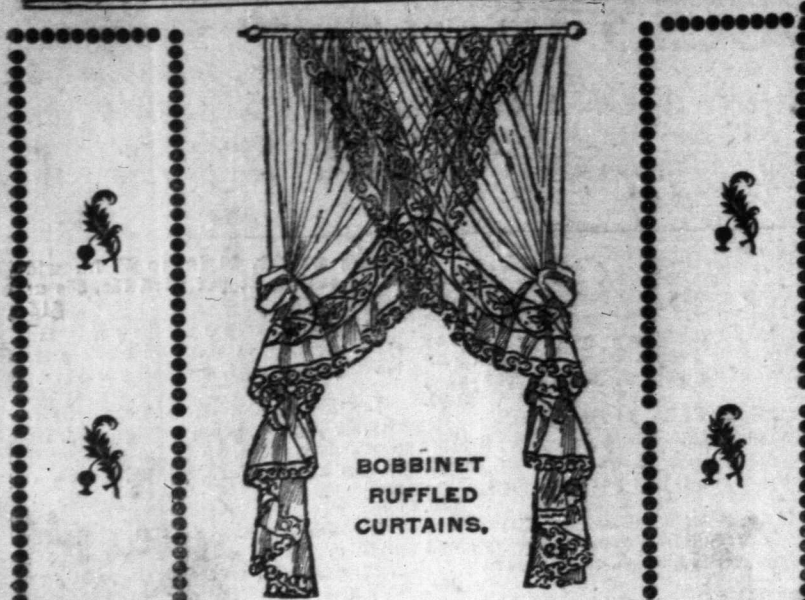


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H. Macaulay, "THE ARK"

BIG SWING OF VICTORY

Liberal Conservatives Perfecting Organization all Along the Line.

Mr. Whitney is Confident—Dr. Reaume Gets Magnificent Send-Off.

Toronto, April 19.—Mr. J. P. Whitney, leader of the opposition in the Ontario House, returned to the city to-night from Dundas, and when asked what he had to say about the date of the elections, replied that May 29 suited as well as any other day. As far as the opposition were concerned, they were prepared to go to the country at any time, and he was confident that they would have the majority of the voters with them.

UNANIMOUS CHOICE.
Windsor, Ont., April 19.—The utmost enthusiasm and harmony reigned at the convention of North Essex Conservatives yesterday afternoon. Evidently the delegates came to the convention with the idea of selecting the strongest candidate procurable, and all were a unit that Dr. J. O. Reaume, of Windsor, is the man who can give W. J. McKee, the Liberal candidate, the fight of his life. No name but Reaume's was submitted to the convention, and it took but a few minutes to make his nomination unanimous by a standing vote.

It was one of the best attended conventions held by the Conservatives of North Essex in the last twelve years. Every sub-division was represented by a full quota of delegates, and, beside these, there were nearly as many more subscribers, who came to the city to attend the gathering. Fully 250 people were present, and the best of good humor prevailed during the entire session.

FATHER TAKES SON'S PLACE.
Dundas, April 19.—At the nomination meeting of North Westworth Conservatives to-day, Mr. A. R. Wardell, father of the late member, was offered the nomination for Legislature, and only accepted on condition that he would not be expected to take any great part in the campaign on account of his recent bereavement. The offer was willingly received by the Conservatives. Mr. Wardell said he would do the best he could under the circumstances. He would not have been there to-day, only for the wishes of his friends, and that if elected, it would have to be through their efforts.

The Opposition leader, Mr. Whitney, was present, and spoke feelingly of the death of Mr. Wardell, for whom he always had the highest esteem. Mr. Whitney was presented with a bouquet by Miss Beatrice Miller.

MAJOR FRASER CHOSEN.
Brantford, Ont., April 19.—South Brant Conservatives met in convention here this afternoon, to nominate a candidate for the Legislature. W. A. Hollinrake occupied the chair. Major Fraser, of Brantford, received the unanimous vote of the meeting to be the standard bearer for South Brant. Addresses were delivered by Major Fraser, W. S. Bromster and Z. Cockshutt.

