Canadians At the Front

Sent With the Australians to the Belmont Line,

British Losses at Modder man, has been acting, it is said, for the enemy by photographing bridges. River

Cfficially Stated as 438 Killed and Wounded.

Interesting News From the Beleaguered Town of Mafeking.

London, Dec. 2.-The official list of the British killed and wounded at the battle of Modder River totals 438.

The war office has received the follewing from Gen. Forestier-Walker:

"Cape Town, Friday, Dec. 1 .- Gen. Gatacre reports no change in the situation.

"Gen French has made reconnoissances from Naauw Port to Rosmead. The troops returned today.

"Gen. Methuen's flesh wound is slight. He is remaining at Modder River for the reconstruction of the

"Am reinforcing him with Highlanders and cavalry corps.

"Horse artillery, the Canadian regiment, the Australian contingents and three battalions of infantry moved up to the De Aar and Belmont line."

London Times' Views.

[Special Cable Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune and The Globe.] FROM MAFEKING.

London, Dec. 2.-The Times today as the following special:

Mafeking, Nov. 20 .- The shelling totay was confined to a few shots from "Pig Ben.' The Boers evidently de- 9th Lancers, about 650 pair of intimidating Mafeking. The tre so close that the bandoliers upon the men are plainly discernable, and he men are plainly discernible, and The veldt immediately in front of the own is cut up by long trenches and run emplacements and laagers scattered here and there, while a pictursque element is given to the scene by nerds of cattle, lines of horses and the wagons of the commissariat. Behind the elements of war the domestic side of the Dutch character is represented by the presence of women and children in the chief leagers.

HOPEFUL FEELING.

From Gen. Methuen's force there was no definite news yesterday, apart from the casualty list in official hands. The tone of the officials of the war department was confident, and there was no great degree of public anxiety, but a hopeful feeling that the period of suspense would be brought to a close within 48 hours by the relief of both Kimberley and Ladysmith.

SIMILARITY IN SITUATIONS. The similarity in the military situations at the Modder and Tugela Rivers is remarkable. Each relief column is within twenty miles of the beleaguered

garrison, and the river in each case has formed the line of the Boer defense. In each quarter the military operations are concealed from view by a vigorous consorship, but both garrisons are CONFIDENCE IN THE TROOPS.

An eminent Englishman remarked to me yesterday: "We may lack confidence in some of our generals as tac-ticians, but not in our soldiers as fighting men. They win our battles, and never disappoint us." Evidently it is thought that there cannot be too many them (the soldiers), for it is general believed that the two additional divisions now going out will be en-larged into a full army corps.

AT FRERE

Gen. Hildyard Says He Hopes Shortly to Give the Enemy the Licking That They Deserve.

London, Saturday, Dec. 2.-The Daily Chronicle publishes a dispatch from Frere camp, Natal, under date of Nov. 28, stating that the Boers had apparently all retired in the direction of Colenso. The British outposts had not seen any of the enemy. The correspondent adds:

"Several letters that were found yesterday on the site of the Boer camp complained of the scarcity of provisions, and an entire lack of tobacco. Thousands of mealie cobs were strewn

on the ground. Work on the new railway bridge is proceeding briskly, but will necessarily occupy a long time.

General Hildyard has issued an order thanking all the troops for the splendid work they have done, and saying he hopes shortly to give the nemy 'the licking they deserve.'
"It is fully expected here that the Boers will make a firm stand at Col-

enso, and that they will destroy all the bridges and culverts on retiring.

are in splendid condition.

of the broat and lungs, coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc.

rived here. Six of our scouts at Frere yesterday caught thirty of the enemy dismounted, and killed four, wounding the others. Upon the Boers being reinforced

A further naval contingent has ar-

the scouts retired. A party of the enemy was seen coming down the Weenen road, while two other parties were observed entering the bush. Our field battery fired six shells at the Boers, who thereupon

THE CANADIANS

Arrangements for Their Reception at Cape Town.

A cable to the Montreal Star, dated Dec. 1, says it was known that in the preparations for the reception of the Canadians Cape Town was smothered in bunting. The shops were draped with flags and displayed such mottoes as, "Welcome, Brother Loyalists."

The postoffice even flew the Union Jack, the first time since the war began that a government building was so decorated. Even Sir Redvers Buller had no such reception prepared. The New Zealanders, who went to the front on Monday, had an amazingly enthusiastic reception.

