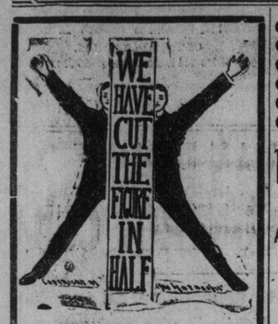

We've cut the figure in half on some boys' reefers. They were 4.00, now they are 2.00. Others were 5.00, now 2.50. You may find some 6.00 ones in the assortment, but as there are only sixteen in the lot at each store you will probably arrive too late—unless you come at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

A few ulsters are also in this sale.

In new spring overcoats, we show the newest shades in fawns, greys, blues and olives, in plain and herringbone patterns.

Box or Chesterfield style, sizes 34 to 44, prices 8.50 to 14.00.

Spring suits are ready, too, for tall, short, stout or normal figures.

OAK HALL CLOTHIERS,
115 to 121 King Street East and 116 Yonge St., Toronto.

SERIOUS BLAZE IN QUEBEC

Academy of Music, the Leading Theatre of the Ancient Capital, Gone Up in Smoke.

LARGE AUDIENCE HAD JUST LEFT

Loss Estimated at $80,000 with Only $13,000 Insurance—St. Louis Hotel Damaged.

Quebec, March 18.—The Academy of Music, Quebec's leading theatre, was this morning totally reduced to ashes. The fire was discovered on the stage fifteen minutes after midnight, and in three hours the whole building with all its contents had been totally destroyed in spite of the energetic efforts of the fire brigade. The compact audience numbering nearly 1500, which attended the annual soiree of St. Patrick's Society last night, had only left the building fifteen minutes before the fire was discovered. The loss to Mr. Charlebois, the owner of the Academy, is placed at $80,000, and he has only $13,000 insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown. It is supposed to have originated in a room under the stage, which had been occupied the whole evening by the musicians who took part in the concert. The theatre had been but recently thoroly renovated at a cost of some $16,000.

St. Louis Hotel Damaged.

The St. Louis Hotel, adjoining the Academy, and now unoccupied, was damaged to the extent of $3000. The insurance companies interested in the Academy fire are the North British and Mercantile, the Royal and the Imperial. The loss on the hotel, which is owned by the Lelievre and Panet-Angers estates, is covered by insurance to the amount of $12,000, as follows: Guardian, $3000; Lancashire, $3000; Atlas, $3000; National, $3000.

Big Cotton Press Burned.

Port Gibson, Miss., March 18.—The Port Gibson compress, in which was stored 2000 bales of cotton, was burned here to-day. Loss $100,000, fully covered by insurance.

THE METIS WERE CUNNING

Father Lacombe Tells The World How He Argued in Regard to the Promised Scrip.

THE OLD MEN HAD SOME RIGHTS

And Everything Was Well When the Government Commission Gave In to Them.

Montreal, March 18.—(Special.)—Rev. Father Lacombe, the old Northwest missionary who acted as adviser and interpreter to the Royal Commission who went north last fall and made treaties with the Indians and Metis on the Athabaska River, Lesser Slave Lake, the Peace River and Athabaska Lake district, arrived in Montreal to-day, and his report of the proceedings is very interesting. They were to give the Indians cash, but the Metis were to be payed in scrip. The Ottawa Government directed that no Metis who was a minor, that is under 18 years of age, should receive the scrip, but that it should be kept by the parents and not used until the children had become of age. Here the commissions struck the first snag, for the Metis told Hon. Mr. Laird and his party that if they were not allowed to use their children's scrip as they might see fit they would refuse to treat with the Government at all. "You ask us to send our children to school, and you prevent us from getting them an outfit, and if they want to get married before they are 18 we are prevented from helping them," was the Metis reasoning, and it prevailed with the commission, it being decided to hand over the scrip unconditionally. I do not think they will abuse the concession.

Concluding, Father Lacombe said, "Sir Wilfrid Laurier told me the other day that I had acted wisely and well." The reverend gentelemen goes to Europe for the purpose of enlisting the services of several Gallician priests to work amongst their newly arrived compatriots in the Northwest.

Do not buy trashy extracts; you never can have good food where they are used. You will get the best by using Dalley's Pure Fruit Extracts.

LOCAL TOPICS.

Alive Bollard's special cigaret tobacco, 10c a package, nothing to equal it.

