

SOUTH AFRICA.

British Post at Helvetia Captured by the Boers.

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LONDON, Dec. 23.—Parliament reports are in circulation in London and of the continent that General DeWet has been captured.

The British Chartered South African company received this information from a source in which it is accustomed to place implicit confidence.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 23.—Gen. DeWet'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 Plettersburg, Senekal, and Winburg.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 23.—The Boers damaged the new Kleinfontein and Chinese batteries yesterday.

ROME, Dec. 23.—Major Crowder Botha, brother of Commandant Gen. Louis Botha, has arrived in Rome on his way to The Hague.

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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.

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 impounded.

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LONDON, Dec. 23.—The London and Globe Finance Corporation, Ltd., has suspended payment.

THE company yesterday delivered stock purchased on account of the London and Globe and asked for payment they received checks which were dishonored.

THIS was followed today by the failure on the stock exchange of twelve firms, as follows: etc. Haggard, Hale and Pley; Garle and Driver; Douglas, Jr., & Co.; Cornfoot Bros.; F. A. Cohen; Biggs and Buchanan; Gunn and Aubrey; Childs and Sloper; Baker and Smith; F. C. Watts & Co.; Flower & Co., and F. Bouilly & Co.

THE first named is a big firm with important connections. It is feared a number of smaller jobbers will be affected.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Almost the whole interest on the stock exchange today centered in the west Australian market, the condition of which sympathetically affected the others.

THE London and Globe group topped, especially Lakeview and Lerol No. 2. The shares of the latter were yesterday quoted at 23, but today they run at 24.

THE London and Globe is heavily involved in the British colonial market. The situation is not yet cleared up, as the rumors of arrangements to assist the London and Globe are not credited in well informed circles.

THE greatest indignation against Mr. Whitaker-Wright is the fountain head of the London and Globe group. There has been somewhat of a recovery in Lakeview since yesterday evening.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The chairman of the London and Globe finance corporation is the Marquis of Dufferin and the former governor general of Canada, and the British ambassador at Paris.

THE failure of the concern of 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 lieutenant in the North Lancers who was wounded Monday at Glencairn.

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MONTREAL.

Issue of Stock for a Rail and Plate Mill at Sydney Approved.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Shareholders of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. yesterday ratified the issue of \$5,000,000 preferred stock for the establishment of a rail and plate mill at Sydney, C. B.

THE General Manager Moxham reported 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 his kindness in reading the Protestant burial service over the Protestant dead on the field of battle.

THIS reference has a special interest, as certain people in Quebec are finding fault with Father O'Leary as a Catholic priest reading the Church of England burial 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.

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FAREWELL BANQUET.

Arthur B. Hannay Entertained by His Fellow Workers at the Royal Hotel.

A Most Enjoyable Affair—Mr. Hannay Presented With a Chain and Locket.

When the newspaper men of St. John start out to do anything they do it in style.

THEY gave a dinner in the Royal Hotel Saturday night in honor of Arthur B. Hannay, the city editor of the Telegraph, who leaves today for a broader field of work in Montreal.

IF anyone could be said to be 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 names are published in the following list of honor.

IT was undoubtedly a best that ever happened. The bill of fare was delicious and complete, 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 crossing of glib and retort that shot back and forth over the tables added the spice that is lacking in more formal entertainments of this kind.

THE only outsiders present were his worship Mayor Daniel and Alderman McGoldrick, warden of the city and 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 inimitable 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 present 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. R. Hannay, the guest of the evening; C. J. Milligan, A. E. McIntyre, Frank McCafferty, Harry Irvine, John Scott and Wm. Richardson.

SUN—J. Fred Payne, W. B. Quinton, C. F. Crandall and A. E. McGlinchey. Progress—E. S. Carter.

IN opening the dinner Senator Ellis read a letter from E. 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 responded to by A. B. Hannay. The toast of "Outside Quills" by A. M. Belding, drew an appropriate response from W. O. Macfarlane. The "Common People" proposed in a felicitous speech by R. O'Brien, was answered by Mayor Daniel in a witty and instructive address and by Warden McGoldrick, whose humorous and characteristic 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 McCafferty, after testifying to Mr. Hannay's ability and popularity and expressing hearty wishes for his future welfare, presented him on behalf of the Telegraph reporter staff, with a handsome gold watch chain, to which Warden 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, Me., Dec. 23.—Judge Strout, who is presiding over the supreme judicial court, here in session here, has already imposed fines aggregating nearly \$4,000 against offenders of the law, nearly \$1,000 of which was or will be paid by liquor sellers, with several offenders yet to be sentenced. This is the largest amount imposed for several years.

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