GEN. METHUEN'S MEN

Composition of the Gallant Division Marching to Kimberley.

Considerable misunderstanding seems to exist regarding the composition and strength of General Lord Methuen's force advancing for the relief of Kimberley. The following details of its composition, taken from the official dispatches, may, therefore, be of inter-

Officers The 62nd and 75th Field Batteries, 12 guns and 350 New South Wales Lancers Navai Brigade 3rd Grenadier Guards1,010
Argyll and Sutherland Highland-

2nd Northamptonshires1,000
1st Northamberland Fusiliers1,010 Part of 1st Loyal North Lanca-

guns, exclusive of the naval guns, the number of which has not been mentioned in any of the dispatches. Major Lindsay, who was wounded at Modder River, was in command of the 75th Field Battery. Lieutenant Buchanan-Dunlop, also wounded in that engagement, belonged to the same bat-

HAIR-RAISING **EXCURSION!**

Thrilling Experience of an Operativ at Rien Wills.

Guelph, Dec. 2 .- On Tuesday Wm. Webb, an employe of Mr. Henry Hortop, at Eden Mills, had a very strange experience and a miraculous escape from death. He ascended a derrick, which is 56 feet from the ground, for the purpose of oiling an axle. machinery is driven partly by water and partly by cable. Mr. Webb missed his footing and fell on the cable, and was carried along at a terrific speed for about a hundred yards towards the next derrick. He saw the danger ous position he was placed in and thought of alighting on the roof of a house, but feared that he would be carried too far and light on a picket fence, which might be death. He passed over trees and buildings, and at last saw his opportunity, falling off in some black muck on the banks of the river. He let go his hold and was thrown about 30 feet further ahead than he expected, landing on soft He turned a complete somersault, his head striking some hard substance, cutting a deep gash in it, and sustained several bruises on his body. Dr. Livingstone was sent for and put six stitches in the wound. He is able to go round again, though feeling very sore from his injuries.

The whir-r-r of the alarm clock is an eye-opener. LIFE SAVED .- Mr. James Bryson

Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr.
Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that
his wife had used it for a threat
trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; and less than half a bottle cut a life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any

remedy to do me good. THAT HACKING COUGH is a warning not to be lightly treated. Pyny-Pectoral cures with absolute certainty all recent coughs and colds. Take it in time: Manufactured by the proin time: prietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

Why will you allow a cough to The camp is settled here for the next few days, pending temporary repairs to the bridge. The stonework is untouched; also portions of the cantilever section. Work is going on on both sides. Spans will be used.

Our men are eager for a fight, and the taste, and unsurpassed for releiving healing and curing the affections of the throat and lungs, coughs, colds. lacerate your throat or lungs and run

***0000000000000000000000** CAUGHT ON THE FLY &

Congress will not get the president's

Prince di Ruspoll, senator and mayor of Rome, died on Thursday. Twelve grain cars were wrecked on the Grand Trunk near Lindsay.

The new Victoria Jubilee bridge at Montreal has been opened for traffic. Mr. Joseph Vanalstine was killed in a runaway accident at Seeley's Bay. Conductor Cabana, of the C. P. R., was run over and killed at Montreal. Jas. Watson, Gladstone, Man., aged over 70 years, was lost on Wednesday afternoon on the prairie, and has not

yet been found. Mr. McPhee and another lady left Amherst Island in a skiff. Their boat was found bottom up, and it is feared the women were drowned.

A reward of \$1,000 is offered by La Bankue Nationale for the arrest of the robbers who blew up their vault and safe at Montmagny, Que.

It is understood that J. Pierpont Morgan, for his fee for organizing the Southern Railway accepted \$1,500,000 of the common stock at \$9 a share.

Minnie Kirkham, of Lanark county, aged 14 years, was shot and killed by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of her infantb rother. A Brandon dispatch says a woman

named Mrs. Stipp, employed to watch Hilda Blake, the condemned murdress, in Brandon jail, has been arrested, charged with convey file to Miss Blake for the purpose of attempting to escape.

The Methodist theological conference

at Toronto was concluded Thursday night, when officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Rev. W. H. Hincks, L.L.B.; vice-president, Rev. S. Sellery, B.D.; secretarytreasurer, Rev. E. A. Chown; lectw r, Rev. Eber Crummy, B.A., B.Sc.