Dr. O. R. Avison delivered a very interesting lecture before the members of the Canadian Institute on Saturday evening. He took for his subject, "Notes on the Corea," and with lantern illustrations additional interest was lent to the speaker's remarks.

HENRY A. TAYLOR,
DRAPER.
I am making a splendid preparation for an excellent opening of new importations of Fine Suitings.
THE ROSSIN BLOCK.

HAMILTON NEWS

THE GREEN EVERYWHERE.

All Kinds of Irish Flags Were Floated and Shamrocks and Sprigs Were Sported.

NELLIGAN HOISTED IRISH FLAG,

But Old Boreas Blew the Green Part Away, Then It Was Put On the Court House.

Hamilton, March 18.—(Special.)—Hamilton duly honored Ireland's patron saint yesterday. All kinds of Irish flags were flying, and shamrocks and green favors were to be seen everywhere. As Mayor Teetzel's proposal a few weeks ago to raise the Irish flag over the City Hall caused some feeling, he instructed the caretaker to fly the Ladysmith flag, but Ald. Nelligan was determined the green flag should fly, and he superintended its running up on the City Hall flag pole shortly after midnight. The elements, however, were against the display of green, for the heavy wind ripped off the green part of the flag, and it was found in an adjacent alleyway by P.C. Campaign. Later the remains of the flag were taken down, and during the morning the flag was patched up, and, with the consent of Warden Collins, was run up by the side of the Union Jack over the Court House.

Special service was held at St. Patricks' Church. Rev. Father Cummings of St. Basil's Church, Brantford, was the preacher. At the close of the mass Bishop Dowling addressed the congregation.

Irishmen Celebrate.

Irishmen, without regard to creed or party, celebrated St. Patrick's Day last evening with a supper at the Court House Hotel. The gathering was large and enthusiastic. Adam Ballentine occupied the chair, and after an excellent supper had been partaken of, introduced a short toast list. The toast of "The Queen" was heartily drunk, and the party enthusiastically sang the National Anthem. The toast of "The Mayor and Corporation" was replied to by Mayor Teetzel and Ald. Ten Eyck, Nelligan, Findlay, Reid and Fearnside. "The Day We Celebrate" and other toasts were given. John B. Nelligan had charge of the music.

End of Johnson Case.

Coroner Griffin continued the inquest on the death of W. R. Johnson of Brantford, who was found beside the T., H. & B. Railway on Wednesday night. The mystery was not cleared up, and the jury brought in an open verdict. Johnson's body was buried by the Independent Order of Oddfellows this afternoon. The funeral was largely attended. It took place from the hall of the order.

Officials at Loggerheads.

At the Police Court yesterday Magistrate Jelfs remanded Marr Phillips, whom he found guilty of personation, until Tuesday for sentence. Crown Attorney Crerar protested, calling the Magistrate's attention to the fact that Attorney-General Gibson was of the opinion the case could not be tried by a Magistrate. The two officials had quite a wordy war, and the Crown Attorney left the court room in high dudgeon, after threatening the Magistrate that he would ask the Attorney-General to decide between them. The Magistrate reported that when the investigation was begun there would be a good many other matters to be looked into.

Magistrate Jelfs and Attorney-General Gibson had a conference yesterday afternoon. As a result, Phillips will come up at the court to-morrow morning instead of Tuesday, the day first fixed.

Sir Wilfrid Can't Come.

While in Ottawa last week Mayor Teetzel invited Sir Wilfrid Laurier to participate in the opening of Dundurn Park on the Queen's birthday. The Premier declined the invitation, owing to pressure of business. Mayor Payment of Ottawa accepted the invitation to attend. Mayor Teetzel proposes to invite the Mayors of Ontario and the other Provinces, and the Mayors of Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Temperance Legislation.

Rev. Neil McPherson preached a sermon to-night in St. Paul's Church dealing with the subject of temperance and temperance legislation. His discourse showed he had little sympathy with such legislation, his argument being that self-control, rather than legislative enactment, should rule man's conduct. He thought nowadays the weak were beginning to dominate the strong. The law was made for man and not man for the law. The Commandments were less prohibitive than regulative; they prohibited the wrong use of that which was right. Christ broke the Commandments in spite of the protests of the self-righteous Pharisees.

Sermon to Irishmen.

Rev. W. F. Wilson preached the annual sermon to the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society this evening in Wesley Church, which was crowded. Green was much in evidence at the church. The preacher referred to the loyalty of the Irish race.

