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GLANDERS IN THE BRITISH CAVALRY HORSES

Four Hundred Had to Be Shot in Natal Owing to the Occurrence of This Disease—It May Prolong the Campaign.

Is Buller More Anxious to Keep the Boers at Bay Than to Attempt Further Advance?—Dutch Disaffection is Spreading in Cape Colony and Natal—Boer Story of Buller's Check.

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The Boer story of General Buller's defeat at Tugela River has been received from Pretoria. The enemy's losses are claimed to be thirty men killed or wounded. As the British advanced the Boer artillery preserved absolute silence, not disclosing their position. Two battalions came within rifle range of the Boer foremost position and the Boers opened fire with deadly effect. The British right flank attacked the Boers' southernmost position, but the Mauser rifle fire was so tremendous that they were "rolled back like a spent wave, leaving ridges and ridges of dead humanity behind. Again the British advanced," the report of Gen. Schalkberghe continues, "to the attack, but again fell back, swelling their heaps of dead."

The French and German attacks upon the Boer position have not improved upon the Boer position. The "veldt" for miles was covered with dead and wounded.

London, Dec. 25.—(4.30 a.m.)—Up to this hour nothing has been reported of the Boer position, but it is believed that the military situation there is not so serious as it was. The War Office is issuing lists of further deaths and wounded, as well as accounts of sickness. The serious report of the last class is that horse sickness has broken out in both British and Boer camps in Natal. Four hundred British cavalry horses, it is said, have already been shot owing to the occurrence of glanders. The disease is likely to spread to much greater numbers of British and Boer horses than among the hardy Boer ponies, and this may mean a considerable prolongation of the campaign.

Belated News From Chieveley. A despatch from Chieveley, Natal, dated Dec. 19, says: "The British naval guns have destroyed the Colenso footbridge, thus preventing the Boers holding any position south of the Tugela River. The enemy are taking up strong positions on the eastern side, nearer the British camp. The British position at Frere is being strengthened. The Tugela River is rising, and there is a prospect of heavy rains. A two-hour bombardment of Ladysmith has been heard from here. According to reliable native reports, the Boers had 200 killed in the fight at Colenso.

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blats are being continually received of the serious spread of Dutch disaffection in both the Queenstown district of Cape Colony and Natal. A correspondent of the Daily Mail at Pietermaritzburg says: "The extent of Dutch disaffection should make the Imperial authorities realize the magnitude of the task before them."

There are unconfirmed rumors from Cape Town that General Sir Charles Warren, commander of the Fifth Division, has returned there.

Commandant Henslow, who was taken prisoner at Mandlaagte and brought to Simonstown, where he was confined on the British cruiser Kestrel, has succeeded in making his escape.

The Times this morning makes the following announcement: "We are informed that the Government has decided that it is not desirable to make further demands upon the European garrisons in India unless unforeseen difficulties arise."

An undated telegraphic message from Ladysmith, by way of Pietermaritzburg, represents the garrison as in no way threatened by Gen. Buller's reverse, and as confident of being able to hold out indefinitely.

The mails are just arriving from Ladysmith. All the correspondents comment bitterly upon the superiority of the Boer artillery.

The Times correspondent says: "It is impossible to evade the opinion that if British gunners were in the Boer positions the loss of life and damage to property in Ladysmith would be ten times greater."

Horse Sickness. Horse sickness in South Africa generally appears during the latter part of January and lasts three months. The present outbreak is unusually early.

Recruiting Activity. The holidays have brought no depression of recruiting activity. Lord Alwyne Frederick Compton, (English Member of Parliament for Biggleswade division of Bedfordshire), will raise a corps of mounted rifles. Lord Salisbury's private secretary, Mr. Selwyn Selwyn-Edwards, who is a volunteer, has volunteered for service.

The Contraband Question. The action of the United States Government in prohibiting the export of contraband articles, as affecting Delagoa Bay and Port Natal, widely divergent opinions are expressed.

