

### LORD ROBERTS ON NEEDS OF ARMY

### BRITAIN MUST HAVE LARGE RESERVE FORCE

### Does Not Advocate Compulsory Service—Right Class of Men Must Be Enlisted.

London, Dec. 29.—"The Army As It Was and As It Is to Be" is the text under which Field Marshal Earl Roberts in the January Nineteenth Century reads Britons a noteworthy lecture on the duty of all classes, if Great Britain would meet the demands of modern warfare.

After frankly pointing out existing deficiencies, Earl Roberts writes: "A terrible lesson awaits the nation whose soldiers find themselves opposed by equally brave but better trained opponents on the field of battle. No amount of money, no national sacrifices will then avail for modern warfare moves fast and time lost in peace can never be made up during the stress of a campaign. I hold this view strongly, and would urge my fellow-countrymen, with all the force at my command, to look the plain facts in the face."

Earl Roberts does not advocate compulsory service, "because it is distasteful to the nation and incompatible with the conditions of an army which has a large proportion of units in foreign service," but maintains that Great Britain must have a large reserve force, and "if the citizens of so great and prosperous a nation as ours are unwilling to exempt from compulsory service in time of peace without the safety of the Empire being endangered, the right class of men must be attracted to the army by good conditions of pay and pension and it is the bounden duty of the state to see that every able-bodied man in this country, no matter to what grade of society he belongs, has some knowledge of military tactics in youth sufficient to enable him to shoot straight and carry out simple orders if ever his services are required for national defence."

Earl Roberts interestingly reviews the changes of the last fifty years, describing the military system prior to the Crimean war, and points out how the introduction of modern guns necessitated the change from the old system of pikemen and musketeers to mere machines.

"Officers," he says, "are no longer directly able to control their men because the fighting formation has been changed, and, therefore, the men must have a far higher standard of individual intelligence, while among the officers intelligence, self-reliance and the power of leading must be on a proportionately higher level. The better for the ranks when the hour of trial comes."

He says the report of the commission on the war in South Africa made it clear that much is still needed before Great Britain has an army fit in all respects for war with a modern nation.

### CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Killed by a Train of Coal Cars in Seattle.

Seattle, Dec. 29.—A working man was killed in front of the Northern hotel, on First avenue south, between Washington street and Yeager way, at 8 o'clock last evening. To protect the train crew from a crowd of several hundred people who had congregated about the place where the accident occurred the men were taken to the police station. They were held for nearly an hour and then released.

The man killed is believed to be 40 years of age and fairly well dressed.

The man was walking north on the east car track on First avenue south. A train of Seattle Electric coal cars was backing toward the Post street station on the west track at the same time. Myler changed his course and started directly across the west track toward the First avenue south sidewalk. A number of pedestrians called to him to look out for the train, and others called to the men on the coal train to stop. Before he paid attention to the cries and before the train was stopped, the unfortunate man was struck by the engine and the backing train and crushed to death under the wheels. His head was crushed and death was practically instantaneous.

As soon as possible the train was stopped and the car backed to allow the body to be taken out.

Deputy Coroner Arnold investigated the case and when he arrived the police asked for his authority in arresting the men who were handling the train. He refused to order their arrest, but told the officers to use their own judgment. For the purpose of protecting them

and preserving order in the street, Patrolmen Cameron and Helms sent the men to the station.

### MENACED BY MOUNTAINEERS.

Moors Are Gathering Round Alcazar and Demand Money From the Citizens.

New York, Dec. 30.—A Tangier, Morocco, dispatch to the Herald says: "The town of Alcazar is again menaced by a large number of mountaineers belonging to the Kabyles. They are the same tribesmen who recently besieged the town in consequence of a dispute between a Moor and a Spaniard. They were then induced to raise the siege by the payment of a generous bribe. The money men paid has merely aroused their greed, and they have now returned, demanding the payment of a still larger sum. In the event that this is not forthcoming the demand that certain of the European residents be surrendered to them. It is generally believed that the town will have to accede to the first request, as it is poorly prepared for defence."

