers had driven them from their kraals, burning their homes and taking the cattle in the district around Commando Port West.

A Pretoria merchant, a Hollander, was dispatched to Europe several months ago with £30,000, with which to purchase foodstuffs for the burghers. He has not since been heard of.

ENTRAPPED.
From Lorenzo Marquez comes word that Commandant van der Merwe, Johannesburg, with Field Cornet Lombard, and Mr. Scheubel, the latter's brother-in-law, were entrapped in the district around Commando Port West.

The Canadians.
D BATTERY.
Ottawa, Aug. 3.—A cable was received here last evening from Major W. G. Hurndon, of D Battery, B. C. A. It was dated Cape Town, Aug. 2, and read: "All well. No casualties."
Corp. G. V. W. Howard, of Aylmer, who was attached to D Battery, second Canadian contingent, for active service, has gained a prominent position in the medical corps in South Africa. According to the latest advice

THE MARCH TO PAARDEBERG

Was Easy for the Canadian Boys Who Had Foot Elm in Their Shoes

A Letter From W. B. Butler, 'C' Company, Royal Canadian Infantry.

The famous swift march to Paardeberg, where Cronje and his army were rounded up and captured, will live as one of the memorable achievements of the South African war. There was many a sore-footed soldier, though, after that trudge through Africa's hot sand. The Canadian boys, who were provided with "Foot Elm" came through with their feet in splendid condition. Here is a letter from W. B. Butler, of 'C' Company, of the Canadian Infantry, that tells about it:

"Dear Sirs.—Yours to hand of March 3, and I must thank you for sending me another box of your 'Foot Elm.' It is the best cure for tender feet I ever tried, and I have tried several remedies. When I volunteered for active service and was accepted, the only fault I had was that I suffered from tender feet and dreaded the thought of the long marches. Thanks to your remedy I have not suffered from sore feet at all. When 'Foot Elm' was issued to us several men did not take it, so I managed to get two boxes, but these men were sorry afterwards. While on the march from Belmont to Paardeberg I gave some of mine to those who had none and they were surprised at the benefit they received from it, and I can safely say that my feet were in better condition on that trying march than they had been for years, and I hope with the use of your 'Foot Elm' they will remain so."
(Signed) W. B. BUTLER."

Foot Elm is 25c a box at all drug stores, or by mail, Stout & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

Corp. Howard has been advanced to take charge of an hospital at Bloemfontein. In recognition of Corp. Howard's services, the surgeons of the British medical corps presented him with a valuable pair of field glasses. He has also been promoted in rank to the position of corporal. Before enlisting Corp. Howard held an important position in a Guelph bank.

NO CAUSE OF COMPLAINTS.
London, Aug. 3.—In the House of Commons this afternoon, Mr. George Wyndham, parliamentary secretary to the war office, in reply to a question put by Sir W. C. Gull, Unionist member for Barnstaple, said the Canadian soldiers invalided from South Africa and convalescing at Shorncliffe, had no cause of complaint as to their treatment there.

DIED OF FEVER.
Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 3.—Sir Alfred Milner cables to Lord Minto as follows:

"Cape Town, Aug. 3, 1900.—177, Hall, Kroonstad, 7th June; J. Cooper, Bloemfontein, 29th June; 294, Brand, Bloemfontein, 9th July—all died of enteric fever; 61, Brown, dangerously wounded, Pretoria, 16th July. (Signed) Milner."

INVALIDED.
The following have been invalided from South Africa to England. Royal Canadian Regiment: 788, Pte. A. Cogins, R. C. D.; 7,111, C. C. Thompson, 6th Duke of York's, R. C. H.; 7,659, Pte. T. Mowe, Duke of York's, R. C. H.; 7,728, J. Crook, 62nd St. C. Fusiliers; 7,966, Bugler Wm. McMullen, 8th Hussars, Canadian Mounted Rifles, 1st Battalion; 320, Pte. F. W. Wallace, Manitoba Dragoons; 170, R. G. Johnstone, 3rd Dragoons.

COL. BUCHAN'S REPORT.
Ottawa, Aug. 3.—Lieut.-Col. Buchanan, who was commanding the 1st Battalion during the time that Lieut.-Col. Otter was on the sick list, has sent a report to the department here, covering the period from April 26 to May 25, when Col. Otter resumed command.

