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LONDON, CANADA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1899.

Births, Marriages, Death

BORN. OOOK-At 628 Wellington street, city, on Dec. 5, 1899, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Cook, a

SHANLY-At St. I. rence Hall, Montreal. on Sunday mornin. Dec. 17, 1899, Walter Shanly, Esq., C.E., ex-M.P., of Thorndale, aged 82 years and 2 months.

Funeral will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, t 3 p.m., from the residence of his nephew, fr. Charles J. Shanly, 301 Piccadilly street.

DALY-On December 17, at the residence, West London, Dennis Daly, in his 80th year. Funeral from his late residence, 108 Forward avenue, West London, on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 9 a.m. No flowers.

Hamilton papers please copy.

GRAY-At her father's residence, 1052 Mary street, Lena, eldest daughter of Richmun Gray, aged 23 years.

Funeral to be held on Wednesday, at 3 o'clock (service at 2:30), to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

Amusements and Lectures America's Greatest Labor Exponent, will lecture

Wednesday, Dec. 20. GRAND OPERA HOUSE Tickets 25c and 35c. No extra charge for

COME!-COLBORNE STREET METHO-DIST Church; grand concert tonight. W. H. Hewlett and other first-class talent. Admis-A UDITORIUM - OTTUMWAS MALE Quartet, Tuesday, Dec. 19. Plan now

BALL'S DOWN-PRINCESS RINK CLOS-ED until further notice. JUBILEE RINK - MUSICAL SOCIETY Band tonight; grand ice.

CUNARD LINE PASSENGERS, F. B. Clarke, agent, Richmond street, next door to Advertiser, agent for the Cunard steamships. gives notice that passengers embarking by the Etruria, salling from New York to Liverpool, Saturday, Dec. 23, will connect direct with ves-sel. Call on him for particulars; low rates. DO NOT BE A WALL FLOWER ANY longer. Special new term for beginners opens at Palace Dancing Academy, Monday evening, January 8. Competent teachers and low rates. Dayton & McCormick. R. B. MILLARD, TEACHER OF DANCING R. B. MILLARD, TEACHER lessons any hour. Waltz and up-to-date dances. 345 64st

Meetings.

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Canai" will be received at this office until noon on Saturday, 30th December, 1899, for the construction of about nine miles of canal between Trenton and Frankford.

Plans, specifications of the work and forms of contract can be seen at the office of the chief engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals, at Ottawa, or at the superintending engineer's office. Peterboro', where forms of tender can be obtained on and after Thurst. nder can be obtained on and after Thursday In the case of firms there must be attached

the actual signature of the full name, the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the same, and, further, an accepted bank check for the sum of \$25,000 must accombank check for the sum of \$25,000 must accompany the tender; this accepted check must be indorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for work at the rates and terms stated in the offer submitted. The accepted check thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

L. K. JONES. Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 24th November, 1899.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it. 25n eod

DEWEY KITTENS.

Money-Making Scheme Spoiled by the Police

New York, Dec. 18 .- A street merchant, known as "Hustling Pete," is said to have been detected by the police in a scheme to make money enough to enable him to retire from business in a few days. According to the story, as soon as "Pete" heard that seven kittens had been born in an event which occurred about a week ago, he started in to collect as many kittens as he could lay hands on in Greater New York. Beginning early yesterday morning he stood at Twentyfourth street and Broadway with six kitten in a basket, which he quickly sold at \$1 50 each as the "Original Dewey Kittens." As fast as his basket was emptied he refilled it with six more, and it is estimated that before he stopped he had sold 250.

GUNNING ACCIDENT. Chatham, Dec. 18.—Two lads named Flood and Wordell, residing in Blengetting over a fence one of the guns was discharged, and young Flood's hand was badly shattered. The sur-geons hope to be able to avoid ampu-

A Change of Commanders

Baron

Roberts Takes Control in South Africa

Chief of Staff.