140 VESSELS RELEASED

The Soo Blockade Was Raised Las Night.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 2.-The blockade of Lake Superior navigation, caused by the stranding of the steamers Siemens and North Star across the channel at Little Rapids, was raised last night by the floating of the

The channel had been blocked since Tuesday morning, and over 150 boats had accumulated. The loss to vessel owners will be very heavy.

Ballots and Ballot Frauds Done Away With

New Method-Practicability

Demonstrated. [Chicago Times-Herald.] If voting machines had been used in

ernor. There is little doubt that Gen. Taylor has received a plurality of the votes cast, but the counting is largely under the control of Goebel adherents. The people have registered their verdict in favor of Taylor. If Goebel is declared governor it must be through a fraudulent count.

This is the feature of an election contest that emphasizes the value of the voting machine, which not only registers the popular will, but makes falsification of returns impossible. As it works with mechanical accuracy, and counts the votes as rapidly as they are received, there can be no holding back of the returns in certain localities for needed alterations in tally sheets, or for manipulation of the ballots.

The practicability of voting machines has been repeatedly demonstrated in elections of recent years, but never so satisfactorily as in the election last week in Buffalo, Brooklyn, Utica and Detroit. In all these cities the results were such as to greatly strengthen the faith of all honest seekers after ballot reform in machine voting. In the city of Buffalo the result of the election was known at 6 o'clock, and the last returns were at the city hall in 38 min-utes after the polls closed. The test in that city was a particularly severe one, because of the unusual number of votes as shown by the that part of the Republican ticket carried by 9,000 plurality, while one can-didate received only a few hundred plurality. The number of election dis-

tricts was reduced from 156 to 198 when voting machines were purchased, and on election day some of the machines received votes at the rate of two a minute. In Brooklyn the vote was unusually heavy, but the vote was accurately recorded, and the result for the entire city was announced an hour after the polls closed.

The adoption of the Australian ballot system was a wonderful stride in ballot reform, but the present method of counting the ballots is slow, cumbersome, laborious and uncertain. Where the vote is close the possibility of error or fraud is so great that the public has little confidence in the returns, and the defeated candidates invariably appeal to the courts. The present system is also expensive. With voting machines in use it is possible to make a considerable reduction in the number of voting precincts or election districts in every locality. Moreover, a voting

machine should last a number of years if properly handled.
Of course the hand of the party boss and the spoilsman is against the voting machine. It will not serve his nefar-ious purposes. But this constitutes the principal reason for the increasing public demand for the voting machine.

THOMPSON SENT FOR TRIAL. John H. Thompson, charged with

stealing \$50 from John B. Petheran. miller, of Duncrief, came before Squire Lacey yesterday and was committed for trial. Thompson was given the money to buy grain in this city, and on returning to Duncrief told Pether-an that he had lost bt. On investiga-tion it was found that Thompson had an that he had lost it. On investigation it was found that Thompson had made a number of untrue statements, and he was arrested.

midal in form, and in 911 the colors of the rainbow. The starfish are exceptionally fine, both in shape and color, of a deep ultramarine blue, and a complete star (5 points). They form an addition to a collection that is not a collection tha

THERE is not a more dangerous to be despised. Now, Frank, I am go-class of disorders than those which af-fect the breathing organs. Nullify weeks and give you some more facts feet the breathing organs. Nullify this danger with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil-a pulmonic of acknowledged efficacy. It cures soreness and lameness when applied externally, as well as swelled neck and crick in the back, and, as an inward specific. possesses most substantial results.

With kind regards and best ing. With kind regards and best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy new year, I remain, yours very sincerely FRED STRONGMAN.

THE LADRONES

Who Has Been Fifteen Years in the United States Navy-Interesting Description of Uncle Sam's New Possessions.

