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WYLESS TOWN.

A man of long ago who hated noise, who was so pleasant, you know, were no boys. He fretted about it till he was heavy as lead, suddenly, the town grew still, boys had fled.

In the long and dusty street a boy in view; where they used to meet to make one blue, growing on every base, that the runners may not such messengers can; and their errands done by a messenger man.

POBELLO NEWS.

W. L. O. F., held a social on Saturday evening. It was announced here of Ham- at Nassau, where he had health some time previous. will be remembered as a tor here. He owned a cottage, also a beautiful

Malloch and Alden Mur- ders here.



SOUTH AFRICA.

British Reply to Peace Proposi- tion of the Netherlands.

Startling Revelations in the Com- mons as to the Purchase of Horses - Kipling's Latest Utterances - Salisbury and the War - Death of a Canadian Soldier.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The text of the reply of the British foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne, to the communication of Dr. Kuyper, the premier of the Netherlands, is as follows:

The Foreign Office, Jan. 28: Sir—You were good enough to lay before me, January 25, a communication from the Netherlands government, in which it was proposed that, with the object of bringing the war to an end, His Majesty's government might grant a safe conduct to the Boer delegates now in Holland, for the purpose of enabling them to confer with the Boer leaders in South Africa.

It is suggested that after the conference the delegates might return to Europe with power to conclude a treaty of peace with this country, and the Netherlands government intimate that, in this event, they might, at a later stage, be instrumental in placing the Boer plenipotentiaries in relation with plenipotentiaries who might be appointed by His Majesty's government.

The Netherlands government intimates that if this project commends itself to His Majesty's government, they will enquire of the delegates whether they are prepared to make the suggested visit to South Africa. It may, therefore, be inferred that the communication I received was made on the responsibility of the Netherlands government alone, and without authority from the Boer delegates or leaders. His Majesty's government have given their best consideration, and whilst entirely appreciative of the motives of humanity which led the Netherlands government to make this proposal, they feel they must adhere to the position adopted and publicly announced by them some months after the commencement of hostilities by the Boers, that it is not their intention to accept the intervention of any foreign power in the South African war.

Should the Boer delegates themselves desire to lay a request for a safe conduct before His Majesty's government, there is no reason why they should not do so. But His Majesty's government, obviously, are not in a position to express an opinion on any such application until they have received it and are aware of the precise nature and grounds whereon the request is made.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—In the house of commons yesterday evening, Major Arthur Lee (conservative) said Great Britain had been offered the services of the chief horse expert in the United States army as adviser in the purchase of American horses for the British army.

The revelation was made during a heated debate on the remount question, when Major Lee said that, being a military attaché at Washington, he was not informed that there was any intention of buying horses in the United States. He added:

"I learned from the American newspapers that British officers had been sent to buy horses, but I was not informed who they were, nor was I asked to give them such assistance as my position implied I was competent to give. At the time I had the opportunity, through the good will of a high official, of getting the services of the chief horse expert of the United States army as legal advisor. I cabled the suggestion to the war office, but I received no reply."

The whole debate on this question in the house of commons causes widespread indignation. The ministerial press vigorously charges the war office with absolute incompetency, if nothing worse, and demands a searching inquiry.

The Globe suggests that the war secretary, Mr. Brodrick, ascertain the identity of the officials responsible for pigeon-holing and not acknowledging the communications, for the purpose of summarily and ignominiously dismissing them.

The supporters of the government are shocked, not only by the revelations regarding the inefficiency of the war office, but more so by the official tone of Mr. Brodrick's and Mr. Balfour's defenses. The former admitted merit because he did not suppress the investigating committee report altogether.

The Times points out that "it is right and honorable that a minister should defend by all legitimate means the department he represents, but he is carrying chivalry too far when he implies the right to defend it by the suppression of information which deeply concerns parliament and the people to know."

The St. James Gazette, referring to the further investigations proposed, urges the need of fixing the responsibility of individuals, saying: "The nation has been swindled, and it is right that the swindlers, whoever they are, should be brought to book promptly."

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—The casualty department, Cape Town, cables to Lord Minto that Hadley Adams, one of the South African Constabulary, died from enteric fever at Heidelberg, Transvaal, on Feb. 1. The department asks that B. P. Adams, Ungah, Ont., be informed of this.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—It is now said that the retirement of Lord Salisbury from office will be coincident with the end of the South African war.

