

## VERY STARTLING.

## British War Department Raked Up---The Lack of Unpreparedness for South African War Was Appalling

New York, Aug. 30.—In regard to the report of the South African War Commission, just issued, the Sun's London correspondent cables in part as follows: Four bulky blue books, which were issued this week, containing the report of the Commission of Inquiry into the South African war and the evidence given before it, have disclosed a state of affairs hardly less serious, as the Times says, than that disclosed by the report of the historic Commission of Inquiry after the Crimean War. The state of unpreparedness for the South African war, or any war, was such that can only be described as appalling, says the report. By far the least serious matter is unpreparedness in material, such as the lack of any clothing reserved except scarlet, though it was known for years that khaki would be wanted in the next campaign; that the Lee-Enfield rifles were wrongly sighted and would not hit a haystack, in the words of a distinguished witness, and that 66,000,000 rounds of service bullets were useless. The navy, having a supply of ammunition and boots, saved the situation and prevented drawing on India. There was no reserve of saddlery, few horseshoes and no mules, while the cavalry sword, in the words of General French, was the very worst that could possibly be used, and there were only eighty in reserve. The two army corps for foreign service had neither transports nor animals. Furthermore there was not a penny of expenditure for the most essential preparations until three weeks before the war. There was no scheme for organizing the services of the home and colonial volunteers, no maps, no plans of campaign or scheme of defence. Nothing had been thought out, is the constantly recurring criticism of the commissioners. Everything in connection with the actual operations was shown over and over again by witnesses who were eminent in their professions to have been in the same condition as the few foregoing points which have been taken haphazard.

But what is more serious than this, what is bringing a storm of obloquy from all quarters, irrespective of politics, upon the War Office, is the revelation of its utter disregard of its duties, of its refusal to listen to advice, its neglect of repeated warnings and its action throughout in maintaining an attitude which was well indicated

by General Buller's evidence that even after he had been nominated for the command in South Africa, he merely received from the Marquis of Lansdowne a casual invitation to drop in and see me if you come to London. Moreover, there are no signs that the War office has done anything to improve matters. As the spectator says: We were saved by a miracle, yet we are trusting to another miracle to save us from a similar emergency.

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Miss Alice Bailey, of Atlanta, Ga., tells how she was permanently cured of inflammation of the ovaries, escaped surgeon's knife, by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

I had suffered for three years with terrible pains in the time of menstruation, and all in vain I tried the most famous doctors and medicines. I was told that I had inflammation of the ovaries, and proposed an operation. I felt so weak and sick that I felt sure that I could not survive the operation. I had heard of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I decided to try it. I took it for two weeks, and in the end I was cured. I had no more pain, and I felt like a new woman. I had saved my life, and I was able to go on with my work. I am now a healthy and happy woman, and I am able to do all the work I want to do. I am now a healthy and happy woman, and I am able to do all the work I want to do.

The symptoms of inflammation of the ovaries are a dull throbbing pain, accompanied by a sense of tenderness and heat low down in the side, with occasional shooting pains. True, a sense of pain sometimes shows some swelling.

HIGH FLOUR RATES ON U. S. RAILWAYS

In the United States at present, the Minneapolis Flour Mills are complaining against the excessive charges of the transport companies. They say the railroads are giving very much better rates on wheat than they will give on flour for export and flour, as a result, the mills are handicapped in the English market. In Canada, the export trade has never been so large as at present. We are sending more Oulives Flour to England than ever before and no doubt we will continue to do so as long as the present high standard of quality in this flour is maintained. Oulives is the name brand flour in the world over. Its equal is found in no other country.

Views with Alarm American Rush to this Country.

Daughter of late British Ambassador at Washington Advocates British Exodus to Canada.

MONTREAL, Sept. 2.—A Star cable from London says:

Hon. Maud Pauncefort, daughter of the late British ambassador at Washington, makes an eloquent and earnest plea in the Empire Review for Canada as a home for Englishmen of moderate means, also for English sportsmen, and as a field for English investment. She watches with anxiety the entrance of so many Americans into Canada with their families. She says they are transferring themselves in unlimited numbers over the border, bringing with them the much needed capital, but she is afraid the mines and ranches of Canada will become bit by bit merged into the United States.

The American nation, she points out, is never idle, never complacent, never asleep. Canada is to its quick and intelligent vision a vineyard it longs to possess. If it passes from its ownership it will be by that absorption or by possession which, as Britain so often has known to her cost, as nine-tenths of the law.