Minor Matters.

Some curtains in the parlor of Mrs. (Dr.) Miller's residence, West King-street, took fire last night. The fire department was called to extinguish the blaze.

Rev. James Wilson of London occupied the pulpit of Erskine Church to-day, and conducted a platform meeting in the Sunday school building this afternoon.

A big company has been booked for the Star Theatre this week. Among the stars are the Darrons, the Shaws and Welcome and Forepaugh.

At a meeting of the directors of the George E. Tuckett & Son Company, limited, yesterday morning, George T. Tuckett was elected President and H. B. Witton Vice-President. It was decided to commence work in the tobacco factory to-morrow morning.

The Ladies' Committee in charge of the biograph entertainment in Hamilton has forwarded to the National Patriotic Fund $500.

The Marsh bridge, near the Valley Inn, west of the city, will be replanked as early as possible.

M. A. Bright says that the Stinson's Bank depositors must send in their claims singly. There will be no saving in fees to send them in one block.

R. O. Mackay's residence was damaged to the extent of $100 by fire yesterday afternoon.

Ald. Blaicher is improving, being able to move his limbs.

In Ross Bros. vs. Frank Leeming, Brantford, Judge Monck has given a verdict for the plaintiffs for the full amount, with costs.

NEWS OF THE STAGE AND PLATFORM

The Sign of the Cross.

"The Sign of the Cross," Wilson Barrett's powerful drama of Rome under Nero, will be the attraction at the Grand Opera House to-night and for the remainder of the week, with matinees Wednesday and Saturday. The action of the play is laid in times of which even history shudders to relate. But half a century had passed away since the ascension of the Man of Galilee and Rome was the most degenerate place on the inhabited globe. It was a veritable Sodom and Gomorrah; the emperor a tyrant, a dissolute wretch, a fiend incarnate; his subjects moral bankrupts. Woman's charm was vice rather than virtue; and men ennobled in their daily lives, lust and low cunning. This is the background of Barrett's play, and serves by a startling contrast to make more beautiful the story of the sufferings of a little band of Christians who endured uncomplainingly the persecutions and martyrdom that adherence to their faith brought them. The story of the play is so thrilling and the stage settings and costumes so elaborate and beautiful that, entirely aside from its strong moral lesson, "The Sign of the Cross" is an attraction that appeals to the lovers of a thrilling melo-drama quite as much as to the large class known as "non-theatregoers," who have done much towards the remarkable success that this play has met with during the last few years. Charles Dalton and William Greer's London company, who have been touring this country for the past four seasons, will be seen in the piece, and the scenery, costumes and appointments are the work of eminent London artists and costumers.

Lyrics in "Over the Fence."

In the musical comedy, "Over the Fence," in which Mr. John C. Rice and Miss Sally Cohen are to be seen for the first time here at the Toronto Opera House to-night, there are said to be a half dozen pretty lyrics written for the piece by Ivan Davis, the well-known musical composer. These are almost all sung by Miss Cohen herself, and her admirable singing ability will be remembered by those who have seen her in Hoyt'an comedies. Mr. John C. Rice is better known here thru his partnership with George Monroe in "My Aunt Bridget," one of the funniest comedies ever presented in Toronto. In the company are Harry Le Clair, an exceedingly clever comedian and character actor; the Beckwells, the whirlwind dancers, and the Olympian Quartet.

The Exhibition's Rival.

Superba, the big scenic spectacle which has become almost as regular an attraction in this city as the Industrial Exhibition, is to pay us its annual visit next week. Superba vies with the Industrial Exhibition in popularity, too, and the Hanlon Brothers have, it is said, brightened it up considerably. The Toronto Opera House has the attraction this year, and the sale of seats is to open at that theatre this morning.

Quo Vadis at the Princess.

"Quo Vadis" will be continued by the Cummings Stock Company at the Princess Theatre every afternoon and evening this week. The great strength of the play and the super-excellence of the production thruout created an unprecedented demand for seats last week, and the crowds exceeded by far those of any previous attraction at the Princess. General satisfaction was expressed, and as this has been the greatest success the Princess ever had, Manager Cummings decided to repeat it this week with all the strong features of last week. Miss Tessie Flanagan will continue to sing "Ave Maria," as will Mr. Courtice Brown "The Palms," which has made one of the most affecting and realistic scenes of the play. The chorus has been picked from the leading churches of the city.