Col. Buchanan reports on the following engagements: Eden Mountain, Houtnek, Welcome, Zand River, Baschkranz Drift and Heilbron. At Houtnek, Capt. Burstall, of the permanent force, was recommended for special bravery.

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THE FIGHTING AT HEILBRON.
The remainder of the report, which is voluminous, consists chiefly of details of the fighting at Heilbron, and the entry of the troops into the town under Gen. Ian Hamilton. On the Queen's Birthday the battalion turned out in the evening and drank the health of her majesty in a ration of rum, giving three cheers for the Queen, also for Major-Gen. Smith-Dorrien, Ian Hamilton and Lord Roberts, finishing by singing "God Save the Queen."

War Loan

Of \$50,000,000 Issued by Great Britain.

Animated Debate in the House of Lords on England's Defenses.

Belgium's Reply to the British Note Regarding Spido, Who Shot at the Prince of Wales.

London, Aug. 4.—The war loan has been issued in the form of £10,000,000 3 per cent exchequer bonds at 98, repayable at par in 1903.

It was reported in Wall street, New York, yesterday, after business hours, that half of the entire issue of British war bonds has been underwritten in this country. Of the entire amount it was said that £7,000,000 will be used to defray South African war expenses, and the balance will go toward the cost of the campaign in China.

BREDEZE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

A breeze blew up in the House of Lords yesterday as the outcome of the debate on Friday last regarding the allegation that England was not invulnerable against an attempted invasion. Lord Rosebery resented the remarks of the secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne, taking him to task for suggesting that the commander of the forces, Lord Wolseley, ought to come to the house and give his authority under the government's military plans. Lord Rosebery said he did not propose to be snubbed in the discharge of what he considered a public duty. The Marquis of Lansdowne, he said, must be understood to have said that there existed in the country a blind, reverential confidence in the war office.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, replying, said the war secretary was responsible to parliament, and the commander-in-chief was responsible to the war secretary.

Other peers having spoken, the premier, Lord Salisbury, arose and said he understood that the nation would be much more satisfied if Lord Wolseley would come to the house and express his approval of Lord Lansdowne's plans. It was obvious to Lord Wolseley could be called upon to do that he was also entitled to express disapproval. Lord Salisbury said he could not see how that was possible. The Marquis of Lansdowne, what Lord Salisbury had said, but it was of an abstract kind.

The subject was then dropped.

THE PLAGUE IN OLD LONDON.
The United States marine hospital service has received the following telegram from the Pasteur Institute, Paris, Aug. 3, 1900: "Surgeon-General, Marine Hospital, Washington: There have been four cases of plague in the city of London, England. Diagnosis confirmed by bacteriological examination. Do not think there will be further spread. (Signed) Thomas."

The despatch from Surgeon Thomas gives no details as to the origin of the cases or whether they were on shipboard or within the city itself. The marine hospital service authorities say the instructions already given to officers, safeguarding United States ports against the disease, are ample, but quarantine officers will now be especially watchful.

BELGIUM'S EXCUSE.

Brussels, Aug. 4.—In reply to the note of the British Government, pressing regret that the proceedings against Spido, the assailant of the Prince of Wales, should have had such an entirely inadequate ending, the Belgian Government says that as a strict observer of the laws, it was unable to violate them, however strong its desire to proceed rigorously against the culprit. According to the Belgian law, Spido had three days to appeal to the court of cassation. Living with his parents, he had legal domicile, and therefore he could not be arrested for three days. He fled by the railway to escape flight. The Belgian Government says it regrets the incident, but cannot be held responsible for it.

THE SHAH'S ASSAILANT.

Paris, Aug. 4.—Salson, the Shah's assailant, was more communicative yesterday than he had been on previous attempts, and ventilated his anarchistic ideas; but when asked if he acted as the instrument of others, he declined to answer, saying, however, that had he killed the Shah and escaped, he would have been hanged. What his punishment will be is a matter of doubt. He may be condemned to the guillotine. The statutes provide the death penalty for attempted assassination.

Paris has not recovered from its indignation at the attempt on the life of its royal guest. The press is filled with apologies and expressions of regret, and urges as a further protection for public officials the suppression of Anarchists.

The curious crowd which surrounded the Palace of Sovereigns yesterday was prevented from approaching the palace when the Shah started for Vincennes, by a military review which held in his honor. An escort of dragoons surrounded the royal carriage. The Shah seems the least of all concerned over the effort to take his life, and he has not curtailed the programme he had in view.

