

SOUTH AFRICA.

Broadwood's Brigade Surprised Reltz and Made a Big Haul.

Containing Twenty-nine Prisoners, Including President Steyn's Brother—Steyn Himself Escaped Without Coat or Boots.

LONDON, July 14.—The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated at Pretoria:

Broadwood's brigade surprised Reltz, capturing Steyn's brother and others. Steyn himself escaped in his shirt sleeves with one other man only. The so-called "Orange River government" and papers were captured.

Lord Kitchener also reports that Schepers' commando (as announced in Associated Press despatches early last week) burned the public buildings in Murrayburg, Cape Colony, and some farmhouses in the vicinity.

According to further advices from Lord Kitchener, the commando under Col. Featherstone and Col. Dixon have routed Zeeuw, Western Transvaal. They met with opposition and made some captures. The British casualties were one officer killed and three officers and 24 men wounded.

LONDON, July 15.—Lord Kitchener, in a despatch to the war office, confirms the report of the capture of the man who recently burned the public buildings at Murrayburg, Cape Colony, and some farm houses in that vicinity.

GRAAF REINET, Cape Colony, July 15.—Colonel Sobel's column surprised and captured Schepers' laager at Candeloop July 14, taking 31 prisoners and capturing a quantity of ammunition and stores. Schepers, with the bulk of his commando, escaped. There were no British casualties. Most of the prisoners are rebels. [Schepers is the man who recently burned the public buildings at Murrayburg, Cape Colony, and some farm houses in that vicinity.]

LONDON, July 16.—"General Broadwood," says a despatch to the Daily News from Bloemfontein, "surprised Reltz east of Lindley at dawn last Thursday, July 14. He took twenty-nine prisoners, including Gen. A. P. Clouet and Col. Dixon, commander of the Orange River commando. The Orange River commando, including the late President Steyn's brother, Thomas Brull, secretary of government, and Roobos De Wilters, secretary to the council. Steyn himself fled without coat or boots. Gen. De Wet is believed to have been present."

GRADDOCK, Cape Colony, Friday, July 13.—Johannes Coetzee, caught with Maria the rebel who was hanged July 16 at Middleburg, was publicly executed for treason in Graddock today.

LONDON, July 15.—Lord Kitchener has informed the government, the Daily News understands, that it is possible to withdraw a large number of infantry regiments from South Africa, amounting virtually to the greater part of the unmounted army. At the same time he requests that he be supplied with more mounted men. The government is considering this, according to the Daily News, and will probably be guided by Lord Kitchener's advice.

"It is also contemplated," says the same journal, "if the infantry is largely withdrawn, to concentrate the British troops along the Natal railway between Durban and Pietermaritzburg and between Johannesburg and Pretoria, thus carrying gold and provisions for the troops by a shorter route than the Cape Town route. A portion of the line from Cape Town to Pretoria may be abandoned."

LONDON CABLE. TORONTO, July 15.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: Postmaster General Mulock of Canada, who is at present in London, will attend the British Empire League lunch on Monday. He has consented to propose the toast of "The League," and it is expected he will divulge some of the views he has formed on the Pacific cable and other projects affecting the colonies and the mother land since his recent visit to Australia.

Lord Strathcona and Hon. R. R. Dobbell yesterday paid a visit to Barry and inspected the docks and warehouses built recently for the purpose

OTTAWA.

How to Post Letters Properly on British Ships.

A Case of Interest to Bank Men and Sheriff's Officers—Trying to Get British War Office to Use Canadian Lumber—Ottawa's Rapid Growth.

OTTAWA, July 14.—The work of tabulating the population of the leading cities and towns of the dominion is completed, but it is announced that the figures will not be made known until Mr. Fisher returns to Canada.

Why the country should have to wait the mere pleasure of the dapper little minister on a matter of great public interest is not satisfactorily explained, except that the returns are so disappointing that Mr. Fisher is reluctant to send his colleagues in the cabinet the figures.

