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THE PROBABILITY

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, Jan. 9.—10 a. m.—Turning cloudy and mild with rain to night, Wednesday strong winds shifting to west and northwest and becoming colder again.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Thursday matinee, 2.30.
Sidney Wood claims that while driving down King street this morning he killed seven sparrows with one stroke of his whip. Who can beat this?
Marks Bros. will give a matinee in the Grand Opera House on Thursday afternoon commencing at 2.30.
Freeman's Sarsaparilla is a blood tonic that is having a large sale and that can be purchased at all drug stores. Those who have suffered from La Grippe should use it.
The doors at the Grand Opera House during the Marks Bros. performance will open each evening at 7.30 sharp.
The first meeting of the second board of arbitrators, re S. S. No. 6, Orford, was held in Harrison Hall today. The board consists of Inspector Park, Henry Buchanan and Judge Bell. The board had to deal with the changing of the boundaries of the school section.
The civic committee have appointed the following chairmen: Finance, Ald. Stephens; Board of Works, Ald. McKeough; Property, Ald. Fleming; Parks and Cemeteries, Ald. Sulman.
W. A. Campbell, whose sudden death is noted in today's paper, was on his way to Toronto to bid good-bye to his son William, who was about to start for South Africa. Mr. Campbell carried \$3,000 insurance.
THE MONEY FOR THE BOYS.
J. B. Rankin, B. A., Q. C., left for Toronto on the midnight express this morning, carrying with him the equivalent of \$200 to the Chatham recruits of the two Canadian contingents to South Africa. Major Rankin will visit Stanley barracks today, prior to the departure of the recruits for headquarters, and personally give each member of the second contingent his cheque, while the amounts for the members of the first contingent Major Rankin will hand to the commanding officer of the company, to be transferred to South Africa by him to the commanding officer of company B of the first contingent, with which the first recruits are enlisted. Before leaving Major Rankin generously supplemented the portion allotted to each soldier with the sum of \$5 from his own pocket, so that every representative who recruited from this city will receive \$25.

It is a mystery to me how Marks Bros. can draw such crowded houses, said a local theatre-going man, last evening as he saw the large crowd filling into the Grand Opera House to witness the Marks Bros. performance. This popular company, when Manager Marks was asked why their show was so popular. He said, "We give the best and cheapest show possible for the money. Our specialties are always new and the people go away satisfied. Then, when we come again, the public know what to expect." All who attended last evening, and the house was crowded, were delighted with the show. Tom Marks, the great Canadian comedian, as Major O'Donnell and the tragedy queen, Miss May A. Bell, as Madame Du Bois, took their parts with their accustomed skill receiving also splendid support from the other members of the company. A continuous performance is given and the specialties between the acts are the best.
May A. Bell sang a number of songs illustrated by pictures. Her rendition of Please, Mr. Conductor, particularly, brought down the house. The applause reached the climax of enthusiasm when the lady sang a song of the South African war, composed by Manager Marks. Baby George is a little fellow, but an entertainer he is without a peer. His songs and dances would make a grown-up man famous. McDowell, in his imitations of the overgrown boy, was an entertaining feature in the performance.
Pettie Gracie and Miss K. Braham, in their songs and dances, made great hits, and well they deserved it.
W. Millard, the bicyclist, was recognized on his appearance and warmly greeted. However, owing to the sand on the stage this clever rider was unable to do his whole act. He is assisted in his acts by Ernie Marks, one of the Marks Bros. Chris. Allen, in his specialties with the bones gave an excellent imitation of shaving and of boot-black. The whole company is stronger than ever, and their plays are among the best ever seen here. To-night the company play the entertaining comedy drama, The Soldier's Sweetheart, a splendid patriotic and military piece.



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It is poor economy to go around in ill-fitting, ready made clothing when you can have a suit made to order for the same price.

A tailor makes it his duty to remedy your bad points, while the ready-made suit is cut from one model and must serve all. A tailor has the advantage as to style, because ready made clothes are made up at the beginning of the season and thus they miss the latest and ever changing fads.