"Quo Vadis" is a play of special attractiveness during the Lenten season, and cannot be objected to by those who do not go to the theatre during Lent. The play is of good pure quality, calculated to appeal directly to the finer senses of devotion, an illustration in real life of the history of the early persecutions of the Christians by the Augustinians. It is also a story of strong dramatic interest, and the production is a great credit to the Cummings Stock Company.

At Shea's To-day.

The opening at Shea's Theatre to-day is Hopkins' Trans-Oceanic Star Specialty Company under the management of the popular vaudeville expert, Robert Fulgora, who will present an array of talent such as has never before been gathered under the title of that famous organization. Leading all is that European wonder, Mlle. Marzella, the only woman in the world who has successfully trained cockatoos, parrots, macaws and ravens. She carries 80 of these, and their record of tricks is simply astounding. This is a pre-eminent feature for ladies and children. The three Quinanos, European pantomimists; Falke and Semon, musical comedians; A. O. Duncan, ventriloquist; Wills and Loretto, in their famous tramp act; Morello troupe of trick dogs and an acrobatic and specialty team, and Anna Kenwick, coon singer supreme, completes the largest and most imposing list of features ever shown in one bill.

At the Bijou.

Commencing with to-day's matinee, a performance will be given at this theatre by the Parisian Burlesquers, which will be and many others, together with the opening and closing burlesques, in which a bevy of charming girls take part, making this engagement thruout one of more than ordinary attraction, and ought to insure crowded houses during the entire week. Prices as usual and gentlemen can enjoy their cigar.

A Marvelous Career.

Mark Hambourg, the brilliant and youngest of great pianists, will play in Massey Hall next Monday night. The story of this boy's career is like a romance. He was born in great poverty at Boguchar, in the Province of Voronezh, Southern Russia, on May 30, 1879. In 1890, when the family arrived in London the little lad of 11 by dint of his rare genius supported a family consisting of father, mother, uncle, grandmother and seven brothers and sisters. Fortunately for all he became immediately popular in London, where he first appeared on the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Boyne. He has worked hard and studied constantly for a decade, and the result is found in his present marvelous performances. The plan will open on Thursday.

New Orleans J. C. Opening.

New Orleans, March 17.—The Crescent City Derby, the first of this year's important stakes for 3-year-olds, and the closing feature of the Crescent City Jockey Club's long meeting, was run to-day, and on Monday the New Orleans Jockey Club takes charge, with this list of entries:

First race, for 3-year-olds and upward, mile—John Baker 107, Monk Wayman 107, Lady Callahan 102, J. E. Cline 102, Florizar 102, Dissolute 97, Quannah Parker 97, Miss Dede 92.

Second race, for 3-year-olds, selling, 6 furlongs—First Past 112, Lomond 106, Jamaica 105, Inlook 104, Troubaline 103, Belle of Orleans 103, Diana Fonso 103, Grayless 102.

Third race, for 4-year-olds and upward, selling, 1 miles—Tipgallant 112, Rushfields 109, Traveler 108, Dr. Vaughan 107, Admetus 107, Judge Steadman 107, Col. Cluke 106, Bright Night 106, Pat Garrett 105, Deyo 103, Can I See 'Em 103, Swords nan 103, King Elkwood 100, Bill Powell 100, Swamp Angel 98.

Fourth race, for 3-year-olds and upward, handicap, 1½ miles—Strangest 110, Sidney Lucas 108, Donna Rita 106, Kyrat 102, Possum 96, Nilnah 93.

Fifth race, for 4-year-olds and upward, selling, 7 furlongs—Northumberland 107, Agitator 107, Murat 107, Scrivener 107, Henry Launt 107, Banrica 104, Tom Kingsley, Sir Blaze 104, L. T. Caton 104, Irma S. 101, Lillian Reed 101, Free Lady 100, Col. Eades 99, Our Clara 97.

Sixth race, for 3-year-olds, 6 furlongs—Wig 112, McGrathiana Prince 109, Harry Lucesco 109, Add Ran 107, Aurea 107, Sylvian 107, Gittie 107, Orietta 107, Wilkerson 107, Miss Shanley 107, Jean Spencer 107, Irene Hayes 107.

Quebec Express Off the Track.

Halifax, N. S., March 18.—The Quebec Express, due yesterday at 3.30, arrived at 9.30 to-night, having run off the track this side of Quebec, demolishing three snow plows and badly damaging the engine.

Saves Others.