An interesting letter has been received by Mr. Frank Adams, of The Advertiser, from Mr. Fred Strongman, a former London boy, who has been for many years with the American navy. A short time after the Spanish war, Mr. Strongman arrived in London and spent about a month's vacation. He had then completed his enlistment of five years. He has been with the American navy now for some fifteen years or more, and when leaving here last stated that it was his intention to take out papers again for another five years' service. He had no idea of where he would be sent, and this is probably the first public intimation of his whereabouts to Its many relatives and friends in this city. The Ladrone islands were ceded to the United States as one of the settlements of the Span-ish war. The Island of Guam is the most southern island among the La-

Agana, Isle of Guam, Oct. 20, 1899. My Old Friend and Schoolmate: As surprises are the order of the day, I thought I would surprise you with a description of this one of the islands of the Pacific, situated in lat. 13 degrees 25 minutes north, and long. 144 degrees 39 minutes east. It is one of the most favored spots on the globe. Until recently it was the property of Spain, but the fortunes of war have given the United States control. A control that is appreciated by these people, as it gives them liberties and advantages that in their most favorable moments, they did not dream of. As is (or was) the characteristic of the Spaniard these people were kept as far as possible, in complete subjection, a fanatical idea on the part of Spain. Very few have had the advantage of an education. A very small percentage only can read and write. And so it is a great boon to them to be allowed the privilege of a liberal and unstinted education. Already have we established a school for the chil-dren. Others will follow for the middle-aged. They are intelligent and quick to learn, so that teaching is more of a pleasure than a task. The little ones can not keep quiet in school, such is their eagerness to learn. To hear them at their lessons carries one back to his own childhood (when we were in the old frame school on Colborne street). It is my pleasure to hear them. So far we lack teachers, but they will come in time. Until they do we do the best we can, learning their language and teaching them ours. Like all the islands of the middle and south Pacific, it is very fertile. Bananas, cocoanuts, lemons, oranges and limes can be procured without any exertion, further than raising the arm over the head. Cocoanuts, of course, are excepted, as they grow too high. To get them, it only requires a little of the monkey in one's make-up. Every companut palm is notched so that the recent election in Kentucky the ery commanut palm is notched so that peace of that commonwealth would not all that is required is a little climbing. now be menaced by the conflicting as every man and boy carries a claims of the rival condidates for govgetting the nut is reduced to a minimum. A few strokes and the nut is bare. This is very convenient, as we are not allowed to drink the water of fi.g (as n?rTe AcJv,bbTh,rino the island. Of course, we can make lemonade by using the distilled water

from the ship; and I assure you, Frank

it is not the kind usually sold around fair time, nor does it need any color-Pure, healthful and satisfying; ing. and the fruit tastes altogether different when it is plucked ripe, than when it is plucked green and allowed to ripen in transit. Of course, the principal diet of the natives is breadfruit. This they make up in a variety of ways, but always palatable and nutritious. They live almost enurely on fruit, very little meat being necessary. This may be due to the fact of its being scarce, as there is very little live stock on the island. They have a species of cattle here called the water-These do all the heavy pullbuffalo. ing and hauling of what little work is done. Nature is so bountiful that very little labor is necessary. Their implements are all very crude. For wheels for the cart they simply make a round, solid block, put a hole in it for the hub, and it is ready for use. Nails they hardly know the use of, For rope (of any size) they twist and lay up strands of the fibre of the cocoanut. For roofs of their houses they use palm leaves, laying them on tier after tier, until they completely shed the rain; and it does rain, too. Not the sprinkling, or the few minutes' heavy downpour of your more northern latitudes. When it rains here one is reminded of the deluge. A terrific downpour for days at a time. One thing nothing of getting wet through here. In fact, it is only at such times. here. In fact, it is only at such times that one can keep cool. Being so near the equator the sun makes it very interesting for us. We are told to keep in during the middle of the day on account of the heat. The average heat at noon is about 120° in the shade. To get under a mosquito netting and en-joy a siesta is what we delight in. we have a few undesirable acquaintances here, such as centipeds, tarantulas, scorpions, chameleons (though these are harmless) and last, but not least, mosquitoes. So you see we are not exactly in paradise. There are no snakes nor poisonous reptiles. Those that I have mentioned, their bite does not kill, though it does cause intense irritation, and causes the parts affected severe inflammation. So far nothing serious has occurred on this score. Entirely surrounding the island is a bar of coral, over which the sea is continually breaking, making a roar as if it was angry at being stopped in its progress. On this bar (at low tide) can be procured any quantity of beautiful shell and star fish, magnificent in coloring and size, from the tiny anima-culae to the mammoth oyster, measuring as high as 28 inches in breadth. and whose shell is more than one man can carry. I have several specimens in different shapes and sizes. Some of them perfectly flat and others pyra-midal in form, and in all the colors of

about this island, its resources, etc. I hope you will at least find it interesting. With kind regards and best

...OUR... Letter From Mr. Fred Strongman, Formerly of This City,

We inaugurate today our Mammoth Christmas Sale by making the following startling sacrifice announcements.

