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TWENTIETH YEAR

BIG FIGHT LOADED FOR AT MOOL RIVER.

Joubert's Plan to Destroy the Bridge and Cut Off Retreat

OF BRITISH AT ESTCOURT.

Situation in Natal is now at the Boiling Point and Both Forces Are in Close Quarters.

LORD METHUEN IS MOVING NORTH.

Has Crossed the Orange River and is Advancing to Kimberley—Some Shots Exchanged.

The situation in Natal is now at the boiling point. The British relief forces and the Boers are in close quarters at Mool River, and there has been some fighting. The Boers surrounded the Mool River Station, and opened fire with their artillery, with few casualties. The British fired several shells with effect and the enemy retreated. Three British soldiers were wounded. The main body of the Boers came from Ullid, southwest of Estcourt. A considerable force of the enemy is within 20 or 40 miles of Pietermaritzburg, but there is no anxiety.

Gen. Joubert is evidently attempting to cut off the relieving column for Lady-Smith, and at the same time to reduce Ladysmith. An attack on Mool River camp is expected at any time, the object of the Boers being to destroy the bridge at Weston.

Heavy fighting is said to have taken place outside Mafeking on Monday. The British fired on the French cannon and Boer forts. The Boers replied with good effect. This is news from Pretoria.

The aim of the Boers seems now to be to loot the farmers of Natal. One farm has been raided and 300 horses, valued at \$75,000, captured.

According to a late Pretoria despatch Gen. Joubert wired the Transvaal Capital: "I am cutting off the retreat of the Estcourt troops to Pietermaritzburg, and driving them back on the Tugela River."

A large force under Gen. Lord Methuen has crossed the Orange River, and is now advancing to the relief of Kimberley.

The official returns of the Transvaal casualties since the outbreak of the war show 90 men killed and 200 wounded, of whom a number have recovered and returned to the front.

Orders have been issued to mobilize a sixth army division at Aldershot for service in South Africa, or wherever it may be wanted.

The reason why the War Office sent such a large army to South Africa is now plain. A case in point occurred on Sunday. A thousand British troops were sent from De Aar by train to occupy Nauport. Soon after an attempt was made by the disloyal Colonial Dutch to destroy a bridge two miles in their rear. The attempt was frustrated.

Another naval contingent from the battleship Monarch and the cruiser Doris has been sent from Simon's Bay to the front.

London, Nov. 23.—Although it is evident that the situation in Natal is again becoming sufficiently alarming, nothing can be officially ascertained as to the disposition of the relieving force, or the disposition of the reinforcements recently landed at Durban. The War Office despatches are confined to a mere recital of a few casualties at Mool River, but give no details as to how the engagements have happened. The special correspondents are only permitted to describe Major-General Buller's camp at Mool River vaguely as "large" or "ample."

Near Pietermaritzburg. One correspondent says that 2000 Boers are within 25 miles of Howick's Falls, near Pietermaritzburg, and that the inhabitants are fleeing to the east. It is officially announced that a considerable force of the enemy is now within 30 or 40 miles of Pietermaritzburg, but it is officially announced from there that no anxiety prevails, the garrison numbering 1000 men, with six guns.

Gen. Joubert's Plan. General Joubert's plan, apparently, is a daring attempt to defeat the British relieving column from Durban in detail, while still attempting the reduction of Ladysmith. A serious attack on Mool River camp is now hourly expected, with the object of destroying the bridge at Weston. Should this be accomplished, the Boers would be free to turn their attention again to Ladysmith, if it falls the enemy would retreat again on Ullid and join the Investing Forces around Ladysmith.

Little in the Story. The Boer report that General Hildyard's messenger, asking General White for assistance, was captured, caused some uneasiness, but it is argued that if General Hildyard had been strong enough to hold out he would some time ago have been ordered to retire on Pietermaritzburg. Therefore, small credence is given the story.

How Are the Garrison? Nothing is known regarding the food supplies of the garrison thus isolated. It is believed that Estcourt is well provided, but there is less confidence in the case of Mool River.

There is no further news from the western frontier, except the list of casualties. Every day one or two Boers are killed and some were wounded at Kimberley on November 18, and confounding the accounts of the sortie previously reported.

