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PRESENT STATUS OF BOER STRUGGLE 25,000 MORE BRITISH TROOPS NEEDED

Difficulties of Kitchener's Task Increased by the Agitation at Home—Enemy's Fighting Force Consists of 20,000 Exceedingly Mobile Troops—Put Their Faith in the Liberal Party.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS ARE RECOGNIZED AS INVALUABLE

New York, Dec. 12.—The Times has the following cable from London: A military correspondent of the Times, in a message sent from Pretoria, declares that the statements that the British troops in South Africa are "stale" are untrue. He says, on the contrary, that the men are in splendid condition, and that they would be glad to get home, but have not lost their zest for fighting. This refers both to the regulars and the volunteers attached to the various battalions. Some companies recently recruited at South African ports, are less satisfactory, but the best colonials—those from Canada, New Zealand and Australia—are invaluable, and the new Yeomanry are improving.

The correspondent says it is undeniable that the strain on the generals and their staffs is excessive. Many of these officers have worked for 12 hours daily for two years. Lord Kitchener alone seems absolutely imperious to wear and tear. The regimental officers are all right.

Reinforcements to the number of 25,000 would be immensely valuable, says the correspondent, and would render the last stage of the war rapid and complete. The Boers keep in the field number from 8000 to 10,000, and they are mostly in as good condition as the British. They are seasoned soldiers, and get plenty of supplies from the Kaffir kraals and from parts of the country that are only accessible to themselves. The Kaffir kraals also serve as remount depots, and for each Boer there are two Kaffirs, who, even when unarmed, are useful auxiliaries.

For fighting purposes, says the correspondent, the enemy must be estimated as numbering 20,000 exceedingly mobile troops.

The Boers still believe that European intervention is imminent, that Great Britain is tired of the war and

WINGED A HIGH-MORAL DUCK.



MAN WHO-KEEPS HIS WORD: I started out after those political coyotes, Sifton and Greenway, and I've likewise succeeded in knocking a few moral feathers out of that duck, Ross.

EAGER TO FIGHT THE BATTLES OF THE EMPIRE SIXTY-ONE BRAVE MEN DEPART FOR THE FRONT

Toronto's Quota of the Canadian Mounted Rifles Given an Enthusiastic Send-Off by Admirer
Throng at the Union Depot at 10 o'Clock Last Night—Joined by Hamilton, Guelph and London Troops on Way to Montreal.

Amidst scenes of the greatest enthusiasm the sixty-one men recruited in Toronto for the new mounted force departed for Montreal at 10 o'clock last night. The men were formed up at the Armouries at 8 o'clock, and headed by the G.O.R. band they marched to the depot under command of Col. Otter.

At the depot the crowd was so great and so determined to have a last glimpse of the soldiers that they broke open the doors leading from the waiting room to the overhead arch and rushed down hither and thither to the tracks below.

The sections from London, Hamilton and Guelph were already there, and were heartily cheered. The band furnished several inspiring selections, and the boys got a reputation that it is safe to say they will not soon forget.

Who the Men Are. The following is a complete list of the Toronto contingent:
Henry Richard Agassis,
John W. Anderson,
John Richard Baxter,
Imrie William Stansby,
Joseph Alex. Brown,
Lever Brooker,
Benjamin M. Terry,
Arthur Brunt,
Frank Bushfield,
Edmond L. D. P. Cook,
Clayton S. Corson.

Notes of the Departure.
Happy Melroy's attention papers were cancelled, but in all probability he will serve the King in South Africa, as when the train departed last evening, he was a passenger on it.
Charles Smith, a bugler of the G.O.R., lost his bugle in the crush at the Union Station, and the band will please command with the bugle, or at 88 Church Street.

Mr. E. Cecil Minett, who for the past three years has been employed by the Golden Manufacturing Co., was yesterday presented with a purse of gold from his fellow employees and associates of the office and factory. Previous to his departure with the Canadian contingent, Mr. Minett was a member of the 48th Highlanders, and a very valuable member of the Home Comfort Social Club, whose members all unite in wishing him good speed.