Gen. Buller Will Look After Affairs in Natal.

War Office Urged to Send 100,000 More Men.

Ever to Win.

The Queen Anxious To Be Touch With the Cabinet,

And Delays Her Departure From Windsor Until After Christma3-British Officer Taken Prisoner While Going to Meet a Flag of Truce.

London, Dec. 17 .- Baron Roberts of Kandahar and Waterford, commander of the forces in Ireland, has been appointed to the chief command in South Africa, with Gen. Lord Kitchener of Khartoum as his chief of staff. Shortly before midnight the following notice was posted at the war office:

"As the campaign in Natal, in the opinion of her majesty's government is likely to require the presence and undivided attention of Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, it has been decided to send Baron Roberts of Kandahar and Waterford as commander-in-chief in South Africa, with Lord Kitchener as chief-of-staff."

MILITARY MEASURES. The war office today issued the following announcement:

"Acting upon the advice of the military authorities her majesty's government has approved the following

"All the remaining portions of the army reserve, including section 'D,' are called out. The seventh division, which is being mobilized, will proceed to South Africa without delay. "The commander-in-chief in South Africa has been authorized to continue to raise, at his discretion local

troops, mounted. "Nine battalions of militia, in addition to two battalions which have already volunteered for service at Malta, and one for service in the Channel Islands, will be allowed to volunteer for service outside of the United Kingdom, and an equivalent number of militia battalions will be embodied for service at home. .

"A strong force of volunteers, selected from the yeomanry regiments, will be formed for service in South Af-

"Arrangements are being made and will shortly be announced, for the employment in South Africa of a strong contingent of carefully selected volun-

"The patriotic offers which are be ing received from the colonies, will, as far as possible, be accepted, preference being given to offers of mounted contingents.'

AROUSED.

London, Dec. 18, 4:45 a.m.-Events or the past week have evidently aroused the government and the war office to a full sense of their responsibility of the magnitude of the task before them, and the papers unanimously applaud this awakening. Rumor has it that the question of expense has really been at the bottom of the half-hearted masures hitherto adopted, and it is not unlikely that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, and other members of the cabinet will

LORD ROBERTS' SON The tragic circumstances of the appointment of Lord Roberts almost simultaneously with the announcement of the death of his promising son, excite the deepest public sym-Lieut. Roberts was an only son, and had been his father's aidede-camp since 1895. He served in Waziristan and in the Chitral and Nile expeditions. Such was his display of gallantry on Friday in an attempt to rescue the guns, that he was recommended for the Victoria Cross.

THE GOVERNMENT SCORED The Liberal organs foreshadow a serious reckoning for the government when the time comes. The Daily Chronicle hints that Gen. Sir William Butler, who was recalled from the Cape command because of his Boer sympathies, long ago advised the government that the prosecution of London, Dec. 18.—The Court News Mr. Chamberlain's policy would make makes the following announcement:

With Lord Kitchener as heavy reinforcements for the Cape imperative. The Daily News says: "The government's decision is either a result of panic or the confusion of utter miscalculation.'

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Warren, commanding the fifth division of the first army corps, has arrived at Cape Town. It is understood he will pro-ceed to Port Elizabeth."

WHAT THE TIMES SAYS. The Times, commenting on the situation, says: "Neither the Crimean ambassador. war nor the Indian mutiny gave rise to greater dangers to the empire than that by which we are now menaced, nor at neither of these periods was Great Britain so isolated, politically, nor regarded with such dislike as is now everywhere manifest. Unless the calmness which is now observed proseeds only from apathy or want of British More Determined Than sufficient imagination to realize the imminent danger to the whole fabric of our empire, the great efforts now urgently required may be made before it is too late to relieve the situation. We are fighting not merely for a supremacy in Africa, but for our position as a world power. We know we have miscalculated the strength of our foe, and we are resolved to make that miscalculation good."

Total, 1097.