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ON A DUTCH BOAT

A British Warship is Said to Have Fired.

Peacage for General White—Demonstration a Failure—What is Buller Doing?

London, Jan. 9.—A special from Amsterdam says an uncredited rumor is current that a British cruiser has fired on the Dutch cruiser Friesland, near Defagosa Bay, and that a Dutch officer was killed.

THE OPPOSING ARMIES.
New York, Jan. 9.—The Herald discussing Gen. Buller's predicament, says: The Tugela river's two fords are under the guns of the Boers, whose earthworks fully command them, and are further defended by barbed wire, entrenchments extending from Springfield, almost due west, to Mount Inlay, about due east of Colenso. Have been described as offering a front of 10 miles nearly as strong as the works which defended Plevna. Under European officers these defenses are said to have been brought to immense strength, with railway lines for the rapid movement of cannon from point to point, as the exigencies of attack may demand.

Besides these, Buller is still handicapped by the great difficulties of transportation and the lack of mounted men, which makes his column heavy and unwieldy in comparison with the extreme mobility of his opponents. Latest estimates place the numerical strength of the respective forces at 22,000 infantry, 3,500 mounted men, 2,000 artillery and 70 guns under Buller, and 18,000 mounted men, 1,500 artillery and 60 guns under Joubert.

STRONG BOER POSITIONS.
Reports have shown that there are strong Boer positions on the south of the Tugela, both at Springfield and on Mount Inlay. It was from the latter point that the forces under Lord Dundonald suffered most severely in the battle of Colenso, Dec. 15. Gen. Buller has been severely criticised for failing then to concentrate an attack on the stronghold in an attempt to cut off its force from the main Boer body. There has been no information since to account for this failure, or the possibility of a similar effort since that time.

It was from Mt. Inlay that the British were outflanked and the effectiveness of their batteries destroyed, leading to the loss of their guns. With his present force it would appear that only lack of mobility is holding Buller in check, and how that condition is to be changed for the better is not apparent.

WAR NOTES

Advices from the Modder river say the Boers continue to extend their works, and it is estimated that 30,000 men are required to defend them.

From the Boer headquarters it is reported that Gen. Buller is constructing a subsidiary railroad from the main line to camp again.

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A private letter from Pretoria says that in order to accommodate the prisoners of war who are being crowded into Pretoria, an immense enclosure has been constructed to the north of the town in three long streets named Lady Smith, Kimberley and Mafeking streets.

The Boers played an amusing trick on the British at Ladysmith. The latter think they destroyed the Creusot cannon, "Long Tom." The truth is the Boers removed the cannon and substituted the trunk of a tree, which was smashed by the British shells.

The chief concern for Gen. White is in respect of ammunition. Sixty-eight days ago his artillery had 300 rounds per gun. Some of the batteries have been in action frequently since then, and all were probably engaged last Saturday. His stock of shells, consequently, must be low.

The remarkable revolution in Boer tactics has been another complete surprise to the British, and nothing in their reckoning on the weakened garrison of Ladysmith being subjected to such a courageous assault, and it is realized that Gen. White's troops cannot be expected to greatly prolong such an arduous defense. In some quarters it is considered unaccountable that Gen. Buller did not press his attempt to effect a passage of the Tugela river while the Boers were engaged northward, and the comments on his apparent supineness are nowise complimentary.

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STILL A CITIZEN.

Mr. Gonne Says There is Absolutely

no Truth in the Assertion that he has Left Chatham.

In reply to Mr. Quinn, Assessor Gonne says it is altogether incorrect to assert that he is not a resident of Chatham.

"I have lived here 47 years," says Mr. Gonne, "and always spent every cent I ever made here. My property is in Chatham, and my family live here. Last fall I got a little work in Detroit. When I went there I did not take any money from this city. I only had a \$5 bill in my pocket. But all the money I made while away I sent home and it was spent in Chatham. These are the facts, and I regard the attack on me yesterday as very unfair."

METHUEN BLAMED

For the Costly Blunder at

Magersfontein.