The Daily Graphic, in an editorial on the subject, says: "The prohibition of contraband articles has been made in British treaties with the United States for dealing with the present war. The Government is not to be taken by surprise. No doubt the question can be satisfactorily settled by paying compensation for the seizure of contraband goods. The question of neutrality, however, is more serious, and the British duty is to have the Leizner-Marguez-Transvaal Railway watched by British troops, and to prevent the export of articles that she will be held liable in damages for assistance to the Boers by means of the railway."

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HE'S "WITHIN THE FIRE ZONE."



JONATHAN: Wall, say, Uncle Kruger may not be kalkilat' to hit me—but he's shootin' purty blame close to whar I live.

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Majority Notes. E. A. Macdonald can do a great deal for the people, and he says he will. Give him a trial. We know what Mr. Clarke can do, and it is nothing. Macdonald can do no harm; he may do a great deal of good.

Two Kinds of Bricks. Bill the Brickman and his confederates used to turn up at the Legislative fair, when subsidies were to be voted; and he was wont to hand out his bricks to those who aided him.

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WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE STRANGERS?

Hackman Davis of Niagara Falls Hired a Rig to Them Last Evening.

TO GO TO THE WHIRLPOOL.

They Did Not Return and a Search Revealed Some Suspicious Circumstances.

FOOTPRINTS FOUND IN THE SNOW.

The Two Had Gone Some Distance, One Had Fallen, Then Only One Man's Tracks.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 25.—An incident that may probably result in a murder or murder and suicide, or double suicide, occurred this evening at the Whirlpool Rapids Park promenade, just below the Grand Trunk steel arch bridge. It seems that two young men arrived at the above place in a hack owned and driven by a hackman named Davis at about 3 o'clock this evening and asked to be lowered down to the promenade walk alongside the Rapids. The men not returning by dark, Mr. Powell, the manager, became alarmed for his patrons, and sent one of his help to search for them when he was across the place at 6 o'clock.

Police Notified. The man reported the men were nowhere to be seen on the walk below. The matter was reported to Superintendent Rothery, who reported to Chief of Police Young. Officer Mann and Superintendent Rothery, with a guide named Weston, made a four and search of the promenade and the bridge. In the snow, that the two men had walked to the extreme end of the promenade towards the whirlpool and, leaving it together, had climbed over the rugged rocks and fallen trees for about half an hour, and the body of one man could be found a few feet from the point where the double footprints had gotten out to a man's track, and was the mark of one man's body, where he had fallen.

Search Given Up. On account of the darkness and dangerous conditions locally, the party gave up the search. The police have stationed men along the river to apprehend anyone who should attempt to come up from below the bank at any of the paths that lead below the bridge. The manager, Weston, made a search of his companion that went down the incline with him. Either of the men, although strangers, was identified by Davis, who loaded them in his hack from the bridge at the house at the falls where they had tinypies taken this afternoon.

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CHOSEN TO KILL THE CZAR.

A Russian Nihilist Kills Himself in San Francisco Rather than Undertake It.

WHAT THE INQUEST REVEALED.

Demisevich Committed Suicide Because He Feared He Would Be Murdered.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—It was brought out at yesterday's inquest over the body of Ivan Demisevich, a Russian who committed suicide by taking carbolic acid, that he had killed himself because he feared he would be murdered owing to his failure to make an attempt to kill the Czar. It was shown that Demisevich was a man of education and means, owning a valuable estate in Russia and having money on deposit in New York. Demisevich belonged to a club of nihilists, who had spies and agents in various parts of the world.

At a recent session of this club boys were drawn to determine who should proceed to St. Petersburg and kill the Czar. The lot fell to Demisevich, and then his blood began to cool. He feared to go to Russia to attempt to take the Czar's life and he dreaded death at the hands of the nihilists if he did not do so. In the dilemma he concluded to flee, and came here three weeks ago with Alexander Malrot, also a Russian. Malrot told most of these facts on the stand, and said that Demisevich had often spoken of suicide.