The St. James Gazette claims to have the highest authority for saying: "The premier has fixed the restoration of peace in South Africa as the appropriate moment to resign office. If the war is ended, Lord Salisbury will retire at the conclusion of the present parliamentary session, but it is his present intention to retain his post until this is accomplished."



The man on the stage who does the trick of escaping from firmly tied ropes, submits to the bonds with a smile. He knows he can get out of the ropes that are being knotted. Put the same man in the woods and let Indian captors blind him to a tree for torture and he would struggle to the last against the bonds.

When the stomach is diseased there are bonds being woven every hour about the organs dependent on the stomach—heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, etc. The folly of mankind is to passively submit to the fastening of these bonds with no effort to escape until the pain they cause crosses the fear.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It cures diseases of heart, liver, lungs, kidneys and other organs, when these diseases, as is often the case, have their origin in the diseased stomach.

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the country as regards the war. Our only fear is the old one that England at the eleventh hour will decide am- nesty for colonial rebels, and thereby let in men who have been shooting, burning and horse stealing for the last eleven or twelve months, to legislate for the loyalists. So far as one can judge from the almost inconceiv- able levity of Rosebery and Camp- bell-Bannerman, the liberal party is quite prepared to give that amnesty. One gets so weary, so ashamed of one's motherland, when one leaves it. I do wish you could make some mod- erately sane politician—I don't say statesman, because they seem as dead as Dodo—to understand that the ques- tion of amnesty to the rebels is not only life or death to the colony, but will mean, if persisted in, the severest blow to the colonies' trust in Eng- land (I speak, too, of Australia, Can- ada, etc.) ever administered."

N. S. MAYORS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 4.—Town elections took place in Nova Scotia today. The hottest fight was in Truro, where George W. Stuart was elected for a fifth consecutive term, and with a majority of 80. The chief plank in Stuart's platform is his pledge to make the intercolonial pay a fair price for water supplied to the engines of the railway.

The list of new mayors is as follows: Amherst, Curry; Annapolis, Dr. Augustus Robinson; Antigonish, W. P. Cunningham; Bridgetown, Lawrence D. Shadner; Bridgewater, E. D. Davison; Canso, R. C. Whitman; Dartmouth, Fred Scorpe; Digby, O. Sproule; Glace Bay, D. M. Burchell; Hantsport, Wm. S. Whitman; Kentville, Wm. Gould; Liverpool, D. C. Mulhail; Louisbourg, W. W. Lewis; Lunenburg, Allan E. Moresch; North Sydney, D. D. McKenzie; Parrsboro, Harvey MacAloney; Pictou, A. C. MacDonald; Hawkesbury, Farquhar McInnis; Sydney, Walter Crowe; Sydney Mines, John McCormack; Stellarton, R. Keith; Springhill, Wm. Com- way; Truro, George W. Stuart; West- ville, S. G. Robertson; Windsor, Wm. Black; Wolfville, George Lawson; Yarmouth, Gus W. Johnson.

A LONG RECORD OF SUCCESS in curing cuts, burns and bruises, as well as bowel complaints, is held by Pain-Killer—over 60 years. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis', 25c. and 50c.

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 4.—Six boys, coasting down a hill tonight, crashed into an electric wire and two of them were killed, fatally. The police were guarding the crossing, but owing to the darkness the coasters were not seen in time to prevent the accident.

Only vegetable oils—and no coarse animal fats—are used in making

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Pure, Fragrant, Cleansing. Doctors recommend it for Nursery and Toilet use. Beware of Imitations. Albert Toilet Soap, Mfrs., Montreal.

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NO. 3. CENSUS BULLETIN.

Rural and Urban Population of Maritime Provinces.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Census Bulletin No. 3 was issued today. It contains the population of the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec by census districts, as enumerated last year, classed as rural and urban, and compared with the census of 1891. It contains also the population of the several incorporated cities, towns and villages of the four provinces for each of the years, grouped by census districts, together with the total population of any city, town or village which for electoral purposes lies partly in two or more census districts.

Table with columns for Province, Population 1901, and Population 1891. Rows include New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec.

Table with columns for County, Population 1901, and Population 1891. Rows include various counties in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

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UNEXPECTED FRUIT. MONTREAL, Feb. 4.—Mr. Bergeron's exposure of the crooked work of lib- eral leaders in the Saint James divi- sion election bore unexpected fruit to- night, when Mr. Tarte's organ came out with an editorial written by the minister of public works, in which Brunet, the liberal candidate, was called upon to repudiate the work of the gang.

