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SOUTH AFRICA. British Post at Helvatia Captured by

the Boers. Hertzog's Commando Severely Defeated-Kimberley Almost Isolated by Boer Raiding Parties and Provisions Are at Famine Prices.

LONDON, Dec. 28-Persistent reports are incirculation in London and cn the continent that General DeWet has

been captured. The British Chartered South African company received this information from a source in which it is Locustomed to place implicit confidence. The war office, however, is without any confirmation of the report. CAPE TOWN, Dec. 28.-Gen. De-Wet's attempt to break through to the south has been frustrated, and he

is now reported to be at Senekal, with a large commando, holding the country between Ficksburg, Senekal and Winburg. General Knox is nolding the country between Ladybrand and Winburg. The eastern parties of invading Boers are being constantly harrassed and driven back toward the Orange River. The Yeomanry who were capvice." tured near Britstown, have been released

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 28. - The Boers damaged the new Kleinfontein and Chines batteries yesterday. ROME, Dec. 28. - Major Grower

Botha, brother of Commandant Gen. Louis Botha, has arrived in Rome on his way to The Hague. He carries despatches for Mr. Kruger. In the course of an interview here

today he said the war in South Africa would last for years, that Mr. Steyn had planned the invasion of Cape Colony, and that a revolt of the Afrikanders was certain.

LONDON, Dec. 30.-Last hight's cable despatches from South Airica add little or nothing to the information concerning the situation, though the general trend of events seems to show that the British are regaining the ground recently lost. A special from Naauwpoort, dated Dec. 28, reports that Col. Delisle defeated Hertzog 18 miles west of De Aar, capturing a number of wagons and releasing the prisoners captured at Philipstown. Lieut. Col. Grenfell forced back Kritzinger towards Venterstadit. Both commandoes are in a desperate plight and will probably never recross the Orange river.

A Standerton despatch, dated Dec. 28, says it is estimated that 2.000 Boers engaged in the operations in North Natal hoping to break the Britsh line of communication. This plan failed, and the Boers were driven off in each case with more or less loss, their casualties in the past day or two NAAUWPOORT, Dec. 29.-Gen. Delnumbering fifty, while the British casualties were slight. According to a Johannesburg despatch of Friday's date Gen. French occupied Ventersdorp that day withwagons and released the Cape police, who were captured at Philipstown. out oppopsition. This place being a great teleg aphic General Grenfell has , turned back Kritzinger's commando toward Ventcentre, has been much used by the Boers for the dissemination of inerad. Both sections of the raiders in The possession of Ventersdesperate plight, and it is probable formation. that they will never be able to return dorp, Richtenburg and Zeerust gives the British a strong hold upon this to the Orange River Colony. They part of the country. From Cacharvon have received little accession in under yesterday's date, comes a destrength from the colonial Dutch. The spatch saying that the Boers occupied invasion will probably end in complete Vosburg Dec. 27 in force, and were refailure. It is held here that the rapid ported to be moving on Carnarvon, where martial law has been proclaimed. The loyal field cornets and the greatest credit on the army. farmers have assured the authorities LONDON, Dec. 30.-The war office has seived the following despatch from L that they will remain loyal and will Kitchener: suppress disloyal talk. "PRETORIA, Dec. 30, 7.50 a. m.-Gen. Lyt-tleton reports that our post at Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About fifty were killed and wounded and 200 It is reported, according to a despatch from Newcastle dated Dec. 29, that Louis Botha has informed Com-About fifty were killed and wounded and 200 taken prisoners. Col. Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the en-emy, Helvetia being occupied by Reeres, who has been reinforced from Belfast. "Helvetia was a very strong position on the Machadodorp-Lydenburg railway, and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool regiment. Am asking for further informa-tion." mandant Spruight that Kruger has sent word that the burghers must lay down their arms or continue fighting on their own account, as no support from Europe can be expected. LONDON, Dec. 31 .- While Lord Kitchener sends bad news for England on the closing day of the year, the press continues to take a surprisingly

The Boers are in force enough to have captured a strong position at Helvetia, in the Lydenburg district, while, judg-ing from Lord Kitchener's very recent advices, no progress is being made against the Boer invaders in Cape