When one of the children has diphtheria, scarlet fever, or measles, why not keep the others from having it? You can do so with our Vapo-Cresolene. Put some Cresolene in the saucer, light the lamp beneath, and you breathe in the vapor. This vapor destroys all the germs of disease. The contagion can't spread—you save others. It is the only known specific for whooping-cough. Ask your doctor about Vapo-Cresolene.

Vapo-Cresolene is sold by druggists everywhere. A Vapo-Cresolene outfit, including the Vaporizer and Lamp, which should last a life-time, and a bottle of Cresolene, complete, $1.50; extra supplies of Cresolene 25 cents and 50 cents. Illustrated booklet containing physicians' testimonials free upon request. VAPO-CRESOLENE CO., 69 Wall St., New York, U.S.A.

ROBERTS IS JUST THE MAN GREAT BRITAIN NEEDED

Dreifontein Turns Out to Have Been One of the Hardest Fought Actions of the War—Boer Hope Now Lies Only in Retreat.

London, March 18.—Mr. Spenser Wilkinson reviews the war news for the past week for the Associated Press as follows:

"The great secret of war is personality. Napoleon said: 'In war the big thing is not men, but man', and the sudden change in the state of the South African war is due to the presence and the power of one man, Lord Roberts.

"Seven years ago I spent many weeks with him in India, accompanying him as his guest, on his last tour of inspection of the Indian armies. I saw for myself how 200,000 men worshipped him. Since his return from India there have been influences striving to keep him in the background. The disasters of the winter gave him his opportunity and now the world sees what he has made of it.

Hard-Fought Dreifontein.

"Dreifontein turns out, by the losses on both sides, to have been one of the hardest fought actions of the war. It has finished the Free Staters and the Free State.

"Roberts entered Bloemfontein on Tuesday, and the result has been the complete collapse of Free State resistance.

"The railway was opened without difficulty to the Orange River. The rebellion in the Cape collapsed, the Free Staters turning round wholesale.

Biggarsberg of No Use.

"Meanwhile the Transvaal Boers solemnly declare that they have made Biggarsberg impregnable, but Buller has no need to run his head against Biggarsberg. Lord Roberts by advancing to the Vaal River would turn Biggarsberg and the Boers must then be between two armies.

No Hope But Perpetual Retreat.

"The Transvaal Boers may fight on in the hope of foreign intervention. They have to do so."

JOHN BULL IS NOW IN THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY

He Enjoys His Triumph and Resumes His Natura Attitude of Supreme Contentment With His Relations Abroad.

New York, March 18.—In his cable review of the St. Patrick's Day demonstration in London, the rejoicing over the hopeful aspect of the South African war, and his discussion of the bearing of late events upon the political and diplomatic situations, Mr. Isaac N. Ford in his London cable to this morning's Tribune says:

"John Bull, having eaten leek and bitter herbs, is now in the promised land, feeding on milk and honey. He enjoys his triumph and resumes his natural attitude of supreme contentment with his relations to the human race. The pax Britannica has been established at Bloemfontein and in due course will be extended to Pretoria. The Queen is the wisest and most gracious of sovereigns and she has accepted St. Patrick as her patron saint for one day in the year; Roberts is the greatest general living, Kitchener the most energetic of military organizers and Tommy Atkins the best soldier in the world. Lord Salisbury is a masterful statesman, who has commanded the neutrality of the continent, has summed up the history and morality of the war in his reply to Kruger and Steyn, and proudly proclaimed that England does not propose to accept the intervention of any powers in South Africa. Now that he has passed out of the valley and reached the crests of the delectable mountains, which are not kopjes bristling with rifles, John Bull looks out upon a United Empire and is highly pleased with himself and his surroundings.

"This good humor has colored the comments of the English press upon the action of the United States in taking notice of the despairing appeal of the Dutch Presidents to neutral powers to assist them in making peace. The friendly tone of Secretary Hay's despatch has been recognized, and there is no bitterness in the reflection that England did not embarrass the United States with equally friendly overtures at the close of the war with Spain. One journal is even just enough to lay stress upon the fact that the offer of the State Department was in strict accordance with the third article of the arbitration convention accepted last year at The Hague Congress, in which Lord Pauncefote took a prominent part and won his peerage. Some mild references are made to the political motives of President McKinley in taking up President Kruger's appeal, when the European powers were too wary and cautious to do so, but these expressions are not unkind to America.