WILL SUPPORT MR. MITCHELL.
Goverich, April 19.—The executive committee of the West Huron Prohibition Alliance met here yesterday to consider the reports of the committee appointed at the convention of the Prohibitionists of West Huron, held two weeks ago, to wait upon the political conventions held at Dungsannon and Smith's Hill. Mr. Mitchell, the Conservative nominee, it was announced, had signed the pledge presented by the committee, but that Mr. Cameron, the Liberal candidate, had failed to do so. The Alliance consequently decided to give its support to Mr. Mitchell.

GEN. WARREN HEARD FROM.
London, April 19.—Gen. Sir Charles Warren gave out a communication to-day in response to General Buller's stinging criticism of his conduct at Spion Kop. This evening, however, he requested the newspapers not to publish the communication. Gen. Warren's statement simply expresses the hope that the Government will publish the complete documents relating to Spion Kop. He asserts that the despatches, as published in the white book, considered by themselves, cause unjust reflections upon himself and his command.

THE SMALL-POX.
Toronto, Ont., April 19.—The small-pox situation in the province is very bright and the disease gives every promise of being entirely cleared out. There are two new cases in Ferris Twp. which, with the cases reported some time ago which are about recovered, makes eight in all. A new case is reported for Thessalon in the same family as the other one out there. Twelve cases, all old ones, are in the hospital at Or'awa, Day township, Peterborough county. Belleville and Brockville have developed nothing new from the cases already reported.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL RANKIN COMMANDING 24TH REGIMENT.

THE 24TH KENT REGIMENT ATTEND DIVINE SERVICE

Brilliant Street Parade in the Bright Spring Morning—Excellent Sermon and Music—Compliments of the Colonel.

"Some people simply want to study English victories," said Rev. Mr. George in the course of an excellent sermon delivered to the soldiers of the 24th Regiment in the Victoria Avenue Methodist church yesterday, "but I believe in reading English history in detail, reading it till our minds are saturated with it. I believe in reading the story of the ignoble defeats as well as of the glorious victories."

"I met a man the other day who was carrying a cane made from the gunboat recently exploded from the river. I think the destruction of that gunboat a disgrace. The people of Chatham-like vultures devour the still warm remains. It is at about a blot on our patriotism and a blot on our loyalty. It was a heirloom of the ages past and ought to have been preserved. As I said I met a gentleman with a cane made from the gunboat. A friend took it in his hand and said, 'I never want to see one of these canes. They are emblems of our shame.'"

"I give place to no man in loyalty," forcibly continued Mr. George. "My forefathers have fought for this Canada of ours and my father's blood still runs warm within me and his spirit burns within me, but there was never the dawn of the darkest hour in British history but I want to study it. I want to learn the cause of defeat. England has only failed when she has ceased to be honest and true. When, as at Trafalgar, Inkerman and Lucknow, she unfurled her banner for truth and right, she has stood unconquered. Study England's defeats and learn from them the cause of defeat. The same applies to soldiers of the cross."

Rev. Mr. George closed with this earnest appeal to all, "Be just as true to yourself as to your country and just as true to your country as you are true to your God."

The music at the service was exceptionally good and was much enjoyed by the visiting soldiers. The choir, under the excellent leadership of Miss Blanche Baxter, sang the two anthems, "Great is the Lord," and "Christ is Risen." At the conclusion of the service Miss Baxter rendered the beautiful solo, "Dream of Paradise." Miss Morrison, the organist, played a very appropriate voluntary march for the entry and exit of the soldiers.