MAY SAIL JAN. 10.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The third contingent will probably sail from Halifax on the 10th of January. Last evening the Minister of Militia was informed by cable from the War Office that the British contingent of the Mounted Rifles would likely be in Halifax Jan. 7. At this rate the contingent would leave on the 10th, leaving port on Friday should prevail with the authorities in Canada, and he would be in the United Kingdom on the 11th.

Edward L. D. P. Cook, and at 5 o'clock the following verdict was rendered: "That O'Dillon egregiously unlawfully struck Edmond Landry on the head with a hammer and assassinated him."

O'Dillon Gregoire has been sent to jail.

JUDGE MAY STAY.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The English bar held a meeting today and protested against the nomination of a French-speaking judge to the Court of Appeals in place of Judge Wurtel.

It is stated, however, that Judge Wurtel will remain on the bench, the reason being that the government will pay the expenses of the nomination.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, Office Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

Whitney Sells Out.

Boston, Dec. 12.—President Henry M. Whitney has disposed of his controlling interest in the Dominion Steel and Iron Company to James Ross of Montreal and other leading capitalists in the Bank of Montreal.

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DESPERATE BOERS TURN BANDITS AND MURDERERS

Atrocious Treatment Meted Out to Col. Benson's Command After the Battle of Brakenlaage—Boers May So on Lose Their Belligerent Rights.

KILL UNARMED, TORTURE WOUNDED

London, Dec. 12.—The War Office issued a statement tonight dealing with the Boer treatment of Colonel Benson's wounded at Brakenlaage, which is the result of a special investigation of the matter instituted by Lord Kitchener.

The statement sets forth that 18 officers and men of Colonel Benson's command were kindly and even carefully treated by the Boers.

The remaining 75 men who were examined testified that they witnessed and suffered atrocities worse than those which followed the Vlakfontein disaster.

These latter said the unarmed and wounded men lying around the guns were killed at close range, and that the survivors of the engagement suffered torture, being robbed and stripped of their clothing, in spite of their wounds and broken limbs.

Lord Kitchener says that, evidently, the Boer leaders are no longer able to repress murder and outrage on the part of their subordinates.

BRODRICK CALLS BOERS BANDITS.

London, Dec. 12.—Speaking at Glasgow last night, Mr. Brodrick, the Secretary of State for War, referred to Lord Kitchener's report on the shooting of blacks by the Boers. Mr. Brodrick said this report made it perfectly clear that these murders were not committed in moments of passion, but were part of an organized system to cover the tracks of the enemy and to prevent possible information of their whereabouts.

Dealing with present aspects of the war, Mr. Brodrick said Boers had accepted parole and broken it, and that there would be no repetition of such actions. Within recent weeks, Boer commanders had shown less regard for the laws of war than previously, added the speaker, and these bandits would before long reach a crisis when they could no longer be treated as belligerents.

The speaker said the government was for no half measures in securing a settlement, and that any fresh negotiations must emanate from the Boers.

Referring to the dissensions in the Liberal Party, Mr. Brodrick created amusement by declaring that, had Lord Rosebery been Premier, the Liberals would have had a right to his counsels, as the captain could not withdraw and sunk in his cabin during rough weather, especially if the first mate had turned pirate and was engaged in looting the cargo.

BOERS SURRENDERING IN DETAIL

Liverpool, Dec. 12.—The Post says the War Office interprets the large Boer captures to mean that the Boers are yielding with a view to avoiding the humiliation of a general surrender. The War Office, says the paper, expects the war to end soon.

A despatch from Paris says that The Rappel prints a despatch which asserts that Kitchener is ill.