Outsiders Join the Boers. It is announced from Paris that Col. De Weyer, a French officer, has accepted the post of chief of staff to General Joubert, in succession to Col. Scheel, the German officer who was wounded and taken prisoner at Elandsfontein. From the same source it is reported that two Russian officers

HOWE'S "FIVE JOHNS" LARGE FORTITUDES

Extraordinary Powers Got by the Promoters of the Cataract Construction Company, Which Had One "John" at the Cabinet Board.

Some Strange Facts Which Have Come to Light Because Another "John" Was a Kicker—How Do These Figures Strike You for Promoter's Profits?

The Cataract Construction Company began operations some years ago to develop electric power at Niagara Falls, N.Y. After its big stock offering, the company had installed its big electric plant it proceeded to buy in the electric railways operating in and about Buffalo and Niagara Falls, as well as other concerns which used large quantities of electricity. The Cataract Construction Company has developed into the greatest electric monopoly of the continent.

What Mr. Rankin accomplished at Niagara Falls and Buffalo a Hamilton syndicate is duplicating, in a smaller way, at Hamilton. The prime movers in the Hamilton combine are John Patterson, John M. Gibson, and J. A. Kamerer. The quietest soon became famous throughout Hamilton and the Niagara peninsula. They are popularly known as the Five Johns, and are popularly known as a hot feature in the business world of the Ambitious City.

The Promoter in Front. As the Cataract Construction Company owes its expansion to its monopoly of Niagara Falls power, on both sides of the border, the Hamilton Power Company of Hamilton base all their hopes upon their possession of a great water power at Deerpark, near St. Catharines. The company's business is one in which the promoter plays a leading role. Bylaws and agreements had to be obtained from about a dozen municipalities, and certain valuable concessions had to be obtained from the Provincial Government and Legislature, and the promoters themselves, who were the work which the original syndicate, or the Five Johns, undertook to accomplish.

How They Worked Together. Mr. John Patterson was promoter-in-chief, and what he knew about the business of promoting and lobbying is not worth learning. While Mr. Patterson worked the company to act as the agent or manager in such cooperation in the carrying on and management of its business, the other four, or any part thereof on such terms and remuneration or otherwise as may be agreed on.

More Rights Were Procured. Again, on Aug. 23, it was found necessary to apply for further supplementary letters to the directors of the company to enlarge the powers of the company by declaring that when at least two-thirds of the capital stock of any corporation which the company has the right to acquire, or for the trustees of any mortgage or curbing bonds issued by the company, shall have authority to aid and assist such corporation in carrying on, maintaining and extending its business, and underlings by furnishing to it by way of bonus, loan or otherwise money or property, or by acting as agent or manager in such cooperation in the carrying on and management of its business, the company, or any part thereof on such terms and remuneration or otherwise as may be agreed on.

These facts are mentioned to show that Mr. Rankin played a leading part in obtaining concessions from the Provincial Government, and in the first place, the company obtained from the Government the right to acquire, or for the trustees of any mortgage or curbing bonds issued by the company, shall have authority to aid and assist such corporation in carrying on, maintaining and extending its business, and underlings by furnishing to it by way of bonus, loan or otherwise money or property, or by acting as agent or manager in such cooperation in the carrying on and management of its business, the company, or any part thereof on such terms and remuneration or otherwise as may be agreed on.

This is an extraordinary concession to grant to any company. It is something new in company law, and it is supposed that the company has been discussed by the Legislature, instead of being obtained at a day's notice by letters patent from the Government.

Municipal Act Also Amended. Another fact that might be mentioned to show that Mr. Rankin played a leading part in obtaining concessions from the Provincial Government, and in the first place, the company obtained from the Government the right to acquire, or for the trustees of any mortgage or curbing bonds issued by the company, shall have authority to aid and assist such corporation in carrying on, maintaining and extending its business, and underlings by furnishing to it by way of bonus, loan or otherwise money or property, or by acting as agent or manager in such cooperation in the carrying on and management of its business, the company, or any part thereof on such terms and remuneration or otherwise as may be agreed on.

How the Five Johns Fared. When originally formed, the Cataract Power Company had a capital of \$90,000. This was subsequently increased to \$200,000 and the company was floated on a basis of \$3,750,000 capital, of which \$2,250,000 was preferred stock, and the remainder common stock. This preference stock has all been divided among the shareholders of the old company, while the five Johns received the \$1,500,000 worth of common stock, with the exception of a block which goes to N. W. Harris & Co. of New York, who floated the bonds of the company. These bonds, acquired to \$1,250,000, and were sold at 20 per cent. premium, or five per cent. interest. The proceeds of the bonds were used to acquire the company's subsidiary projects, which include the Electric Light Company, the Hamilton Street Railway Company, and the Hamilton & Dundas Railway. In addition to buying up the shares of these companies, the Cataract Company assume the bonded indebtedness of the Hamilton Street Railway, amounting to \$500,000, and of the Dundas Railway, amounting to \$100,000.