According to further telegrams re-ceived yesterday, Zeerust is practically besieged, but has provisions sufficient for five months. The garrison at Ot-toshoop has been withdrawn to Lich-tenburg. A despatch from Carnaryon, in the last re dated yesterday, reports that the Boers who have been threatening that point were driven off and are being pursued. "It is evident," says a belated message from Krugersdorp, dated Dec. 23, "that the Boer commissariat in the di-rection of the Magaliesburg is well supplied, and that until the country between here and the Magaliesburg is properly cleared of Boers they will

continue to concentrate there, the ground being particularly adapted to their methods of warfare." rica. The Boers admit that in their fight

with Gen. Clements at Nooitgedacht they lost 130 men. "It is understood that Lord Kit-

cially to send troops," says a Durban despatch, dated Dec. 29, "but he desires it to be known in Australasia and Canada that Australians and Canadians arriving in Natal will be eligible for immediate enlistment in an irregular corps which is proceeding. Public Sympathy With Major Pond in His to Johannesburg for five months' ser-

To emphasize Lord Kitchener's covert admission that no progress is being made against the invasion of Cape Colony, a correspondent at Burghersdorp, wiring Saturday, re-

ports as follows: "Two fresh commandos are entering the colony. One has already crossed near Knaapdaar, and the arrival of another is momentarily expected in the Steynsburg district. The Boers are said to have two or three horses each, though in bad condition. They have no guns or transport, but are well supplied with Lee-Metford rifles and ammunition. Captured Boers say that the intention of these commandos is to road about and wait until Gen. DeWet appears on the scene." All despatches arriving in London agree that the Cape Dutch show no inclination to rise, but, on the contrary, appear to be tired of the war and desirous of peace. Many refuse to supply the Boers with food and are willing to give information to the British regarding Boer movements. Details of the Greylingstad affair show that while Colville's column was pursuing the Boers a second force of 400 of the enemy was seen moving toward the camp where the British transport was inspanned. The small British force made a plucky stand un-

til reinforcements arrived with artillery and after severe fighting the Boers were defeated. The British losses altogether were 9 killed and 63 wounded and missing. The Boers are said to have had 31 killed.

that he is of have re-occupied Ficksburg, which for time has been in the hands of the Boer LONDON, Dec. 29.-In view of the pr gation of the war, the London Daily graph has again despatched Bennet Burl its famous war correspondent, to South the prolon Daily Tele

OTTAWA. chener cannot ask the colonies off- Anxiously Waiting Information re Recruiting for the Transvaal Police.

> Trouble With Churchill- Latter Has Shown Himself in His True Colors.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30 .- The department of militia is anxiously waiting infor-mation from the home government in

mation from the home government in reference to the recruiting in Canada for the Transvaal mounted police. The impression prevails in the west that a draft will be made from the Northwest mounted police to the South African force, but this is alto-gether unlikely. Recruiting will be entirely voluntary, and it is extremely improbable that any Northwest improbable that any Northwest mounted police will be permitted to join the new force, except those who are able to purchase their discharge. The rate of pay offered, namely, five shillings per day, will be a great inducement to Canadians to join the force. Our mounted police commence at fifty cents per day. The difficulty between Winston

Churchill and Major Pond is the subject of considerable discussion at the capital. Sympathy runs entirely with Mr. Pond. Now that Churchill has shown himself in his true colors, there are many stories being told which do not redound to his credit. At certain society functions here he was positively rude, but was forgiven on account of the fact that he was a guest of their excellencies. He was very discourteous to the local newspapermen, who were only refrained from mauling him out of sympathy for an old newspaper man, Stewart Houston, panies; Lieut. Gen. the Hon. Somerwho had bought out the right to

Of Which Lord Dufferin is Chairman-Thirteen Firms Fail. LONDON, Dec. 29 .- The London and

FINANCIAL PANIC

Large English Concern.

Gaused by the Susne

Globe Finance Corporation, Ltd., has suspended payment. When the brok-ers yesterday delivered stock purchased on account of the London and Globe and asked for payment they re-ceived checks which were dishonored. This was followed today by the failure on the stock exchange of twelve firms, as follows: etc. Haggard, Hale and Pixley; Garle and Driver; Douglas, jr.,

Pixley; Garle and Driver; Douglas, jr., & CA: Corntoot Bros.; F. A. Cohen; Bloe) y and Buckingham; Gunn and Aubrey: "Thanks and Sloper; Baker and Smith; F. C. Watts & Co.; Flow-er & C₄., and F. Boully & Co. The arst named is a big firm with important connections. It is feared a number of smaller jobbers will be effected.