DEWEY'S FORCE BROKEN UP.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Times has the following from London: A correspondent of the Times, telegraphing from Pretoria, says the Boer force which concentrated under Dewet in the Orange River Colony, and was hovering around the line of blockhouses between Kruonsstad and Lindley, has been broken up by Broadwood and Byng.

General Dewet, ex-President Steyn and about 100 men had previously fled.

TRADE IN BANANAS IS HELD BY FOREIGN SHIPS BOTH PREPARE FOR WAR POPE MAY PREVENT IT

Effort to Have Pickford & Black Steamer Call at St. John Not Practical. Relations Between Chili and Argentine Republic Are Strained—Crisis Comes To-Day.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The agitation started a few weeks ago in St. John, N.B., to have the Pickford & Black steamer, which had been chartered to call at St. John, was backed up by representatives of the Canadian Commercial Agent at St. John. The idea was that a direct fruit trade could be established in this way, but an examination of the situation fails to reveal any ground for believing that such a trade would be possible under existing conditions.

The banana trade of the United States and Canada is practically controlled by a trust, known as the United Fruit Company. This concern owns a fleet of 80 steamships, and possesses about half a million acres of plantations in Cuba and other West Indian islands, Honduras, Jamaica, in the West Indies, Honduras, and Costa Rica, in Central America, and in Colombia, South America.

It supplied the United States and Canada last year with 17,500,000 bunches of bananas and 18,000,000 coconuts. All this was shipped so cheaply that the price was not given to anatomical writers or dissectors of fishes and molluscs, but to literary Sweden.

MARCONI'S BALLOON ESCAPES.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 12.—The trial balloon used by Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, who is here conducting experiments with his system, broke from its moorings last night and drove seaward. The accident is not uncommon, and will send up another balloon to-day.

MARRIAGES.

BROTHER—HODGSON—On Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 1901, at 217 Wilton Avenue, by the Rev. L. W. Hill, Matilda Hodgson to Thomas E. Brother of Buffalo.

DEATHS.

FEATHERSTON—At the residence of her mother, 417 Dufferin Street, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1901, Sarah D. Featherston, aged 42 years.

PROBABILITIES.

Lower lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong easterly and southerly winds with rain, especially at night, then westerly gales and a change to decidedly colder Saturday.

UNDER A HORSE'S HOOF GIRL DRAGGED 75 YARDS

Annie Brooks of Dundas May Die From Wounds in Temple and Other Severe Injuries.

Hamilton, Dec. 12.—Miss Annie Brooks of Dundas came near being dragged to death by a runaway horse on King-street last afternoon. The doctor who saw her thinks the chances are that she will die.

The woman was crossing the road to catch a car, when a spirited horse, belonging to J. H. Robinson, undertaker, dashed into her. One of the shafts pierced her in the right temple, and her skirt got caught in the collars of the horse's front shoes. She was dragged over 75 yards.

In front of Shea's shoe store the infuriated animal ran into a farmer's rig and the sudden stop caused Miss Brooks to slide under a buggy standing near the curb. She was picked up unconscious and hurried to St. Joseph's Hospital, near the post office. It was found that, besides the terrible gash on her head, she was suffering from a broken collar bone and a terribly bruised foot. She was resting easily tonight, and is partly conscious.

Unravelling Value.

\$3750 secured, on leading street in Parkdale, entirely new building, real estate, with built, leased, ten rooms, finished in oak, Daisy hot water heating, modern modern plumbing, possession any terms only \$1500 cash, remainder at 5 per cent. H. H. Williams, 10 Victoria street.

48 HOURS IN A DAY.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Sixty million years back, according to Sir Robert Ball, the famous astronomer, day will be about twice as long as it is now, or, in other words, it will take the earth approximately 48 hours to revolve on its axis instead of twenty-four. This is based upon the theory that an equal number of years ago the day was only half as long as it is now.

White Dress Vests for evening wear, just received from England. Harcourt & Son, 37 King St. West.

New Apartment House.