At 10.30 a. m. yesterday the drill shed presented an animated appearance as the soldiers of the 24th filed from their various armories and took their places in line. After a few brief instructions from the Colonel the Regiment, in full marching strength, filed from the hall and preceded by the Band marched over to the Victoria Avenue Methodist church. The Maple City warriors presented a brilliant appearance as they stepped smartly along to the bright military music of the Regimental Band. The officers were out in full force. The return march was made via Head Street and the Aberdeen bridge, thence by King Street to the drill hall. Before dismissing the soldiers Colonel Rankin regretted the bad condition of the roads which prevented good

marching, but complimented the men on their appearance in line and on the street. He also spoke of the good behavior of the men in church, but regretted that they got a little noisy towards the end of the sermon.

STEAMER BURNED TO WATER'S EDGE

Terrible Panic Among Passengers Who Were in Bed When Fire Started.

Some Jumped in River and Failed to Swim Ashore—Others Were Burned to Death.

Cairo, Ill., April 20.—The side-wheel steamer City of Pittsburg, from Cincinnati to Memphis, was burned to the water's edge early this morning at Turner's Landing, near Olmstead, Ill., about eleven miles from Mound City, Ill., and twenty-four miles from this city. The early reports stated that 65 lives were lost, and that many were badly burned and otherwise injured, but the list of casualties is not yet definitely determined. Two boats and all available craft from this city went to the scene for the relief.

Most of the passengers were still in bed when Second Clerk Oliver Phillips gave the alarm. The engineers started all the pumping engines, while the crew brought all the hose into play. Amid the streams of water on all sides, the flames from the lower deck and dense clouds of smoke, the passengers rushed from their staterooms and a frightful panic ensued. Few could adjust life preservers or do anything for themselves. The smoke was stifling. Great clouds floated through the blazing steamer, choking passengers and adding to the terror. Children cried piteously, begging that they be saved. Lifeboats were manned and every effort was made to save the passengers. Boats were sent from shore to help in the work of rescue, and passengers were landed at the river banks. As fast as the boats could be emptied they returned to the ill-fated steamer.

The burning steamer was quickly headed to the bank, but passengers were forced to jump from the stern, and in trying to swim ashore through the swift current, many drowned. Many also perished in the flames.

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CONFER WITH FIGHTING BOERS

Burgher Leaders Leave Pretoria to Meet Followers at Rendezvous.

To Submit British Peace Terms—Transvaal Will Accept but Free Staters Uncertain.

Pretoria, April 19.—The Boer delegates left here at 9 o'clock last night for various destinations to confer with the burghers in the field.

WITH A BRITISH ESCORT.
Balmoral, Cape Colony, Saturday, April 19.—General Lucas Meyer, commander-in-chief of the Orange Free State forces, and late Secretary Reitz, of the Transvaal, and the other members of their party arrived here last night, and this morning proceeded to the north. They were accompanied by a British escort. It is their intention to consult with the Boers in the field.

THEIR DESTINATIONS.
Pretoria, April 20.—General De Wet has gone to Heilbron, Orange River Colony; General Botha, the Transvaal commander-in-chief, has gone to Vryheid, Transvaal, and General De la Rey, together with Mr. Steyn, ex-President of the Orange Free State, have gone to Klerksdorp, Transvaal. They have arranged to meet the burghers at different rendezvous and submit the British terms.

FREE STATERS MAY PROVE STUBBORN.
It is believed the Transvaalers will everywhere accept the terms as they are, in no way anxious for a winter campaign. The only difficulty likely to occur will, it is thought, be with Orange Free Staters. In the meantime there will be no cessation of hostilities. The delegates are expected back in Pretoria the middle of May.

A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT.
London, April 20.—Wiring from Pretoria, the correspondent of the Standard says there is good reason to believe that a tentative agreement, which will prove mutually cordial and lead to an early cessation of hostilities, has been made.

KRUGER, ET AL., NO ACCOUNT.
The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Utrecht says it is recognized there that the Boer delegates at Pretoria have full power to negotiate without reference to the Boer leaders in Europe, who have no real influence on the peace negotiations.

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