affected. LONDON, Dec. 29.-Almost the whole

centered in the west Australian market, the condition of which sympatheket, the condition of which sympathe-tically affected the others. All the shares of the London and Globe group toppled, especially Lakeviews and Le-rol No. 2. The shares of the latter were yesterday quoted at 23, but to-day they run at 24. The London and Globe is heavily involved in the Brit-the colorist market. The stituation is

the former governor general of Can-ada, and the British ambassador at Paris. The failure of the concern of which he is the head adds one more which he is the head adds one more sorrow to the closing chapter of his life, for he is today preparing to start for South Africa, in company with Lady Dufferin, in consequence of the serious condition of his son, Lord Frederick Temple Blackwood, the Heu-temant in the North Lancers who was motorical Mardian at Glanfontein. It

wounded Monday at Glenfontein. It is scarcely a year since Lord Dufferin lost his eldest son, the Earl of Ava, who died at Ladysmith. He is now encompassed by fantly grief, and his honored name is dragged in the finan-

cial mire. Led Dufferin's fellow-directors are Mr. Whitaker-Wright, who is well known in connection with many comset J. Bough-Calthorp, who has been

all her passengers and mails, to be trans-ferred to the Lake Superior, which will save the Mersey Tuesday. The company ordered a tug to accommany FAREWELL BANOUET.

refree to the Lake Superior, which while leave the Mersey Tready. The company ordered a tug to accompany her, but none was available here. Tugs while be sent from Liverpool to mest her. There will be considerable anxiety as to her safety in her present disabled condition, especially as the weather has again broken into a high Northwest sale Arthur, B. Hannay Entertained by His Fellew Workers at the as the weather has again broken into a high Northwest gale. It was impossible to interview any of the Lake Megantic's people, and the company's egents are reticent, but it is understood that there were integribable scenes among the passengers, whe are said to have howled in despair for hours, expecting that the steamer would founder at any moment. Royal Hotel.

Mest Enjoyable Affair - Mr. Hannay Presented With a Chain and Locket.

Issue of Stock for a Rail and Plate When the newspaper men of St. John start out to do anything they do it in style.

They gave a dinner in the Royal MONTREAL, Dec. 30 .- Shareholders Hotel Saturday night in honor of Arof the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. thur B. Hannay, the city editor of the vesterday ratified the issue of \$5,000,000 Telegraph, who leaves today for a preferred stock for the establishment broader field of work in Montreal. If anyone doubts as to the newspaper man's ability to get up a dinner, for no one could doubt for an instant his ability to dispose of it, let him ask any of those whose sames are published in the following roll of honor. It was undoubtedly the best that ever happened. The bill of fare was copious ...d com-plete, and served in the best style of those best of caterers, Messrs. Raymond and Doherty, the company was congenial the speeches witty and brief, the songs good, and the constant cross-fire of gibe and retort that shot back and forth over the tables added the spice that is lacking in more formal has a special interest, as certain people in Quebec are finding fault with entertainments of this kind

Father O'Leary as a Catholic priest The only outsiders present vere his worship Mayor Daniel and Aldern an McGoldrick, warden of the city and reading the Chruch of England burial county of, St. John, and both of these gentlemen in expressing their deep sense of the honor done them in permitting them to be present, declared that never before had they beheld such an intelligently handsome assemblage with such insatiable capacity for anything and everything of an edible nature that came within reach. Warden McGoldrick was heard to mutter something about the last time he and the mayor visited the poor house, but his remark was passed over in scornful silence.

Those of the elect who were resent were as follows, named in connection with the papers which have the honor

to employ them: Globe-Senator Ellis, who occupied the chair with tact and courtesy: Frank Ellis, Richard O'Brien, A. Lindsay and H. E. Codner.

Star-A. M. Belding, P. W. Gordon and W. H. Golding.

Gazette-John A. Bowes, who gave dignity and weight to the vice chair. Telegraph Jas. Hannay, A. B. Han-nay, the guest of the evening; C. J. Milligan, A. E. McIntyre, Frank Mc-Cafferty, Harry Irvine, John Scott and

Wm. Raymond. Sun-J., Fred Payne, W. B. Quinton, C. F. Crandall and A. E. McGinley. Progress-E. S. Carter.

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In

of a rail and plate mill at Sydney, C. B. General Manager Moxham reportinterest on the stock exchange today

his kindness in reading the Protestant burial service over the Protestant dead on the field of battle. This reference

ish colonial market. The situation is not yet cleared up, as the rumors of

ation in the Marquis of Dufferin and

service over Protestants. The presentation was made almost entirely by Protestants. In his reply Father O'Leary said: "This country is too small for bigotry and broad enough for all to live together in harmony." A company is being formed here to

establish extensive coke ovens. Cape Breton coal will be utilized and the product shipped to the smelters at and near Sudbury, Ont., from July to November. These smelters imported yearly nearly 700 cars of coke from Everett, Mass. It is expected that in the near future they will require 400 tons per month.