The staff of the inland revenue department is arranging to present the late commissioner, Mr. Miall, with a testimonial.

Vicar General Routhier, in a newspaper interview again strongly urges the royal navy not to join the trades unions, especially those with headquarters in the United States.

Ottawa valley lumbermen will have a special demonstration on the occasion of the royal visit. A committee was appointed last evening to arrange for their royal highnesses' running the slides.

OTTAWA, July 15.—The following official notice has been received by the post office department: "Persons on board British ships on the high seas are entitled to send their letters prepaid by means of British stamps."

Such letters should be handed to the master, or to any other officer in charge to receive them, and should be prepaid at the following rates: One penny for the postage to any British colony or possession (except the Commonwealth of Australia, Rhodesia and the Bechuanaland protectorate); two pence for the postage to any other country or to a foreign colony or possession of the three British possessions mentioned above. The officers dealing with the letters should file them in a book, and should forward them to the board in a British ship on the high seas, and on arrival at a foreign or colonial port this bundle should not be opened in the ordinary way, but should be handed over to the customs at a post office, if possible the head office. Letters written in foreign or colonial waters (as for instance in the case of the mails) should be sent by means of local stamps at local rates, and should be posted in the ordinary manner.

The population of Ottawa as taken by the Dominion census enumerators totals 57,778 as compared with 44,184 in 1891, an increase of 13,594. The increase of 1910 over 1881 was 41 per cent.

Col. Cottor, quartermaster general, leaves for Toronto at the end of the week to discuss with Col. Otter and other commanding officers arrangements for the proposed visit of the Duke and Duchess of York.

A communication was received from the Dominion government today stating that Lord Strathcona had been endeavoring to secure the co-operation of the war office so that Canadian lumber might be used in the construction of the new barracks to be erected on Salisbury Plain or elsewhere. The high commissioner received a reply from the war office, dated June 28, from which it appears that as the bills of material for the barracks are in the hands of the contractors who had been invited to tender, the secretary for war could not see his way clear to make any alteration in the specifications for the barracks already in construction with reference to any further buildings which might be constructed by the war department. The claims of Canadian lumber for utilization in the barracks are being considered.

The right of a sheriff's officer, to seize money placed on a bank counter for a customer by the bank teller, but which was grabbed by the officer before the customer picked it up, has been upheld by the local master, W. L. Scott. Chas. R. Hall, a supernumerary civil servant, went to the Bank of Montreal to deposit a check for \$25 for payment. An arrangement was made for the check to be placed on the counter by the teller. Before Mr. Hall could pick it up it was seized by a sheriff's officer under an execution issued at the suit of Walter Hatch. The question at issue was, had the property in the notes passed to Hall when the sheriff's officer seized them. If they were at the moment the property of Hall then the sheriff's officer had a right to seize them. Judgment was given for the execution creditor (Hatch) with costs, and the claim of Hall against the bank will be dismissed with costs payable by Hall to the bank. It is likely an appeal will be entered.

Spontaneous fever has broken out among cattle in Osnabrook township, south of here. Many animals have died, and the disease has now attacked horses.

A report on the condition of Canada's fisheries was received from Baden-Powell today.

Charges were preferred against the late Commissioner of the South African Constabulary was received from Baden-Powell today.

It is now announced that the government will only seek for an 18 cent service. In other words the government has accepted Dobbell's views on this point.

HOPWELL HILL. HOPWELL HILL, July 14.—Prof. Stockton gave a good musical entertainment in the hall here last night.

CARNEGIE'S GIFTS.

First Meeting of the Scottish Educational Fund Trustees—A Library for St. John's, Newfoundland.

EDINBURGH, July 15.—The first meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie educational fund was held in Edinburgh today. Lord Kelvin, who presided, read a letter from Mr. Carnegie, and the trustees were informed of the deed placing \$100,000 at the disposal of the trustees.