"The Queen has exerted a strong influence in bringing about this cordial acknowledgment of English obligation for Irish valor and fortitude, and the Prince and Princess of Wales have supported her by opening the Irish exhibition yesterday and honoring the shamrock. In this way a union of hearts has been produced at least for one day, even in the Metropolis where Gladstone was lampooned and detested for his Home Rule policy."

RHODES' TALK IS LAUGHED AT BY ALL MILITARY MEN

His Criticism of Alleged Plans to Rescue Kimberley Residents and Then Fall Back to Modder River is Declared Unworthy of Attention.

London, March 18.—Whatever the "man in the street" may think about the interview which Mr. Cecil Rhodes granted to Julian Ralph for publication in The Daily Mail, military experts are inclined to laugh and sneer. Few think it is worth while discussing at all. Others say it is simply presumptuous. Cecil Rhodes is all very well in his place, but is not competent to criticize military operations.

Lord Methuen, they say, may have made mistakes or may not. That does not give Mr. Rhodes the right to say that the military project to take all the people out of Kimberley and back to the Orange River was scandalous, monstrous and a disgrace to England.

Military men pass over Mr. Rhodes' tirade against the plans for the relief of Kimberley as the outburst of a disappointed man, who expected the British would have a walk-over, or he would not have allowed himself to be shut up in the town. Of course, many others besides Rhodes had much the same idea. The military expert of The Westminster Gazette sums up an answer to Rhodes' argument in these words:

"When Mr. Rhodes can offer soldiers built of iron and impervious to hunger, fatigue and disease, then the British and other generals may not find it necessary to plan retreats.

"Mr. Rhodes has not increased his reputation by allowing his angry feelings to get into print in thus fiercely criticising what he affirms was Britain's military plans. A leading subject was the despatches published in the Government Gazette dealing with Gatacre's and Methuen's defeats. With the light now thrown on the engagement at Magersfontein, Lord Methuen, who seems from his despatch to have blamed some of his officers for not carrying out his orders, is blamed by military men here for his methods in attacking the Boers. The Magersfontein operation involved as one element of success a night attack, but night attacks are used for two purposes, to surprise the enemy or to cross ground exposed to the enemy's fire with as little loss as possible.

Methuen made some sort of preparation to advance by shelling the enemy's position for two hours.

To attempt an attack in the darkness while the Boers were on the alert was courting disaster, as was only too well proved.

BROTHERS MET AFTER 29 YEARS.

A Remarkable Story of Elopement from Tilsonburg and Reunion in Woodstock.

Woodstock, Ont., March 18.—Richard Thurlow of Rochester, Michigan, arrived in this town on Friday night and hunted up his brother, Mr. A. W. Thurlow, of the Woodstock Fire Brigade. Richard tells a story which is stranger than fiction.

Twenty-nine years ago, Lawrence Thurlow, the father of the men, left the then Village of Tilsonburg, taking his son Richard, who was 4 years and 8 months old, with him. He told his wife he was going to Ingersoll on business, and would be back in a day or two. He never came back, and nothing had been heard of father or son by the other members of the family since. A fair widow, who was working for Mrs. Thurlow as a domestic servant, also left at the same time.

Thurlow assumed the name of Roberts, and with the woman and the boy went to Chatham, where they lived as a family. The boy was taught to think the woman was his step-mother. She always treated him kindly, and he had no suspicion of the truth.

From Chatham the strangely assorted family moved to Belle River, Detroit, and, finally, to Salem, Mich. Lawrence Thurlow, the erring husband, died two years ago. The fair widow married again last summer, and bears an excellent reputation in the community where she lives. A short time ago she determined to undo as far as possible the wrongs to the son and his mother, and told Richard the whole story, at the same time asking forgiveness. This was last Thursday, and Richard Roberts started at once for Tilsonburg, whence he was directed to Woodstock, and found out that he is Richard Thurlow. He is married and has three children, owns property, and is well-to-do. He has not yet considered what he will do in the way of assuming his real name, and having his property transferred from his assumed to his real self. He will remain here as the guest of his brother for a few days, to await the coming of the mother, whose face he cannot call up out of the shadows of his early recollections. It is needless to say that there will be a joyous reunion in a day or two.

Death of Capt. Nicholson.

Detroit, Mich., March 18.—Capt. Joseph Nicholson, for 21 years warden of the Detroit House of Correction, died to-day. The captain was widely distinguished as an organizer and manager of prison industries.