BULLER'S LOSSES. London, Dec. 18.—Gen. Buller reports to the war office that his losses in Friday's engagement were: Killed. 82; wounded, 667; missing, 348; a total

of 1,097. The war office late Saturday night issued the following list of Gen. Buller's

OFFICERS KILLED. Field Artillery-Capt. A. H. Goldie and Lieut. C. B. Schrieber. Dublin Fusiliers-Capt. A. H. Bacon and Lieut. R. C. B. Henry. Carley and Capt. Frank C. Loftus.

casualties:

Medical Corps-Capt. M. L. Hughes. Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry -Lieut. C. H. Jenkins. OFFICERS WOUNDED. Devonshire Regiment-Five.

Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own)-One Fifth Brigade Staff-One. Inniskillen Fusiliers-Eight, Border Regiment-Three. Connaught Rangers-Two. Dublin Fusiliers-Three. Irish Fusiliers-One. Horse Artillery-One. Field Artillery-Five. Medical Corps-One.
Mounted Infantry-Three.

Natal Carbineers-Two. South African Light Horse-Two. The wounded include Captains N. Goodwyn, J. F. Radcliffe, P. U. W. Vigors, Hon. St. Leger Jarvis, A. J. Hancock, W. F. Hersey, H. J. Buck-ley, J. E. S. Probyn, H. M. S. Lewan, J. E. R. Brush, H. D. White-Thompson, H. I. Reed, F. A. G Elton and W. N. Congreve; Majors R. H. G. Heygate, A. W. Gordon, and F. A. B. Ragington; Colonels I. G. Brooke, Racington; Colonels I. G. Brooke, Long, H. Hunt, and Lieut. Ponsonby, of Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry, Lieut. Hon. H. S. Roberts, son of Lord Roberts of Candahar and Waterford.

MISSING Officers taken prisoners or missing-Field Artillery, five; Devonshire Regiment, three; Essex Regiment, one; Scots Fusiliers, six; Royal Ar-

BARON ROBERTS' SON. Lieut. F. H. S. Roberts, son of Baron Roberts of Candahar and Waterford, who was wounded in the engagement at Tugela River, is dead. London, Dec. 17.-Gen. Buller, at his Chievely camp tonight, is recuperating his badly hammered troops. Gen. Lord Methuen showed signs of life at Modder River, where for two hours his artillery shelled the kopjes. Nothing

was heard from Ladysmith. THE OPPOSING FORCES. The Sunday papers mostly follow the lead of Saturday's morning and afternoon journals in their comments on the situation. It is estimated that Gen. Buller has under his command nearly 40,000 men, of which the cavalry and mounted infantry number 7,500, and regular infantry 28,900.

The Boers, under Joubert, strongly

entrenched, and commanding both fording places of the river, are believed to have numbered at least 15,000, with plenty of artillery well served. ONLY A TEMPORARY CHECK. Notwithstanding the three successreverses, Englishmen are more determined than ever to win, and at the army and navy and other clubs

tonight the impression prevails that the check is only temporary. The government view is probably voiced by the Right Hon. Walter Long, president of the board of agriculture, who, speaking at the ship brokers' dinner in Liverpool, intimated that the cabinet committee on national defense had considered the advisability of utilizing the militia and volunteers abroad. He emphatically asserted that the government in no way attempted to interfere with the to interfere with generals in their military operations. Some say that another 100,000 men are wanted, and, Mr. Long declared, government does not propose to send them, it will be wanting in its duty to the country. For his own part, Mr. Long said, he failed to see that the necessity had arisen, but if it does arise, the 100,000 will be forthcoming, and they will be sent. THE QUEEN DELAYS HER DE-

PARTURE.