### RAILWAY CAR AND CABOOSE DERAILED

One Man Died From His Injuries—Winnipeg Clearing House Returns Continue to Show Increases.

Portage la Prairie, Man., Dec. 29.—A C. N. R. snowplough struck a defective switch at Portage, 12 miles west of here, and the caboose and private car of the superintendent of bridges were derailed. The former had about 20 men on board, and as it turned over the stove upset and started a fire, which consumed the car in ten minutes, and all had narrow escapes of being burned. However all were rescued or escaped, although the majority were injured. Several were badly injured, including J. B. Linklater, who was crushed beneath the wheels of the private car which he died while en route to Winnipeg on a special train.

Others injured are N. Bigham, Portage la Prairie, arm and legs broken; J. Cockburn, arm broken and badly burned; Mr. and Mrs. Lott, burned; W. Linklater, crushed.

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Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending to-day show a continuation of the phenomenal increase. The total for the week is \$2,749,227, which, compared with returns for the corresponding week of last year, \$4,681,919, is an increase of \$1,112,343. For the corresponding week of 1902, \$4,481,040.

Will Investigate.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Mayor Sharpe will recommend the engagement of an expert by the new council to investigate the cause of the typhoid epidemic.

Clerk of Court Dead.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 29.—Anson G. Northrup, aged 72, and for more than 50 years clerk of the County court of Hastings, is dead. W. W. Northrup, M. P. for East Hastings, is a son.

Served Seventeen Years.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 29.—Matthew Jones, a life prisoner, just pardoned, was born in England, has served 17 years and his hair is white. He still protests his innocence of the charge of arson, on which he was convicted, at \$100,000 still unclaimed. Mrs. Madden, of Ville Sainte Paul, her cousin in Rutland and others in Philadelphia, are sole heirs to the estate. Nothing further has been heard by Mrs. Madden of her good fortune since the announcement last week from her cousin, who is taking the necessary steps in the matter.

Burned to Death.

Hawksburg, Ont., Dec. 29.—The Great Northern railway station was destroyed by fire last night. D. S. Campbell, station agent, and his wife and family occupied the upper flat and were, with difficulty, saved. So rapidly did the flames spread, however, that it was found impossible to rescue Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Campbell's mother, who perished.

A Winefall.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—By the death of an unmarried uncle in Australia, Mrs. James Madden, wife of a stenographer at Ville Sainte Paul, expects to inherit a large fortune. A cousin, Mrs. Madden, living in Rutland, Vermont, visited Ireland recently and learned there that Michael Condon, of Melbourne, Australia, had died two years ago leaving \$1,000,000 still unclaimed. Mrs. Madden, of Ville Sainte Paul, her cousin in Rutland and others in Philadelphia, are sole heirs to the estate. Nothing further has been heard by Mrs. Madden of her good fortune since the announcement last week from her cousin, who is taking the necessary steps in the matter.

KILLED DURING FIGHT.

Fatal Termination of Christmas Celebration at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 28.—The Christmas celebration here wound up with a fight in the foreign quarter in which one man was killed and three badly wounded. A gang of men engaged in deadly combat, knives and revolvers being used. In a few minutes three men were on the ground and the rest fled in all directions. The police were quickly on the scene and took steps to round up the fugitives. One was captured in a Hungarian boarding house, three were taken as they fled across the bridge to the States.

The doctor found one Hungarian killed with a revolver bullet through his head, one with a bullet in his leg, back of the knee, and one with his cheek severed with a knife from ear to chin, and one with a bullet wound in the scalp. The latter had been beaten as well. The cause of the fight is unknown.

### THE RUSSIANS LOST FORTY-THREE GUNS

### IMPORTANT CAPTURE BY BESIEGING ARMY

### Last of Defenders Driven From Rihlung Mountain—Togo and Kamimura Welcomed to Tokio.

Tokio, Dec. 30.—10.30 a.m.—The headquarters of the army besieging Port Arthur telegraphed: "On the night of December 28th, after the occupation of Rihlung fort, a small body of Russian soldiers was discovered in the passage between the siege gun line and the gorge. At 3 o'clock in the morning they were dislodged entirely, and the occupation of the fort became secure."