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## PORT HOOD COAL LASTS LONG AND BURNS WELL

## Accident on C. P. R.

## Conductor Overlooked his Orders. Two employes Killed Several Others Injured

GRANSETT, Ont., Sept. 1.—The Imperial Limited, on the Canadian Pacific met with a very serious head-on collision, causing the death of two employes, three and a half miles west of here, at 8:30 o'clock yesterday, caused by a light engine and a caboose in charge of Conductor Charlebois, who overlooked his instructions and did not side-track, as directed, to allow the Limited to cross him. Fireman P. Moran, who started to jump from his engine, was caught between the engine and tender and instantly killed. Engineer McMahon stayed with his engine until he had reversed the ponderous machine and applied the air brakes. By that time it was too late for him to get clear of his engine, and when the two large engines struck McMahon was caught by one foot. His leg was scalded terribly, from the effects of which he died yesterday afternoon.

All the passengers escaped uninjured, with a exception of a few Britishers. The passengers, feeling they owed Engineer McMahon, who struck so heroically to his post, some recognition, took up a subscription of over one hundred and fifty dollars for his widow.

## A GUARANTEED CURE For All Forms of Kidney Disease.

We the undersigned Druggists, are fully prepared to give the following guarantee with every 50-cent bottle of Dr. Pettigill's Kidney-Wort Tablets, the only remedy in the world that positively cures all troubles arising from weak or diseased kidneys:—

"Money cheerfully returned if the sufferer is not relieved and improved after use of one bottle. Three or six bottles effect astonishing and permanent cures. If not relieved and cured, you waste no money."—F. R. Dalton, Newcastle, N. E.

## IN MEMORIAM

Miss Rose Hogan of Renous River, who died August 20th, 1903, aged 26 years. (ACROSTIC)  
Rose, fair and fallen in thy youth and bloom,  
O, sweetly sleep thee in the silent tomb;  
Sweet was the odor of thy life below,  
Eternal bloom now where God's Roses blow.  
He calls earth's garden for its roses rare,  
One found He worthy to re-bloom up there.  
God's gracious gardens tend this lovely Rose  
And watch its petals where the pure light glows  
Near to the fountain where Life's River flows.  
ANGELO.

Mitard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

It is the habit of bees to place their honey in the coolest place in the hive and the young insects in the warmest.

## On hand and to arrive

700 tons, best screened house and steam coal, viz:

Acadia and Drummond egg, Pictou, Old Mine Sydney

Reserve, Cape Breton, Alban Mines, (Blacksmith)

Delivered from vessels at reduced rates.

New weight scales in working order.

John Russell & Co.  
Newcastle.

## Envelopes, Note Heads, Statements.

At this season the three articles mentioned above are in demand and to meet that demand we have placed the prices of these to the very last notch.

Envelopes, \$1.50 per m.

Note Heads, \$1.70 per m.

Statements, 1.80 per m.

Cash delivery of goods, or cash with order.

These prices will only rule for two weeks.

ANSLOW BROTHERS, PUBLISHERS.

## M. S. N. CO.'S Cheap Excursion Rates TO THE SEA SHORE on Str. "Alexandra," Commencing JULY 1ST, 1903.

making the usual calls as per time table, and in addition will call at Burnt Church twice every week day, saving passengers for Burnt Church from 1:30 hours on the beach on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 1:30 hours on the beach on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; and passengers for Bay du Vin from 2:30 hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Excursion tickets good for day of issue only.

Fare for Round Trip 35c., except on Saturday, when the fare will be 25c from Newcastle, Douglastown, Chatham or Loggieville.

The Alexandra is an excellent excursion boat, licensed to carry 387 passengers. Room for promenade and dancing. It is the intention of the management to furnish an orchestra on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Refreshment and Meals served on board at reasonable rates. Good hotel accommodation. Sea bathing. Deep sea and trout fishing.

STR. MIRAMICHI has been remodelled and is especially adapted for the up river service.

Until Further Notice: On Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, excursion rate for round trip to Newcastle will be 15c. On Wednesday, commencing with the trip leaving Nelson at 11:30 a. m., excursion rate to all points, for children or adult, 15c. Excursion rate to Bushville and return, any afternoon, 15c.

Children under 16 years, 10c.  
J. P. BULLICK, MANAGER.

July 1st, 1903.

What a man sees only in his best moments as truth is truth in all moments.

## HIS SECOND STOMACH.

Snugglers' brains are proverbially fertile, and a clever expedient was once adopted to import brandy into Paris without paying the octroi duties, says the Golden Penny. For several weeks a splendid elephant and his keeper belonging to a circus had constantly gone in and out of one of the Paris gates, when one day a custom house officer suddenly thrust his probe into the creature's side. The spectators were horrified, but the elephant did not appear to feel any pain, while from the wound fell four tiny barrels of brandy. The keeper, considering that a little extra size in the unwieldy shape of his charge would not be noticed, had increased his stomach in the old skin of a larger elephant and had filled out the space with brandy—a very profitable enterprise.

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