A BOER LEADER'S HANDKERCHIEF

And a Box of the Queen's Chocolate Are Souvenirs From Pte. Jack Whitehead.

Mr. J. C. Whitehead has just received from his son, Jack, who is a member of the first Canadian contingent, formerly of the 48th Highlanders, two very interesting relics of the war, which he prizes highly. One is a Boer handkerchief, about four feet square, which was taken from the body of a Fie'd Cornet at Douglas. The other is one of the boxes of chocolate sent by the Queen to all the troops in South Africa. On the cover are the words "I wish you a happy New Year, Victoria, R. I., South Africa, 1900." In the centre of the box a medallion of her Majesty is shown, and to the side the royal cypher, surmounted by the crown.

Mr. Whitehead has kindly loaned his two treasures to The World, and they may be seen in the office window.

New Patents.

Below will be found the only complete weekly up-to-date record of the patents recently granted to Canadian inventors in Canada, United States and Great Britain, which is furnished us by Messrs. Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent barristers and experts, etc., head office Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto. Branches, Montreal, Ottawa and Washington, D.C., from whom all information may be readily obtained:

Canada patents—D. Maxwell, barrel churns; W. H. Church, portable swinging chair and baby jumpers; R. Rousseau, pneumatic tires; C. T. Martin locks; A. E. Blashell, wire weaving machine; W. T. Shaver, clothes pin carrier; M. Love, of the Canadian Feather and Mattress Company, mattresses; F. Gregoire, plows; G. A. Slater, boots and shoes; J. E. Carpenter, yeast; J. P. Schreiber, acetylene gas generators; M. J. Donovan, bicycles.

United States patents—V. Bouthillier, adhesive compound; B. Kingsley, churn; C. Kingsley, ratchet wrench; E. Kirk, hat or cap rack; S. Lounsberry, bicycle; W. Ross, acetylene gas generator; W. Teale, rapid-fire pyrotechnic gun.

Great Britain patents—O. Weston, bicycles; D. Dutchburn, railway vehicles; D. Macdonald, cans and cannisters.

J. Earl Wagner has secured Scrappy Billy Joyce to captain his Washington team in the American Association.

The Victoria Baseball Club will hold a meeting Tuesday evening in their clubroom at 8 o'clock. Members are requested to attend.

FREE STATERS DISBANDING

And the Dutch Rebellion in Cape Colony Has About Received Its Quietus.

NEXT FIGHT SHORT AND DECISIVE.

It Is Questionable if Kruger Can Mass 10,000 Men Against Gen. Roberts' Force.

New York, March 18.—Mr. Isaac N. Ford, London correspondent of The Tribune, cables a digest of the South African war conditions at 1 o'clock a.m. as follows:

"The Orange Free State is the Queen's dominion. General Gatacre has occupied Springfontein, and General Pole Carew, with the Guards, has joined General Clements at Norval's Pont. The Free State commandoes have disappeared in the south, and their guns have probably been buried or concealed. No resistance has been offered to the British columns in the southern district, and the burghers are everywhere returning to their homes.

Free Staters Disbanding.

"There are many press despatches from Brabant's, Gatacre's and Clements' columns, but there is only one story—the Free State forces are disbanding, and the rebellion in the Dutch districts of Cape Colony is at an end. Bloemfontein is like a capital which has been under siege and been relieved by a friendly army. The British troops have been welcomed as allies and not received sullenly as enemies. The farmers are supplying the army with meat, vegetables, milk and eggs and making good bargains. 'Bobs' is almost as popular at Bloemfontein as he would be in London. The Free State is virtually out of the conflict.

Roberts' Advance North.

"The advance of General Roberts' army northward is now dependent upon the establishment of a new line of communications for supplies from Norval's Pont. And this cannot be deferred many days. Bridge builders are at work at Norval's Pont and Bethulie, and only a small force will be required to guard the line of communications.

What Is Steyn Doing?

"There is no definite information respecting President Steyn's operations at Kroonstadt, but it is doubtful if he succeeds in rallying his followers there, he will certainly fail to do this unless the Boers cross the Vaal in force and fortify the Ventresburg ridge.

Short and Decisive.

"They are rumored to be intrenching on the northern bank of the Vaal River. The last stage of the campaign promises to be short and decisive. The military experts do not believe that President Kruger will be able to mass ten thousand men against Lord Roberts, and this will not leave more than 5000 men in front of General Buller.