"According to the statement of three prisoners, the defenders of Fort Rihlung numbered about 500, beside some sailors. A majority of the defenders were killed. The trophies captured with Fort Rihlung include 4 large calibre guns, 57 small calibre guns, 30 seven millimetre guns, 2 machine guns and much property, as yet unenumerated."

MANY RUSSIANS WERE KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Headquarters of the Japanese Army Before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 30.—Rihlung fort, captured yesterday, is the largest and strongest of the eastern fort ridge. Tunnels for mines were cut out of solid rock and two tons of dynamite were used to blow up the walls. The spectacle was magnificent and the work of the assaulters was splendid. Half the garrison was killed by the explosion of the first charge. The remainder of the Russians made a stubborn resistance.

Four heavy guns, seven rapid-firing guns and two machine guns were captured, as well as thirty quick-firing guns, which were stored in the fort.

REPORTS DEATH OF A COSSACK OFFICER.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Gen. Sakharoff, in recording recent successes, reports that a Cossack officer, Prince Kaldoroff, has been killed.

CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS.

Moscow, Dec. 29.—M. Danchenko, the well-known newspaper correspondent, telegraphs an account of an interview which he had with Gen. Kouroupatkin. He declares the commander-in-chief is in fine physical condition, always sanguine and now absolutely confident of ultimate victory. Kouroupatkin, he says, looks and acts as he did before Plevna.

NEW BATTLESHIPS.

British Admiralty Preparing Plans For Vessels From Seventeen Thousand to Eighteen Thousand Tons.

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CREW RESCUED.

Men Taken From the Stranded Steamer Drumzeikier By Life-Savers.

New York, Dec. 29.—The big ocean-going tug Katherine Moran left Sandy Hook before daylight this morning carrying the Sandy Hook life-saving crew and an attempt to take off the crew of the steamer Drumzeikier. The lives of the sailors on the Drumzeikier were still believed to be perilous, and the boats of the Oak Island and Fire Island life-saving stations had been unable to reach them. Capt. McLennan, inspector of the life-saving service of this city, last night ordered the Sandy Hook crew to make a desperate effort to rescue the imperiled men. The Sandy Hook life-saving boat is self-bailing, and one of the best in this service, and Capt. McLennan hoped that with such a boat her crew would be enabled to accomplish more than the less able boats of Fire Island. They could not approach the wrecked steamer from the seaward side without encountering the heavy surf from the beach.

Signals which were exchanged between the tug and the stricken vessel during the forenoon are interpreted by the marine observer at Fire Island as indicating that the position of the Drumzeikier was about 10 miles from the shore, and that she had only one anchor ast, and that one was bent and twisted, and that she was laboring badly. A few minutes after the signal a surf boat went out from one of the wrecking tugs, and it is believed that three or four men were put on board the steamer. The tug was seen to run close to the steamer when view from the shore was shut off by the flying spray. The crew of the steamer had not been taken off to noon.

Rescued.

New York, Dec. 29.—Capt. Frost, Capt. Boxer and Capt. Baker, with their crews, have just returned to Oak Island bringing 13 members of the crew of the steamer Drumzeikier. They had a hard time getting to the steamer, but were landed at Oak Island safely.

Early in the day 18 men of the crew were taken off the steamer by the crew

push the crowd backward in an endeavor to clear the retching hands. Finally Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura were freed from their enthusiastic admirers, and at 10.30 a.m. the officers, who reached the carriage sent by the Emperor to the station to convey the distinguished party to the palace.

As Admiral Togo appeared a great shout arose, hats were thrown in the air, drums were raised, "banzai" was cried. Preceded by gendarmes the party drove under a triumphal arch, waving flags and discharging fireworks through the cheering crowds to the navy department, where a brief stop was made, during which the congratulations of the ministers were received and future victories were toasted.

Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura then proceeded to the palace to report to the Emperor.

They will probably remain in Tokio about the week, for the purpose of consulting with the general staff and perfecting plans for future operations.

DISPATCH FROM KUROKI.

Replies to Congratulatory Telegram Which He Received From Germany.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—A convivial circle at Dortmund sent General Kuroki in September a card of enthusiastic congratulations on his military successes, and has now received the following answer: "On the battlefield in Manchuria, Nov. 5th, 1904."

"How I rejoice to be congratulated at so great a distance upon our victories. As you know, we are pupils of German tactics, hence our latest successes in being congratulated by German men."

"With special regards,

"Your obedient servant,

(Signed) GENERAL KUROKI."

The above letter from General Kuroki removes all doubt, if any existed, that General Kuroki is alive. He was persistently reported to have been killed during the fighting of October 4th last.

A Charge.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—The Russ, in the course of sensational article attacking the policy of building Russian warships abroad and the marine administration generally, refers as an example to the case of the American built Russian cruiser Variag, the plans of which, the paper says, when Japan wanted to raise her, the Cramps sold for \$3,000.

The article also charges that the Russian Vice-Admiral Messer made in 1898, in which he severely condemned the battleship Petropavlovsk, the protected cruiser Salada, the battleship Sevastopol, and several other ships now either with Admiral Rojestvensky or in the Baltic, which were built under Admiral Yorkhovsky (senior admiral), Grand admiral, have never been approached from the necessity for adequate Russian vessels and a competent and honest administrator.

And a Denial.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 29.—When shown the St. Petersburg dispatch, Edwiz S. Cramp said: "There is absolutely no truth in the article published by the Russ. In so far as this company is concerned, we have never been approached by the Japanese government with reference to the plans of the Variag. Our relations with the Russian government are of a purely business nature, and the article is a pure fabrication."

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of the Sandy Hook station, which was towed to the scene. The men were brought here later on a tug.

Captain Nicholson, Chief Engineer Wood and the remainder of the officers and crew decided to remain aboard until officially notified that the vessel had been placed in the hands of the wrecking company in order to obviate any claim for salvage on the derelict. At 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon the captain decided that it would be wise to leave the ship, which was being buffeted by the heavy seas, and assist in immediate rescue. The crews of the nearby stations responded to his signals, and after a hard struggle the men were taken off and landed at Oak Island.

The rescue of the men was hazardous in the extreme, and was attended by many thrilling incidents.

The Drumzeikier will be a total loss, although it is believed part of her cargo can be saved, if the weather holds good, owing to the fact that the hull is firmly embedded in the sand.

RUSSIAN MINISTERS.

Reports That Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky and M. Glasoff Will Resign.

New York, Dec. 30.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Herald, he has reliable information that Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, the minister of the interior, is determined to resign. This, under the circumstances of the last few days, will surprise no one.

M. Glasoff, minister of education, is likewise to resign. He said: "The situation of affairs has gone beyond my comprehension." M. Lukianoff, a bacteriologist, will be his successor.

Prince Galitzin, mayor of Moscow, has been handed over to justice to answer for his too liberal speech before the Douma.

THREE CONVICTS KILLED BY GUARDS

MET DEATH WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE

Four Other Prisoners Were Wounded and Three of Them are in a Critical Condition.

Folsom, Cal., Dec. 30.—Of the nine convicts who yesterday made a break for liberty from the state prison, seven were killed by bullets. Three of these are now dead, and three are in a critical condition.

The killed were: H. G. Hill, under sentence of thirty-six years for robbery; J. Quinlan, serving twelve years for robbery; W. Morales, under sentence for robbery.

The following were wounded, and will probably die: D. Kelly, serving eight years for robbery; E. Quayada, serving life sentence for murder; W. P. Enly, serving life sentence for murder.