"The arrangements made for the Queen's departure from Windsor have been postponed until after Christmas, as. owing to the present state of affairs in South Africa, the Queen is unwilling to be a great distance from

Not for years before has the Queen decided to spend Christmas away from Osborne. Her decision to remain at Windsor, in touch with the cabinet, is a measure of the gravity of the crisis and of the anxiety her majesty feels for the welfare of the country. She is, nevertheless, in fair health. On Saturday morning she took her usual drive, and just before dinner that evening she received Lord Wolseley, who, with Major-Gen. Sir Henry Peter Ewart, crown equerry to the Queen, dined at Windsor. The flag to the American hospital ship Maine is highly appreciated by her own people, as well as the American in the state of the control of of the cont well as the Americans in London, and the morning papers express the hope that it means something more than a

pretty ceremony. FOR THE MAINE FUND.

The farewell banquet at the Carlton Hotel on Saturday evening in aid of the fund for the American hospital sh Maine, realized £2,000. Among those present were the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Marquis of Lorne, United States Ambassador Choate and Mrs. Choate. Prince Christian Schleswig-Holstein, Lady Randolph Churchill, Mrs. Arthur Paget, Count Devn, the Austro-Hungarian ampasse dor and Baron de Staal, the Russial

From Methuen.

FLAG OF TRUCE DESREGARDED. dians who have gone to the Transvaal. office has received the following disdated Dec. 17, from Gen. Forestier-Walker, at Cape Town:
"Methuen reports that Lieut. Chan-

dos-Pole was taken prisoner last Thurs- Defense Commission, in a letter to day, when going to meet a flag of truce. the Times, referring to the speech He was waving his handkerchief in re-"Gatacre has removed his troops and stores to Sterkstroom from Putter's

"French has established headquarters at Arundel.
"Vaderwere, with a command, is reported moving south from Jacobsdal."

BRITISH GRIT. The latest accounts regarding the battle of Magersfontein show that the retirement of the British troops was execued with the greatest order and coolness under the heavy Boer fire.
It is said that if the Victoria Cross were to be granted for every act of conspicuous gallantry upon the part of the British soldiers, it would be necessary to distribute the decoration by hundreds.

BOER BOASTS. the lyddite shells were harmless when the from an old member of the Grand they fell on earth, but destructive when Trunk Rifle Brigade, now resident in they fell in stony places. Only one in four exploded. Boer prisoners boasted that they could have held Magersfonteln for two weeks. They said that Inniskillen Fusiliers Major J. F. W. if the Highland Brigade had massed D. Roberts, the author and poet, of and stormed the trenches after the New York, offers his services. first surprise, the British loss would are a number of nurses and militia

to enfilade the trenches if they had been charged. AT MODDER RIVER The Gordon Highlanders were held in reserve until 10 o'clock on Monday morning, when they went forward in wide order toward the base of the east kopje. They got within 500 yards of this point without any causes worth mentioning, then they suddenly encountered a strong cross-fire. The Boers had allowed them to reach the point where they were concealed in the trenches, and then the burghers enfiladed the Highlanders. Early in the

were taken prisoners. bered 16,000. The Free State troops were at the base of the hill, and the to be disposed to enlist. Transvaal burghers along the right of the trench. The scene opposite the Transvaal troops in the direction of the hospital was pitiable. Many burghers were expected, and from information could be seen helping wounded comrades into wagons and then driving off. The Boers were almost invisible from Modder River. Occasionally they were noticed rounding the side of a kopje. lines was trained so as to give a view to the east and west, and report the effect of the shell fire. It was too far

distant from the enemy, however, to be of great service. Parties who were out looking for the wounded on Tuesday morning saw Boers burying their dead in a long trench along the base of the hill where the fighting took place. A Boer doctor accompanied the Brit-

ish ambulance corps among the wounded on the field this morning. A LETTER FROM CHURCHILL. London, Dec. 18.—A special dispatch from Pretoria, dated Wednesday, Dec. 13, says that after the escape of Winston Churchill he wrote to the Transvaal war office, declaring that, as a correspondent, he considered his detention as a prisoner unjustifiable. He expressed in his letter the highest appreciation of his treatment. escape was cleverly executed, but there is little chance of his being able to cross

PRAYERS FOR DELIVERANCE. New York, Dec. 18.-At the services the Hamburg-American Church of St. George the Martyr, this city, yesterday, special litany prayers for deliverance were read. This was done at the request of Queen Victoria, who recently asked that in all of the English churches these prayers be offered for the welfare of English arms in South Africa.