TO STRIKE FOR MORE WAGES.

Twenty-five Hundred Miners Meet at St. Etienne, France, and Declare to Strike.

Lace Workers Are Also on Strike—If Miners Go Out 100,000 Will Be Idle.

Paris, Dec. 25.—At a meeting of 2500 miners, held to-day in St. Etienne, a resolution was adopted in favor of declaring a general strike in the coal basin of the Loire to-morrow morning. A sympathy movement, involving 50,000 men, is feared. The prosperity of the coal trade led the shorter hours, and a formal recognition of the Miners' Federation by the companies. The latter made an offer of 5 per cent. increase, but this was refused. To-day's decision was reached amid cries of "Vive in Greve." Disorders are anticipated. Already there have been slight disturbances, particularly last evening, when the miners went in procession through the streets of St. Etienne, singing the "Carminole."

Twelve thousand five hundred lace workers are on strike in St. Etienne for higher wages. Their leaders are anticipated. As is expected, nearly 100,000. Moreover, the lace workers and workers will soon be compelled to close, owing to the coal shortage.

HER COSTUME BROUGHT FIRE.

Miss Louie Henderson, a Nurse, Was Acting as Santa Claus at the Children's Shelter.

In an Instant Her Costume Was in Flames—Victim at St. Michael's Hospital.

The Christmas entertainment in the Children's Shelter last night was unfortunately marred by an accident which befell Miss Louie Henderson, a nurse. The little children and a number of their friends were gathered in the board room listening to a program of songs appropriate to the occasion. On the platform was situated a large tree laden down with pretty gifts and made brilliant with lighted candles. About 9 o'clock Miss Henderson appeared in the character of Santa Claus and commenced distributing the presents to the children. She had only taken a few articles from the tree when a lighted candle touched her cap, and in a moment her costume was in flames. Superintendent Eastard and several of the others present ran at once to her aid and endeavored to quench the flames. Before the fire was extinguished Miss Henderson's both hands and her face were badly burned, and also her head. Medical aid was called in, and after her injuries were temporarily bandaged, she was removed to St. Michael's Hospital.

Miss Henderson is also suffering from shock, but will recover. Superintendent Eastard had his hands burned while attempting to put out the flames. The children were greatly frightened over the accident.

SIR CHARLES AT GRAND-FORKS, B.C.

Tendered a Public Banquet at the Yale Hotel on Christmas Night.

Grand Forks, B.C., Dec. 25.—Sir Charles Tupper took his Christmas dinner with the people of Grand Forks to-night. The Grand Forks Board of Trade tendered him, at which there were present more than 100 ladies and gentlemen. In Sir Charles' party were Sir Herbert and Lady Tupper and Charles Wilson and wife of Vancouver. They arrived over the Columbia and Western this morning and were met by a company of citizens. An informal reception was held at the hotel previous to dinner and a great many people came to pay their respects to the veteran statesman. In an unusually cheerful frame of mind. Speeches were made at the dinner by Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Charles Herbert Tupper and Mr. Wilson, but all were of a non-partisan nature, owing to its being Christmas day. Richard Armstrong, secretary, the address of welcome on the part of the people of Grand Forks. The affair was a most brilliant social event that Grand Forks has seen.

Sir Charles and his party go to Green-glen to-morrow, and he will deliver a public address there to-morrow evening, and will be in Rossland Thursday evening.

Book's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and bed 51.00. 202 and 204 King W.

The Pearl of the Orient. In 1872 there was a handsome princess, a beauty whom travelers in the southern seas described as "the pearl of the Orient." The famous Manila dealer, "La Perla del Orient," named after this Oriental princess, more spoken of in many days. G. W. Muller has just received a large consignment of these in the "Pearl of the Orient" in boxes of 25 for \$250. Mild and mellow.

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