The discovery of Salson's identity was made by means of the Bertillon system, his measurements agreeing with a card at police headquarters. When shown the card and photo, the criminal said: "Yes, that is I." His full name is Francois Salson. He is a Frenchman, and was born in 1876. He was regarded as a dangerous Anarchist, and in October, 1898, was condemned to three months' imprisonment for preaching anarchy. In June, 1899, he was condemned to eight months' imprisonment for a like offense.

HUMBERT'S REMAINS.

Monza, Aug. 4.—The remains of King

Humbert were yesterday placed in a casket of walnut, covered with lead and glass in such a manner as to leave the face exposed. The ceremony took place in the presence of the royal family, and was very touching. Queen Margherita placed the Italian flag with the arms of the house of Savoy over the corpse.

MARINE MISHAPS.
London, Aug. 4.—The British ship Glenval, Capt. Knap, from Philadelphia, June 4, arrived at Buenos Ayres, where she was bound July 31, with her cargo on fire, and having jettisoned 80 tons of it. It is believed that the vessel is not damaged.

The abandoned Norwegian bark Ellen, which was picked up at sea, given a crew, and taken in tow by the Russian brig Anna Alwina, arrived here yesterday. She was bound from Vera Cruz for Falmouth.

A severe gale is raging throughout the United Kingdom. Channel traffic is suspended.

CABLE NOTES.

It is officially announced that in consequence of the death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, the shah has abandoned his visit to England.

A St. Petersburg correspondent says that Prince Vochtesky will leave for America in a few days on important financial business, dealing with a new loan which Russia is negotiating in the United States.

The Mexican military authorities have received information that there has been continued fighting between the Maya Indians and the government troops in Yucatan, for the last five days, and that the rebels have been forced to abandon several of their strongest positions.

A coroner's inquest held on the body of Carl Schurz, jun., the second son of ex-Secretary of the Interior, Carl Schurz, of New York, who died alone in his boarding house in Montague street, London, July 28, resulted in a verdict that death had been caused by heart disease, recently returned from a walking tour of Germany. His body was sent home on board the steamer sailing from Liverpool on Thursday.

WELL SUSTAINED.

Dun's Review of Trade in the Dominion and Over the Border.

New York, Aug. 4.—Dun's review of trade says:

Business conditions in the Dominion of Canada show little change for the week. Both wholesale and retail business is slow, and collections are poor at Vancouver, while local trade is reported fairly satisfactory.

The grocery movement is well sustained for the season at Montreal, and ordered dry goods are satisfactory from central and eastern provinces. Metals, paints and oils are quiet, and prices for cheese and butter are firm, with a brisk export movement.

Business is quiet in Quebec, and collections fair. Wholesale trade is active for the season at Toronto, and the weather has been favorable for harvesting.

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IN THE UNITED STATES.

New York, Aug. 4.—Failures by branches of business in the United States during July, given in detail today, show a total of 793 commercial concerns, with aggregate liabilities of \$9,771,755, and four banking defaults for \$201,000. Manufacturing failures numbered 183, with liabilities of \$8,177,682, and trading 550, with \$3,234,556 liabilities. The total shows a heavy increase in comparison with the corresponding month last year, which is mainly due to the phenomenal sound condition existing at that time, when the amount of liabilities was the smallest, with one exception, in any month of the 82 covered by these returns.

Some raw materials and some manufactured products, one stage removed from the raw, are selling at lower prices than at any time since last year's advance set in; but there is confidence among buyers that the downward swing is nearly over, while sellers are adopting a cautious policy, which until recently characterized the attitude of buyers.

Failures for the week were 228 in the United States, against 82 last year, and 24 in Canada, against 23 last year.

Shipments of boots and shoes from Boston were 72,348 cases, against 63,308 last week, but a year ago there were 78,051. Leather is weaker, some lines declining a cent, but there is more activity. Packer hides are steady at Chicago, but country hides declined, with calfskins much depressed. The wool market has been more active, and the average of 100 quotations published by Coates Bros., on Aug. 1, was slightly lower at 25.51 cents.

Passenger earnings of railroads increased more in proportion than freight. In three weeks of July all roads reported gained 6.7 per cent over 1899, and 24.4 over 1898.

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