Relief of Mafeking Next.

"The relief of Mafeking will probably be the next episode of the campaign. The troops guarding the line of communication south of Kimberley are virtually released, and with the fresh reinforcements landing at Cape Town there will be a thirty column available for the deliverance of Baden-Powell. Secrecy is maintained, but the work is without doubt in progress.

"General Buller is reconnoitering east and west of Ladysmith, and is in touch with the enemy.

News Is All Khaki.

"The news is all of one color from every quarter, and it is khaki."

BOER CASUALTIES WERE 4351

Up to the Date of the Relief of Kimberley, According to Boer Returns.

Pretoria, Friday, March 16.—The chief of the Intelligence Department, Molengraaf, announced that the federal losses prior to the relief of Kimberley and Ladysmith were: Killed 677, wounded 2129; accidents, sickness and other disabling causes, he asserts, bring the total to 4351.

ST. PATRICK'S IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Queen Sent a Warm Message to the Irishmen of Cape Town—Enthusiasm Everywhere.

Cape Town, Sunday, March 18.—St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with extraordinary enthusiasm thruout South Africa. In reply to a message from the Irishmen of Cape Town, the Queen sent the following:

"I have always felt confident that the spirit, courage and allegiance which have distinguished the Irish soldiers in the face of the enemy, would be shared by their brethren in the colony in support of the authority of my Government."

STATESMAN AND STRATEGIST

Is the Hero of the Hour in Britain, "Bobs"—The War, It Is Thought, Is Virtually Over.

London, March 18.—There is much in the situation in South Africa to justify rejoicing, for the rapid pacification of the Free State leads the people of Great Britain to believe they have a statesman, as well as a strategist, in the hero of the hour, "Bobs." With railway communication open in the Cape and the morale of his army at its highest, England is now ready to trust the commander-in-chief to complete the remainder of his task in his own way, confident of his ultimate success.

So far as the Free State is concerned, altho the Boers are entrenching at the Vaal River, the impression at Cape Town to-night is that the war is virtually over.

The Transvaal officials are said to have vacated the Taungs and Vryburg, but the rebels are unwilling to enter the Transvaal, being anxious to trek homeward.

No one would be much surprised if a great spread of this contagion occurs in the next fortnight.

Lady Randolph Churchill, who started homeward on the hospital ship Maine, cables to the committee that she regards it a compliment to the United States that the Maine was the first ship to leave since Ladysmith was relieved. There were 12 officers and 153 non-commissioned officers and men aboard the Maine.

SEVENTY BOER PRISONERS ILL.

Some Have Infectious Diseases—Transports Will Probably Sail for St. Helena Wednesday.

Cape Town, March 17.—The departure of the transports with the Boer prisoners for St. Helena has been delayed on account of the fact that 70 Boers are sick, including many infectious cases. The authorities are striving to complete the isolated hospital by Wednesday, and the transports will probably sail that day.

ONLY TRANSVAAL BOERS WILL GO,

Free Staters Will Be Kept at Cape Town Owing to the Conflict Between the Burghers.

London, March 17.—A despatch to The Exchange Telegraph Company from Cape Town, dated to-day, says it has been decided to send the Transvaalers only to St. Helena, the authorities finding it difficult to prevent conflicts between the Free Staters and the Transvaalers.

Col. Schiel, the German officer who was captured in Natal in the early part of the war, has a special sentry at his door to prevent him from doing himself bodily violence.

Gale Off Cape Town.

Capt. Johnson and Third Officer Bolton of the steamer Mashona, captured by a British cruiser and subsequently released, were drowned in a gale last night.

Four others were drowned, and a boat's crew from the Cheshire is missing.

American Observer Returned.

Pretoria, Thursday, March 15.—Capt. Carl Reichmann, the United States navy officer detailed to observe the conduct of the war from the Boer side, returned here this morning from the Modder River.

Biggarsberg Impregnable.

Glencoe, Natal, Thursday, March 15, via Lorenzo Marquez, Friday, March 16.—The Boer defences along the Biggarsberg have been completed and are said to render the position impregnable.

For a nice breakfast use Dalley's Hygienic Self-raising Buckwheat Pancake Flour. It is all ready for use.

Music Hall Destroyed.

Quincy, Mass., March 18.—The Music Hall building on Hancock-street, was burned this morning, entailing a loss of $58,000 on the building and its occupants.

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