Mr. F. H. Robinson has just completed ownership of Buffalo, N.Y., was in the city yesterday and intended to the World that within a very short time he will begin the erection of a large apartment house in the city of Toronto, the plans of which are already in the hands of a prominent firm of architects in this city. He proposes to put up a first-class, up-to-date building in every respect which will eclipse anything of the kind ever erected in Canada. As Mr. Robinson is a man who has had large experience in matters of this kind, both in Buffalo and New York City, and as he is a man who usually carries out his intentions, a very fine building may be expected.

Smokers presents Cigars—10 in box—Havana. Alive Bolland, manufacturer.

85.00 Christmas Hampers.

Five dollars half dozen, Christmas Hampers, containing two bottles, according to choice of Brandy, Scotch, Irish or Canadian Whiskey and our best of Port, Sherry, Mader, Tokay, Claret, Sauterne Champagne, Mart's, 79 York Street, phone Main 106.

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Smokers presents—Brisars—Eed-Edgeman—fine assortment. Alive Bolland

TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATES.

Messrs Wallace and Campbell Will Be Seen by Prohibitionists.

The executive of the West York Prohibition Association will interview Messrs. Wallace and Campbell, the Parliamentary candidates, early next week to learn their attitude upon the prohibition issue. Mr. Wallace has already made an appointment with the committee, and Mr. Campbell will probably do so to-day or tomorrow. In case the candidates do not give acceptable answers to the committee, the question of putting a candidate in the field or expending a protest vote will be dealt with by the prohibition convention at Toronto Junction on Friday next, Dec. 20. The provincial candidates will not be waited upon until after the policy of the Ontario government has been announced.

NEEDS HANDS STRENGTHENED.

Hon. Mr. Sifton Intimates That His Government is Protectionist.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—In a speech before the Liberal convention, Hon. C. Sifton, referring to the tariff, said it was not so much now getting further reductions, but holding what they already had, and he asked tariff reformers to strengthen his hands with resolutions which would show the feeling of the West.

QUEBEC ASSASSINATION.

Coroner's Jury Bring in a Unique Verdict in Landry Case.

Quebec, Dec. 12.—The coroner's inquest on the remains of Edmond Landry, who died from wounds received in a quarrel at Theford Mines as previously reported, took place at the morgue to-day, and at 5 o'clock the following verdict was rendered: "That O'Dillon egregiously unlawfully struck Edmond Landry on the head with a hammer and assassinated him."

DOWN AND OUT QUICK.

We're Sorry to See the Old Firm.

For over forty years has the sign, "Bundland's Music Store," stood over the door of 37 King-street West, indicating the home of the largest sheet music and small instrument business in Canada. To-day seems a steady stream of bargains hammering in and out, the result of their announcement, "Retiring from business." It seems a sin to see such a sacrifice of goods in all lines from violins, mandolins and banjos to the best publications of sheet music.

ST. KITTS MAN MISSING.

St. Catharines, Dec. 12.—Mystery surrounds the disappearance of William Gregory, son of W. H. Gregory, Haynes avenue, who left his boarding house in Buffalo in August last, saying he was going to the Fort Erie races, and has not since been seen. He was injured in Boston eight years ago, securing \$2500 damages from the Standard Oil Co. and may have had considerable money on him. It is probable he met with foul play.

MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Mr. E. S. Clonstone, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, received this afternoon the following cable: "12-Dec.—Lord Strathcona much better again to-day; making excellent progress—Cdrner."

MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS.

Thomas Higgins Chop House—music from 5 to 7:30 P.M.

Table Lamps at \$1.75.

We've over two hundred table lamps for sale in stock. They're splendid Christmas gifts. Fitted with Arand burner, green shade, tubing and connectors, for \$1.75. They can be attached to any gas jet, and are guaranteed satisfactory. You'd better secure one before they're all gone. Fred Armstrong, 277 Queen-street west.