MECHANICS' SETTLEMENT. MECHANICS' SETTLEMENT, Feb. 4.—Rev. W. E. Johnston gave a very interesting address on missions here last Sunday.

On Thursday last a number of young people accepted an invitation of Messrs. John and Robert Lockhart and drove to their lumber camps, where they were entertained in a very pleasing manner. Music and games were followed by a bounteous supper, prepared by Willie Heuston, the cook.

Tryng Murray of Penobscot was here this evening engaging teams to haul logs.

A terrific gale visited this place last Sunday night, accompanied by a heavy fall of snow.

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The prudent mother watches her baby with a very anxious eye and at the first symptom of disorder of any character takes the proper steps to ward off more serious illness and afford prompt relief to the little one. For this reason every mother should keep Baby's Own Tablets in the house and use them as her standard household remedy.

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CHICAGO.

A Destructive Explosion of Illuminat- ing Gas.

Eleven Persons Killed and Buildings Torn Into Fragments.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—By an explosion of sewer gas in the basement of a two story frame building at 376 Twenty-second street this evening, a number of people, the total said to be eleven, lost their lives, and the building was blown into kindling-wood. By 8.45 p. m. five bodies had been recovered from the ruins. They were all of one family. Not a member of the family escaped.

The bodies recovered are those of Otto Trostle, proprietor of a meat market at 376 Twenty-second street; Mrs. Otto Trostle, Otto Trostle, jr.; Minnie Trostle and Annie Trostle.

Persons who claimed to know asser- t that there were at least six more peo- ple in Trostle's meat market when the explosion occurred.

Two other explosions of gas fol- lowed so quickly that it was hard to distinguish them. First to explode was a main at Twenty-second street and Archer avenue. Then the man- hole half a block south on Archer avenue was thrown into the air by a loud explosion. Flames leaped and roared from the hole. The fire spread below the street and smaller man- holes were blown into the air.

The flames from the first gas main shot high into the air and reached, with the aid of the wind, the Trostle butcher shop. The building was a three story frame structure, and it had been weakened and nearly wrecked by the shock. It is supposed that the oc- cupants of the building were knocked unconscious or were too panic-stricken to rush from the place.

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The flames caught the weather-worn timbers and in an instant the flames had enveloped the structure. With a roar the building collapsed, and the occupants, with one exception, were carried with it to the basement.

The adjoining building, a two story structure, flared up. The next build- ing was wrapped in flames and then another structure caught fire. It seem- ed that the whole block would be wiped out before the firemen could bring the blaze under control. A fire wall of a brick building at the corner of Archer avenue and Twenty-second street held the fire in that direction.

On the west of the burning buildings were two small one story cottages. They were a few feet from the burn- ing building, and that gave the fire- men an opportunity of heading off the fire.

Window glass throughout the neigh- borhood was broken, and bottles and glassware in the dwellings and stores were thrown to the floor and broken. Many persons in buildings near the explosions were knocked down. Scores of men and women, many of them carrying children, rushed to the streets. They were greeted by the glare of the fire from the manholes. Fearing fur- ther explosions, the people rushed down the street, many of the women screaming with fear. On several street cars near the place the windows were smashed and the passengers severely shaken up. When people in the cars saw the flames gush from the ground, all hands rushed for the doors. A number of persons were bruised and knocked down in the excited exit. One car filled with passengers was thrown from the tracks.

Among the dead are supposed to be three children of the Trostle family, whose bodies have not yet been recov- ered. It is not known positively that they were in the house at the time, but a search of the neighborhood has not shown any trace of them. There were six children in the family and there is little doubt that all the eight members of the family were killed. The three other people who are said to be dead are supposed to be customers in the meat market.

The direct cause of the explosion is not known, but all indications show that it was due to escaping gas in the basement of the Trostle house.

The explosion came without an in- stant's warning. There was a dazzling flash, a deafening roar and a cloud of dust and shattered timbers where the Trostle house had stood.

On both sides of Archer avenue, be- tween Twenty-second and Twenty- third streets, every pane of glass was blown out, and a number of residents in the damaged buildings suffered slight injuries from flying glass.

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A pocket full of sunshine Gas makes the world akin, And lifts a load of sorrow From the burdened backs of sin; Diffusing light and knowledge Through thorny paths of life; It glids with silver lining The storm clouds of strife.

—Ladies' Home Journal.

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