The slightly wounded are: Charles Cagson, serving life sentence for robbery; Capt. R. J. Murphy, a prison officer, is wounded in the leg by a shot and also has two knife wounds, caused by a knife with which the convicts were armed.

The convicts who engaged in the break were all employed on the rock-crusher, where 225 of the most desperate prisoners were at work. Capt. Murphy was acting as general overseer about the rock-crusher, and four other prison attaches, L. Daly, A. Hogan, Chas. L. Taylor and Chas. Jolly, were employed as "pushers" to keep the men at work. A large sledge hammer was thrown into the crusher, causing the ponderous machine to come to a standstill. This attracted Capt. Murphy, Charles Jolly and Taylor to the place. Thereupon, the desperate convicts rushed to seize Murphy and his two assistants. They succeeded in catching Murphy and Jolly. The others endeavored to take the other guards, who escaped them.

During this time the scene of trouble was under cover, and the guards on the outside could not see the struggling men although they had an intimation that something was wrong.

The convicts with their captives made their way towards a small post commanded by Guard W. H. Harris, who was armed with a rifle. Five of the gang surrounded Capt. Murphy, and two of them had Jolly. The convicts had knives in position for immediate execution should the guards attempt to free themselves.

They had no sooner stepped into the open than the seven guards commenced firing, and within twenty seconds fully a hundred shots had been fired, and seven convicts were on the ground helpless. At the time the first shot was fired, Warden Yell was in his office. He rushed to the bluff overlooking the prison and there down near the scene. He signalled the guards to continue shooting, and put his revolver into operation also, at the same time giving orders to the remaining convicts who were crouching behind rocks and in other safe places to line up and march in. This they did in quiet order. During the trouble a Gatling gun was brought into position, but was not put into action.

COUNTER PETITION.

Sherbrooke, Dec. 30.—B. Hunt, M. P. has filed a counter petition to disqualify H. H. Pope, the defeated Conservative candidate in Compton at the recent general elections. The charges cover all that are laid down in the act.

ROUMANIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

Bucharest, Roumania, Dec. 30.—At today's session of the senate Premier Sturdza announced that the whole cabinet had resigned owing to resignations of the ministers of finance and of domains.

### MANITOBA DENTISTS AMEND CHARTER

### THEY WILL ACCEPT DOMINION CERTIFICATES

### New Civic Lighting Plant for Calgary—Son of Dr. Montizambert Dies of Typhoid Fever.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—H. H. Irons, a representative of McCall & Co., Toronto, was thrown from a rig at Calgary on Tuesday, and is still in an unconscious condition in the hospital there. His skull is believed to be fractured.

New Fire Alarm Bell.

Winnipeg intends to purchase a fifteen hundred pound fire alarm bell.

Will Call For Tenders.

Calgary council will on Monday call for tenders for the new civic lighting plant.

Dentists Meet.

Manitoba dentists met here yesterday to amend their charter to enable dentists holding Dominion certificates to practice in Manitoba.

New Parish.

Father Portelance, of Ottawa, has arrived here to begin work on a new French speaking parish in the western part of the city. A church and school to cost \$100,000 will be built.

Fatally Scalded.

A pot of soup boiled over on the five-year-old son of Wm. Multhead, of Carberry, causing fatal injuries.

N. Montizambert Dead.

Norman Montizambert, son of the director of public health for the Dominion, died yesterday of typhoid fever. The deceased's family arrived from Ottawa a few hours before his demise.

OFFER TO FURNISH BAIL.

May Irwin Ready to Put Up Money For Nan Patterson's Release—Another Witness.

New York, Dec. 30.—May Irwin, the actress, has offered to furnish bail in any amount up to \$50,000 for the release of Nan Patterson from the Tombs prison, where she is now held charged with the murder of Caesar Young, according to an announcement made by Miss Patterson's counsel.

Miss Irwin called personally at the Tombs prison to-day, and left a letter addressed to the former show girl, and the announcement followed a few minutes after Miss Irwin went away. When District Attorney Jerome's attention was called to the offer of bail, he said he had no statement to make, and the prosecution would take. Miss Patterson's bail before the recent mistrial was \$20,000, but after the jury disagreement she was remanded without bail.