ACCEPT THE TERMS. Chinese Plenipotentiaries Instructed by the Emperor to Sign the Note. PEKIN, Dec. 30 .- The Chinese pleni-

potentiaries have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note, and have notified the foreign envoys to that effect.

PEKIN, Dec. 30 .- The Chinese themselves were greatly astonished at re-ceiving the imperial instructions. Nei-ther Li Hung Chang nor Prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under ten days.

ed large sales of iron have already been made at satisfactory prices for foreign and Canadian delivery, and that the first iron furnace would be started about the middle of January. The Daughters of the Empire yesterday presented Father O'Leary with a golden chalice, mounted on a silver base and gold paten, and referred to

MONTREAL.

Mill at Sydney Approved.

CRADOCK, Cape Colony, Friday, Dec. 28. -Kimberley is almost isolated by Boer raid-ing parties. No mails have reached there from Dec. 19 to Dec. 25. Provisions are at famine prices. The military took charge of all the food stuffs Dec. 22. The Leinster regiment, commanded by hopeful view of a grave situation and of revelations of an enormously wide field of Boen activity. Gen. DeWet is still at large. Kimberley is isolated.

SKATES.

Isle has severely defeated Hertzog's Major Pond. commando eighteen miles west of De SMALLPOX OUTBREAK Aar and has driven them toward Prieska. He captured a number of

Churchill's

Every Possible Effort Made to Prevent Its Spread.

A special meeting of the county board of health was held in Dr. Myers' office this morning.

A communication was received from Dorchester, where a public n.eeting was held last night, recommending that the board take steps to have the tion. While the mining market conmovement of the British forces which county council meeting postponed until has brought about this result reflects a later date, and also have the meet-

ing of the circut court postponed. The above was adopted on motion. Four new cases of smallpox were reported in the parish of Botsford. Dr. Calkins reported that he had visited the infected districts yesterday and that all possible means had been adopted to prevent the spread of the disease, and that all persons vibo do.

not strictly observe the quarantine in the infected district are to be arrested and isolated in a house procured for that purpose and afterwards dealt with according to the regulations of the provincial board of health.

By-laws were passed re enforcement of the regulations, and Doctors Calkins and McDonald were appointed to divide the county into districts and ap-

point public vaccinators for such. While the board was in desslor telephone message was received from Dr. Belliveau of Shediac, advising them that two persons from the guar antine district had started to drive to-Moncton, and as one of the per wards sons came from an infected house Dr Fisher, secretary of the provincial board of health, notified the Moncton board to be on the lookout for the par ties and have them sent back or quar-

The two men referred to were lucated. They visited Moncton to buy supplies for poor people.

A compulsory vaccination through-out Westmoriand county has been or-

onel-in-chief of the Guards since 1892, and Lord Polham-Clinton, master of the queen's household and a son of the former Duke of Newcastle. Lord Dufferin holds 5,000 shares of the London and Globe and 20.000 British Americas. LONDON, Dec. 29 .- The thirteenth failure of stock brokers was announced

It before the close of the exchange. was that of Bartholomew and Jacks. The fact that crisis had been reached in the speculations of the Whittaker Wright group of mines and that the

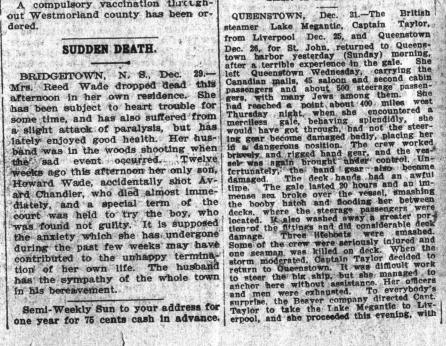
worst was known occasioned a feeling of relief after the strain of sulicipatinned depressed other departments quickly recovered from the excitem nt. LONDON, Dec. 30.-The Sunday Special's financial article explains that the failure of the first three "rms menitioned 'in yesterday's despatches left large blocks of stocks unprotected, and in self-protection ten more firms announced their suspension. Other suspensions may occur on Monday. Several of the suspended firms will turn out to be perfectly solvent when time The London and Globe finance cor-

oration group were largely the victims of circumstances. They had at the last moment exceptionally heavy calls from banks at a time when fresh loans were practically impossible to

is given.