The Canadians.

CANADA OFFERS A SECOND CON-

TINGENT. Ottawa, Dec. 18.-There was quite a stir in the city when it was bulletined that the imperial government had accepted the offer of the Australian government for a second contingent. Major Hurdman, Capt. Arnold and Lieut. Morrison waited on Gen. Hutton and renewed the offer to send to the Transvaal the Ottawa Field Battery. The general said that he would lay the matter before the government. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was sent for by the governor-general, and it is understood that the subject discussed was a second contingent. Canada's offer for a second contingent is now in the hands, of the imperial authorities, and all that is necessary is notification of its acceptance, and it will be at once forwarded. A cabinet council was called

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for 2:30, when the matter was fully dis-

TANGIBLE APPRECIATION. Ottawa, Dec. 18.-Carleton county council, at its meeting Saturday, passed a resolution eulogizing the Cana-London, Monday, Dec. 18 .- The war and the council voted \$100 towards the contingent's benefit fund.

London, Dec. 18. - Arthur Loring, secretary of the Imperial Federation Bank at the annual the shareholders, says that when the president of the largest financial institution of the capital goes out of the way to state that Canada not only ought to, but is able to, contribute to the maintenance of the royal navy, we may be sure that action of this kind is not far distant. The portion of the speech referred to begins with the very great prosperity of the bank and ends with the direct proposition of an annual contribution to the cost of supporting the British navy. Major Kurlman and other officers of

the Ottawa Field Battery, have renewed the offer to send the Ottawa Field Battery to South Africa. The minister of militia at Ottawa is besieged with applications from all over Canada and the United States BOER BOASTS. with offers to go on service in South Africa. He has got an applica-

have been heavier, because the Boers and ex-militia officers all over the from the kopje on the side were ready country. Kingston, Ont., Dec. 18.-In his address in Convocation Hall Sunday afternoon, Principal Grant declared that the Canadian Parliament should be called together immediately, so that the voice of the people on the crisis in South Africa might be heard. "These reverses of the British arms

in the Transvaal will make us more united than ever before," he said. Lieut, Dwyer, of the Royal Artillery, at Halifax, N. S., has been ordered to South Africa. Col. Collard says the Leinster Regiment, also stationed there, may be ordered to the Cape, as England wants every available man. fighting the Highland Brigade demoi-ished the Scandinavian contingent, of about 200. Some of the Scandinavians and B, of the Royal Canadian Artiled to do garrison duty. Batteries A It is stated that the Boer force num-pered 16,000. The Free State trans-

The orders received at Quebec from Ottawa to procure 1,000 carbines, such as served out to cavalry and artillery. received from official sources they are already executed. A thousand of Lee-Enfield rifles for the infantry, carbines for artillery and cavalry, three Maxim guns, and also all the equip-A captive balloon behind the British ments necessary, are already in order at the armory, and at the disposal of

the department of militia

Fireside Fighters CRITICS WHO ARE IGNORANT. The New York Tribune's London correspondent says: Military men lay stress upon Gen. Buller's order for retirement of the army to the camp, when the battalions were eager to continue the fight for the recovery of the guns, as convincing proof of the prudence of his leadership. They also resent the idea that the batteries were deliberately entrapped in broad daylight, or that Gen. Buller was responsible in any degree for this accident. They assert that generals in the field are exposed at home to ignorant criticism, and charged with neglecting precautions for protecting their men, when they adopt approved scientific methods of saving life. Foreign military attaches in London consider the criticism to which the British army is now exposed from the continental press as

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