Gen. Wauchoppe's Last Words—Gat-

acre Killed a Guide With His

Own Hand De la Warr, in

a graphic description of the battle of

Magersfontein, says: "It is useless to

disguise that a large percentage of the

troops are leaving heart for a campaign

comprised of a succession of

frontal attacks on an invisible foe, ac-

curely entrenched and unreach-

able. Our men fought admirably, but they

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Gen. Wauchoppe's last words: "For God's sake, men, do not blame me for this! Will you please the hearts of his numberless leaders. There was no

accord between Methuen and General Wauchoppe in regard to the best

method of attack. General Methuen's

plan prevailed, and the mistake cost

700 men."

A private of the Irish Rifles, who

fought at Stormberg, in a letter to his

home, says that when General Gatacre

saw the position the guide had led the

troops to he shot the guide dead

with his own revolver. Telegrams

from Rensburg say seven officers and

thirty men of the Suffolks were killed

and about fifty captured by the Boers.

England is preparing fresh armaments

and twenty-two transports will be on

the way to South Africa during the

present month. According to the pro-

gram 25,000 additional troops and 72

guns will soon be afloat. The govern-

ment has ordered the Marins to manu-

facture many 1.7-inch and 6-inch

quick fire guns as can be turned out

until otherwise notified.

SMASH IN THE YARD.

Last evening the G. T. R. local

freight car, that goes through here

between six and seven o'clock, had

been doing some shunting. The ca-

boose was on the siding above Queen

St. and the driver had just started

ahead to get the caboose and proceed

when the Wabash through freight

pulled by engine No. 1578 crashed into

the rear car. It was a flat car laden

with lumber. The force of the con-

stant drove the lumber-laden car under

two box cars, and the engine piled up

on the wreck. The lumber was scat-

tered in every direction and the two

box cars were stove in. The whole

three were almost completely wrecked.

The engine had the cow catcher and

its lamps both broken off, and the

driving rods broken by one of the

wheels of the flat car which the engine

ran over. The wrecking train arrived

from Windsor about 10.30, but it was

not till very near noon to-day that

the track was cleared. Two other

freight cars besides the three men-

tioned were slightly damaged. The

accident, it is said, was due to the

Wabash freight coming in against the

semaphore.

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32 to 42 bust measure, plain English cotton corset covers, at 12 1/2c.

Fine cotton corset cover with shaped embroidery yoke, at 25c.

Fine cotton cover with 2 rows embroidery around yoke, at 35c.

Fine cambric corset cover, with square yoke of valenciennes insertion and lace, at 75c.

White cotton chemises, round neck with torse edging, at 25c.

Fine cotton chemise, finished with cambric frills at 35c.

Cotton chemise, with insertion front and finished with cambric frills, at 40c.

Finer qualities and better trimmed at 50c and 75c.

Cambric chemise with deep square insertion yoke and embroidery trimmings, at \$1.80.

White cotton chemises, round neck with torse edging, at 25c.

Extra heavy cotton skirt, deep, umbrella frill of cambric with 3 clusters of tucks, at \$1.00.

Fine cotton skirt with lawn frill, with one row of lace or cambric insertion, at \$1.

Cotton skirt with deep embroidery flounce and cluster tucks, at \$1.25.

Fine cotton skirt with frill of embroidery and 1 row insertion \$1.49.

Cambric skirt with deep lawn flounce, one row of guipure insertion and wide frill of embroidery, at \$2.50.

Fine cambric skirt with 2 1/2 inch lawn flounce, five rows valenciennes insertion and frill of valenciennes lace, at \$5.00.

White cotton shirt, yoke band, cluster tucks and embroidery frill, at 75c.

Extra heavy cotton shirt, deep, umbrella frill of cambric with 3 clusters of tucks, at \$1.00.

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Fine cotton drawers with cluster tucks and finished with embroidery or deep cambric frill, at 35c.

Cotton drawers with lawn and torse lace frill, at 50c.

Fine cotton drawers with cluster tucks and umbrella frill of embroidery, at 65c.

Cambric drawers with cluster tucks and umbrella extra fine embroidery, at 75c.

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