LONDON, Dec 30.-London stockbrokers are very approhensive as to the results of temesrow's dealings. Bear traders for the last fornight had been concentrating their stacks on the Whitaker Wright shares, and had these assaults failed the results must have been quite as sensational as was the suspension of the London and Globe Finan-cial Corporation, Limited." As affairs stand now, it is expected that mereure than aix additional firms will sus-pend tomorrow. The feeling this evening is very gloomy. It is feared that the general markets must become affected. Those who take this view think that the climax may be postponed until the next set-tiement, but the pospect is far from hotge-ful unless the bears themselves come to the rescue of the brokers who have been prominent in this stack.

HAR A HARD TIME.



The Emperor's instructions are to agree fully to the note, but to endeavor to get the best terms possible, particularly in the matter of limiting the number of the legation guards, and also as to the places where these are to be located. The plenipotentiaries are instructed

to endeavor to limit the number of army posts along the line of railway to as few as possible, and finally to request the powers not to destroy the forts, but merely to disarm them.

DORCHESTER

DORCHESTER, N. B., Dec. 29 .-The funeral of the late Mrs. Turner, who died on Thursday morning, took place from her late residence at two o'clock this afternoon. The burial service of the Church of England was read at the house and at Trinity church by the Rev. J. Roy Campbell, D. D., assisted by Mr. Cotton, and the remains were then interred in the Rural cemetery. Mrs. Turner leaves one daughter, Bessie, who resides in Dorchester, and four sons, William and Edward, also of Dorchester, Albert of Annapolis, and George, attorney-at-law, of Boston.

THE N. S. COAL DIFFICULTY.

HALIFAX, Dec. 29 .- The new cen tury will not dawn upon a scene of strife between capital and labor in the coal mines of this province, as was feared. A truce of ten days has been arranged, with some prospect of amicable settlement. Diplomatic couresles are strictly observed between the management and workmen's committees, and there is no ill-feeling yet on either side.

Mayor Hamilton has been asked t call a meeting of the City Council not later than January 4th, to take steps to induce the promoters of the proposed steel shipbuilding enterprise to locate in Halifax.

read a letter from S. D. Scott, expressing his regret at his unavoidable absence. When the guests were satisfied, or rather when their bill of fare was finished, a brief and appropriate toast list was discussed. The chairman proposed the "Queen," which was enthusiastically honored, followed by the national anthem. The toast of "Our Noble Selves" was proposed by Senator Ellis and happily responded to by Dr. Jas. Hannay, R. O'Brien, A. M. Belding, John Bowes and E. S. Carter.

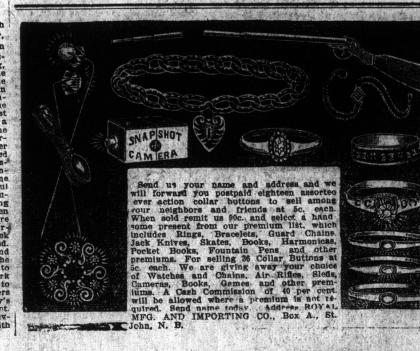
Our Departing Brother" was proposed by John Bowes and feelingly respond-ed to by A. B. Hannay. The toast of "Outside Quills," by A. M. Belding, drew an appropriate response from W. G. Macfarlane. The "Common Pecple." proposed in a felicitous speech Ly R. O'Brien, was answered by Mayor O'Brien, was answered by Mayor Daniel in a witty and instructive ad-dress and by Warden McGoldrick, whose humorous and characterstic speech brought down the house. In the intermissions between the toasts songs were given by A. Lindsay, Frank McCafferty and Harry Ervin.

The toast list over, Frank McCaferty, after testifying to Mr. Hannay's ability and popularity and expressing hearty wishes for his future welfare, presented him on behalf of the Tele-graph reportorial staff with a hand-some gold watch chain, to which War-den McGoldrick added a dainty locket from himself, W. B. Quinton and E. S. Carter.

This done the dinner broke up and the boys gathered around Arthur Hannay for a good-bye handshake and to express their hearty good wishes for all kinds of good luck in his new field.

HEAVY FINES.

SKOWHEGAN, Ma. Dec. 23.-Judge Strout, who is presiding over the supreme judicial court, now in session here, has al-ready imposed fines aggregating nearly \$4.-800 against offenders of the law, nearly \$4.-100 of which was, or will be, paid by figure sellers, with several offenders yet to be sen-tenced. This is the largest amount impos-ed for several terms. sellers, with several tenced. This is the ed for several terms





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