Says Mr. Carnegie in the course of the communication, "I have arranged for the payment of advances from the beginning of the next university term. I believe the condition of the gift insures a sufficient standard of merit, and I hope the honor will be conferred on those who do not need assistance. To further mark my personal belief in this matter, I have arranged that the trustees should be asked to contribute to the fund, and that the first instalment would be received in the autumn."

It was intimated after the letter had been read that the transfer of bonds to provide the increase of the fund had been made and that the first instalment would be received in the autumn.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., July 15.—Andrew Carnegie has offered to make a public library in St. John's. If the arrangements are effected it is likely that the Duke of Cornwall and York will lay the foundation stone for the new building in October.

MONTREAL.

A Bogus French Court and His Lady Companion Arrested—Market Matters.

MONTREAL, July 15.—Principal George has resigned from the Congressional college, and is now in the principalship of the College Theological seminary.

The harbor board this morning instructed its attorney to take steps to secure the forfeiture of the ship "Santander" which was seized by W. J. Connor of Buffalo as security for carrying out a grain elevator contract which Connor failed to do. A big lawsuit will probably result.

Louis Yangust, alias Oussé Raymond de Gallard, and a woman named Rene Vallon are under arrest here charged with forging to the amount of six thousand francs in Nantes, France. They arrived on the Cornishian and were arrested. No details are known here.

The Montreal harbor board today decided to ask for tenders for the erection of a million barrel steam elevator in the harbor.

The completion of the port of Montreal was eighty-one thousand tons, greater this year than the same date last year.

The Montreal and Sorel railway is to be sold by auction and is expected to suit within a few days. The sale is the result of a suit wherein J. F. Armstrong of Fort Steele, B. C., was plaintiff and administrator of the estate of the late Chas. Justice, Armstrong.

TRACKLAYING RECORD.

BROOKVILLE, July 15.—On Sunday Roadmaster Hemmerson of the Grand Trunk made a record at track laying. With a gang of 25 men he laid twenty miles of westbound track in eleven hours with heavier rails.

CHATHAM.

Forest Fires Raging up and Down the Miramichi.

A Great Deal of Damage Done at Several Points—Flames Still Spreading.

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MURDERER LOCKE.

Committed for Trial Before the Supreme Court.

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The committee then heard Geo. A. Knodell and Michael Coll, almsouse commissioners, and E. M. Watson, their secretary, upon the matters referred to in the report of Auditor Whitteley. They pointed out that in 1898 there was a deficit of \$8,158.77, which was then made up in 1899 at a cost of \$4,600, and hearing was estimated at \$5,000. The commissioners then got \$15,000 of bonds issued, but they had to wait nearly two years for the proceeds. The hearing cost \$8,145, and a carpenter's shop cost over \$600. These items accounted for the deficit, which was now increasing and which at the end of 1900 was \$77,649. The revenue on the present basis of assessment was equal to the expenditure.

As to the charges about bread it was the policy of the present commissioners to give the inmates as much as they required to eat instead of doling it out as under the old system. Better clothing was provided, and reasons were given why some extra money had to be paid for domestic service. The explanation was understood to be generally satisfactory.

The finance and accounts and buildings committee then dealt with the tenders for jail improvements. Six tenders were opened as follows: John Edgett, carpenter and painter, \$1,145; George McArthur, whole work, \$2,210; Sproul & Bunley, mason work, \$795; Tilley & Clark, whole work, \$1,888; B. Mooney & Sons, whole work, \$1,800; John W. Wilson, galvanizing iron, \$5; Freeze Bros., galvanizing iron, \$4.50; T. H. Doody, whole work, \$1,400.

The committee will recommend to the council that the tender of Tilley & Clark, being the lowest, be accepted, and that the finance committee be empowered to negotiate a loan to carry on the work.

Charles McMillan brought up the matter of the registry office working, and the council will be recommended to deal with it by removing the rock

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