The prices enumerated below are good until the quantities are disposed of.

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DECORATED DINNER



97 Pieces of Ware.

One dozen Tea Plates, One dozen Dinner Plates, One dozen Soup Plates, One dozen Cups and Saucers, One dozen Fruit Saucers, One dozen Butter Pads, One Side Dish, 10-inch. One Side Dish, 14-inch, One Teapot, One Sugar Bowl One Cream Jug, Two Covered Dishes,

One Sauce Boat, Sold elsewhere for \$5 50 and \$6, at

Colored Toilet Sets

-10 pieces, comprizing one Large Ewer, one Basin, one Covered Chamber, one Soap Dish (three pieces), one Brush Vase, one Mouth Jug and one Mug. Sold \$1.50 elsewhere for \$2 25, at.....

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litical history.
Willard-Tramping with Tramps-Studies and sketches of vagabond life. Wendell—English Composition. Holden—The Family of the Sun— Conversations with a child.

Atkinson—The Science of Nutrition—Art of cooking—the Alladin oven. Markham-The Man with the Hoe, and other Poems. Cox-The Brownies Abroad. Harris-The Chronicles of Aunt Min-

ervy Ann. Seaton-Thompson-The Trail of the Sandhill Stag.
D'Annunzio-The Child of Pleasure-Translated from the Italian.
D'Annunzio—The Intruder—Translated from the Italian.

D'Annunzio—The Maidens of the Rocks—Translated from the Italian. D'Annunzio-The Triumph of Death -Translated from the Italian. Bullen-The Log of a Sea-Waif-Being recollections of the first four years of my sea life.

Bigelow-White Man's Africa. Millet-The Expedition to the Phil-Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents, vols. 55 and 56. Alexander—The Step-Brother, Crawford—Via Crucia. Crockett-Ione March.

Ireland-A Green Mariner. Lambert-The President of Borabia. MacDonald-Robert Falconer. Matthews-Children of the Mist. Baldwin—A Story of the Golden Age. Kingston—The Three Lieutenants.

Statistics prove that 97 per cent of our population is affected with some form of Catarrh, but since Catarrho zone, the new medicated air treatment for Catarrh and kindred diseases, has been introduced, this percentage has decreased. Catarrhozone never fails to cure Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma and Hay Fever, and is warranted to cure the most chronic cases of these diseases. It cures by inhalation. No danger, no risk, pleasant to use. For sale at all druggists or direct by mail, lady principal, has no equal price \$1. For trial outfit send 10c in as a teacher of shorthand. FRED STRONGMAN. stamps to N. C. POLSON & CO., Box make no mistake by attending Coo's Academy.

SUDDEN DEATH OF WM. C. STEWART.

[Special to Adventiser per G.N.W.] Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 2.-Wm. C. Stewart, president of the James Stewart Stove Manufacturing Company, died this morning suddenly. He was 61 years of age. Interment at Hamilton on Monday.

FAGGED OUT .- None but those who have become fagged out know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All strength has gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. They feel as though there was nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure-one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entering into the composition of Parmelee's

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Stoves! Stoves! Stoves! We have a great variety of good. second-hand stoves, also new springs, mattresses, goose feather pillows and down cushions. Feathers bought and sold at Bed and Mattress Cleaning Factory, 593 Richmond street north, James F. Hunt & Sons. Telephone

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Grand Results:

Miss Emily Fair has been placed as stenographer for the Manhattan Typewriter agency, 155 Bay street, Toronto; Mr. Matthews, of Simcoe, as stenographer for the Canada Life office, London, and Mr. Lionel B. LeBel as stenographer for the Colonial National Bank, Cleveland. They are all graduat Coo's Shorthand and Business A emy, 76 Dundas street, London. Mr. Coo reports a growing demand for young men for office work. He would like to have ten well educated young men join his classes during December. Mr. Coo gives a thorough course, he is a practical reporter, and has had twenty years' experience in teaching and reporting; and Miss Morphy, the lady principal, has no equal in Ontario