Says Young Fired Shot.

New York, Dec. 30.—Another man who claims to have witnessed the death of Caesar Young, the wealthy book-maker with whose murder Nan Patterson is charged, has been found in Jacksonville, Fla., according to information received in this city to-day. The alleged witness is W. B. Meyers, who is said to be a wealthy naval stores dealer in Florida city. Meyers claims to have seen the tragedy in the cab, and declares that Young fired the shot which ended his life.

It is believed by Miss Patterson's counsel that Meyers is the man referred to by Ontario, N. Y., who testified that he saw the shooting while standing in West Broadway with a stranger. Hazelton said that Young killed himself, and that the stranger also saw the act. The other dates then, September 29th, 21st and 22nd, are rather early, yet we would be satisfied. A committee has been appointed to immediately proceed in hope of being able to lay it before our directors, but as there will not be a meeting for some time I beg to say that I think the plan outlined is a good one, and would draw your attention to the fact that in the case of the falls being held much earlier than formerly. Our fair day is fixed for Labor Day, on account of its being a public holiday, thus giving us a chance to get up earlier. Although there was some misgiving last year about its being so early, it turned out to be the most successful we have yet held. I would like to hear from you further as to the suggested meeting of delegates.

Yours faithfully,

MARTIN DEAMTIE, Secretary.

Judging by the following from the Agassiz association they may be dependent upon us for carrying out the plan outlined above:

Agassiz, B. C., Dec. 12th, 1904.

Robt. H. Swinerton, Esq., Secretary B. C. Association, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sirs—Replying to your letter of the 10th November last, with pleasure, I have deferred answering in hope of being able to lay it before our directors, but as there will not be a meeting for some time I beg to say that I think the plan outlined is a good one, and would draw your attention to the fact that in the case of the falls being held much earlier than formerly. Our fair day is fixed for Labor Day, on account of its being a public holiday, thus giving us a chance to get up earlier. Although there was some misgiving last year about its being so early, it turned out to be the most successful we have yet held. I would like to hear from you further as to the suggested meeting of delegates.

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L. A. AGASSIZ, Secretary.

It has been announced that the National show of next year will be held on the 14th, 15th and 16th of September. That of the Islands agricultural show will take place just before the local association fair. As the dates of the latter have not been agreed upon, the Island society has left the matter in abeyance.

GOES TO JAIL FOR KISSING.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 29.—James Robinson was sent to jail yesterday for 30 days for an assault. The offence for which he was committed was kissing a young lady against her will at Bayou La Batre, this county, during a party.

### DATES OF ANNUAL FALL EXHIBITIONS

### THE ARRANGEMENT MAY CAUSE DISPUTE

### Meeting of Delegates From Provincial Association Proposed—Difficulties to Be Considered.

One of the first matters members of the British Columbia Agricultural Association executive will have to consider after their appointment is the arrangement of dates for the next annual show. This committee, which has practically the management of the local fair, is representative of the association and the city council. The former has already selected Dr. Tolmie and E. Baker, but as the appointment of corporation representatives has been left until after the municipal elections, the arrangement of dates cannot be definitely decided for some weeks. When the question does come up, however, there is likely to be some difficulty in reaching a satisfactory agreement. If the association decides upon the last week in September, the same as this year—in all probability it will clash with New Westminster. Should the preceding week be selected the Kamloops association will have grounds for a protest. This will leave nothing for Victoria but the initial week of October, and local directors do not desire to bring the show on in that month owing to the uncertainty of the weather.

As can be seen by the above, the next show equally as credible. A communication from Kamloops announces the dates selected by that association, and suggests that the Westminster fair be held during the last week in September, and the Victoria show in October. This is just what the local association doesn't agree to. The success of a show largely depends upon the weather, and the directors are not willing to take the risks of agreeing to dates in October.