To-day's Program. Trades and Labor Council, 8 p.m. Concert in Elm-street Methodist Church, 8 p.m. Yarsity Political Science Club, 4 p.m. "The Cames" program, a new show, at the Grand, 8 p.m. Gen. W. Monroe at the Toronto, 2 and 8 p.m. "Trilogy" at the Princess, 2 and 8 p.m. The Empire, 8 p.m. The Bijou, 2 and 8 p.m. Concert in St. Peter's Schoolhouse, corner Bleecker and Carlton, at 8 p.m.

Slumber's Turkish Baths. Excellent sleeping accommodation, 120 Yonge street. A Dawson Chair in McGill. Montreal, Nov. 22.—The governors of McGill University announced that the sale of the Dawson Chair, which will be established in memory of Sir William Dawson, who was principal of the University for so many years.

A SOCIETY CALL.



LADY SMITH IS NOT AT HOME TO OOM PAUL.

BOTH ENGINE CREWS KILLED. Two Engineers and Their Firemen Were Victims of a Wreck in Indiana.

Smashed into the Rear of a Freight Train and the Destruction Was Terrible. Garrett, Ind., Nov. 22.—A heavy Baltimore & Ohio limited passenger train, drawn by two locomotives, ran into the rear of a freight train near Chicago, this afternoon. Both passenger engines were derailed and their crews killed. The freight train was almost a total wreck. Its conductor, Mr. Butts, and rear brakeman, Hamilton, are missing, and it is supposed they are buried under the debris of the coaches. A special train brought the following named victims from the wreck: Dead—Henry Bradford, engineer; E. H. Barber, engineer; Elmer Orr, fireman; John Stine, fireman. Injured—James Gannon, Altoona, Pa.; Arthur Ferguson, Chicago; E. J. Blomner, New York; and Frederick Hudson, Columbus, Ark. O. and Frederick Hudson, Columbus, Ark. O.

A CONCESSION TO CANADA. Our Cattle May Now Be Exported Through Three More Ports Than Formerly.

Washington, Nov. 22.—The Secretary of the Treasury has advised the Collector of Customs at Buffalo that Canadian cattle or sheep may be shipped through the United States for exportation from Philadelphia, Baltimore and Newport News, Va., as well as from Portland, Me., Boston and New York, until now the ports of exportation of Canadian cattle and sheep have been limited to the last three.

DISASTERS TO SHIPPING. Newfoundland Coast Strewed With Wrecks—One Schooner Lost With All Hands.

St. John's Nfld., Nov. 22.—Reports of shipping disaster continue to arrive, showing that the coast between the recent gales. The schooner Josephine, Pet. Minnie, Emma and Clara Belle are ashore at different points along the coast, and the schooner Marianne is now known to have foundered with a crew of six men.

HAVE THE RUSSIANS TAKEN HERAT? A Reiteration of the Former Rumor to That Effect—Trouble Likely to Follow if It's So.

London, Nov. 22.—A special despatch from Vienna reiterates the report which was denied last week, that the Russians had occupied Herat.

WHAT THE KAISER DID. German Emperor Saw Troopers in Khaki Uniform and Took a Ride in Windsor Park.

Windsor, England, Nov. 22.—Emperor William of Germany to-day inspected a corporal and two troopers of the Life Guards in khaki field service uniform, in the quadrangle of Windsor Castle. His Majesty expressed great satisfaction with the serviceability of this place, and afterwards the Emperor mounted his favorite charger, which he brought with him from the front, and accompanied by the Emperor, went for a ride in the great park. Their Majesties visited Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, and then lunched with the Duke and Duchess of Connaught at Bagshot Park.

Another Dinner Party. Although the Kaiser has declined the invitation of the Lord Mayor of London to visit the city, he is accompanied in his honor by the Duchess of Devonshire, who will go to London on Friday, where they will take luncheon with the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough. A special train will carry them from Windsor to London, and they will return here at 4 o'clock.

Another Dinner Party. A semi-stated dinner was given at the case this evening at which 37 guests, including a few minor members of the diplomatic corps, were present.

GREENWICH TO FACE THE MUSIC.

Would Not Hear Mr. Fisher, the Independent Candidate for Russell.

HE AND HIS PARTY LEFT. But the Audience Remained and Mr. Fisher Made a Rattling Speech to Them.

STEWART TUPPER'S ARRAIGNMENT. Government Resorting to Bribery, and All Sorts of Tricks to Save Themselves.

Winnipeg, Nov. 22.—(Special).—There was a large attendance at the meeting at which last evening called in the interest of Mr. Crerar, the Government Candidate, Mr. James Fisher, Independent, had called a meeting for the same evening at Millwood, but cancelled it in order to meet the Premier. When the meeting was called to order Mr. Fisher asked to have an opportunity to speak during the evening. He explained he had already asked Mr. Crerar and the chairman, who had refused, after consulting the Premier. He further said that the chairman had intimated that if the audience chose to remain after the regular speaking was over, there would be no objection to his (Mr. Fisher) addressing them, but the Government candidate and party would not remain. Against this decision there were loud protests.

Mr. Greenway said he was a strong believer in the Hudson Bay Railway, and promised a ten-cent rate to Lake Superior. At the close of the speech Mr. Greenway Fisher took part in the discussion in the presence of the audience, who remained, dealing with the Hudson Bay Railway, and the Hudson Bay Railway. There was much comment on the action of the Government in resorting to bribery, and Mr. Fisher's friends claim that the Government was resorting to bribery, and Mr. Fisher's friends claim that the Government was resorting to bribery, and Mr. Fisher's friends claim that the Government was resorting to bribery.

COAL GAS WAS FATAL. Thomas Conder and His Daughter Died Yesterday in Spite of All Efforts.

Thomas Conder and his daughter Tillie, who were suffocated by inhaling gas, which escaped from an open door in a stove at their home, in the rear of 108 Chestnut street, both died in the Emergency Hospital yesterday. The girl, who is 12 years old, died at 11:30 a.m., and the father passed away at 2:30 p.m. Coroner W. E. Atkins, who held an inquest at 4 p.m. today, was satisfied that their deaths were caused by the gas suffocation. It was found that the door from the stove was partly open, through which the gas escaped. The late Mr. Conder was 67 years of age, while his daughter was 12 years old. The funeral will be taken to Oakville this morning, and interred there this afternoon.

THE FOX BAY METHODISTS. Are to Be Offered Homes in Manitoba to Get Them Away From Anticosti.

Montreal, Nov. 22.—(Special).—Mr. Mills, a Toronto barrister, Rev. Dr. Griffiths, pastor of the Quebec Methodist Church, and Mr. L. A. Cannon, advocate of Quebec, left there on Wednesday night by the Intercolonial Railway, and Rimouski yesterday by the Government revenue steamer to Anticosti. It appears that they are going to the island as delegates of the Federal Government to offer homes to the Fox Bay Methodists, who are being driven from the island by the Government revenue steamer.

AGUINALDO HAS GOT AWAY. American Generals Thought They Had Him Cooped Up, but They Were Mistaken.

Manila, Nov. 22.—Gen. Young reports that Aguinaldo and a few carts, passed Anticosti, on the coast between San Fabian and San Fernando, in the Province of Union, on Friday, Nov. 17. The general adds that Aguinaldo probably intended to strike inland through the Bluguet Mountains, toward Bayombong in the Province of Nueva Viscaya. Gen. Young, with cavalry and Macabebe, is pursuing the Filipino leader, part of the American force taking the direction of San Fernando. In a fight with Aguinaldo's rear guard at Aringay one Macabebe was wounded and the insurgents retreated. Their loss is unknown.

COOK'S TURKISH BATHS—204 KING W. WHITE LAKE REID'S SPEECH. Generally Commented on by the London Newspapers.

London, Nov. 23.—The morning papers generally comment on the sensational speech of Mr. White Lake Reid Tuesday evening at the banquet of the New York Chamber of Commerce upon "The Existing Friendly Relations Between the United States and Great Britain."

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS. Nov. 23. At. From.

Table with columns: Ship Name, Destination, Date, Time. Includes entries for Glasgow, New York, Liverpool, etc.

DEATHS. WATKINS—On Nov. 21, 1899, at his mother's residence, 211 Simcoe-street, James Watkins, in his 28th year.

Funeral at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, the 23rd.

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