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CHAMBERLAIN TALKS!

Justifies the War Now in Progress.

GREAT BRITAIN WOULD NOT SKULK

Families of Canadian Soldiers Will Be Paid.

An Interesting Case Decided Against a Member of Parliament—List of Casualties During Five Engagements.

London, Dec. 25.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, addressing a meeting of 7000 people in Leicester this evening, devoted the greater part of a long speech to a justification of the government's policy in South Africa and to a refutation of the arguments of the Earl of Kimberly, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and others.

"According to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman," said Mr. Chamberlain, "we ought to have skulked back to our holes when Mr. Kruger refused to listen to our peaceful representations. That would have lost us South Africa, weakened our hold upon India, and earned us the contempt of mankind."

He reiterated that the war was inevitable, "although, doubtless Mr. Kruger would have preferred to wait until England was involved with some other power."

Referring to the conditions under which the Gladstone government granted the convention of 1888, he denied that the grant was made because Mr. Gladstone feared a general Dutch rising. "The real reason," he asserted, "was because the Gladstone government believed the annexation of the Transvaal in 1887 occurred under a misapprehension by Lord Beaconsfield, that a majority of the Boers desired annexation. It was afterwards proved that this was not their desire and the annexation was canceled."

SOLDIERS' PAY.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—The difficulty raised by the auditor-general regarding the government allowance to the wives and children of the loyal Canadians serving in South Africa has been adjusted by Hon. Dr. Borden, minister of militia. Under the imperial regulations the wives get 16 cents and each child four cents per day while the husband and father is on active service. The payments for the month of November, which formed a fixed charge against the Dominion, have been made. The regiment since landing has come under all the regulations of the imperial service, by which the war office allows wives and children a monthly stipend. Of course the Canadian government will not ask for the amount from the imperial government, but will pay it itself. If the imperial government desires to supplement this by the usual allowance the contribution will be all the more welcome. Hon. Dr. Borden has decided that the payments for December and following months until the return of the troops shall be made

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promptly out of the Dominion treasury. The members of the Canadian permanent corps who are on service will continue to receive from our government the pay of their rank, and the minister of militia has now under advisement the question of Canada supplementing the pay which the war office will give the other members of the service regiment. Certain men employed by the federal and provincial governments are having their salaries paid while they are away, and it would be a little too much of a good thing to add to this a further allowance. It will be seen that the subject is a large one, but in a few days Dr. Borden will make a decision covering all cases.

ACTION AGAINST AN M. P. P.

Montreal, Dec. 25.—An interesting judgment was rendered this morning in the court of review in the case of Napoleon Bonhomme vs. Robert Bickerdike, M. P. P., the well known cattle exporter of this city. Bonhomme claimed \$605 damages for loss sustained by going to Edmonton in the employ of the trustees of the Trading and Mining Company of Canada, alleged to be then in the course of formation.

Plaintiff bases his action on the ground that he was induced to go into the enterprise on the strength of Bickerdike's name, which appeared on the prospectus.

Judge Curran, in the superior court, dismissed the action, holding it was not proved that Bickerdike knew of the transaction at the time.

The court of review has reversed judgment, and held that Bickerdike was responsible for the amount claimed, on the ground that the prospectus contained erroneous and false statements of which Bickerdike knew.

Sixteen other similar actions are now likely to follow.

WAR CASUALTIES.

London, Dec. 25.—The following shows the British dead, wounded and missing in five battles since the war opened:

Killed—Glencoe, 48; Elandslaagte, 51; Rietfontein, 12; Farquhar's Farm, 60; Belmont, 58.

Wounded—Glencoe, 219; Elandslaagte, 213; Rietfontein, 104; Farquhar's Farm, 238; Belmont, 150.

Missing—Glencoe, 208; Rietfontein, 2; Farquhar's Farm, 871; Belmont, 18.

LONDON JOURNAL'S VIEW.

New York, Dec. 25.—A cable from London says: The Journal publishes the following:

"It is hardly too much to regard Gen. Gatacre's repulse near Stromberg as the most serious defeat British arms have yet sustained in the whole campaign.

Already the official advices show that two men were killed, nine officers and seventeen men wounded and nine officers and 596 men are missing. But it is evident that the worst is not yet known. The proportion of wounded and killed is so small when compared with the missing, who are undoubtedly prisoners in the hands of the Boers, that the supplementary list of casualties is awaited with serious misgivings."

THE BRITISH NAVY.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Figaro publishes an interview today with M. Lockroy, former French minister of marine, in the course of which he says: "The British navy is twice as strong as ours. It is able to oppose simultaneously the navies of France and the triple alliance. Everywhere French fleets are stationed they are confronted by twice or thrice their strength. France must have cables. Great Britain's bases of support are all connected, and the British are ready for war tomorrow, if

necessary, with every nation on the globe."

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Tom Edgar, who has been suffering from a partial paralysis of the face, has been treated so successfully that he left for Dominion this morning.

The continued Nome excitement is causing the dog market to remain stiff with but little fluctuation. It is a poor dog in Dawson that will not sell from \$100 to \$125.

"Dunc" McDonald (we don't know which one) has challenged Boo Henderson to a sword dance for a purse of \$1000. He will give Henderson the choice of pipers. McDonald claims to be the champion highland fling and sword dancer of Montreal.

The Eagles Social Club will hold another of its always interesting meetings tomorrow night, when every member and every respectable person desiring to become a member, is expected to be present. Good music, specialties and refreshments will be at hand.

Frank Hudson, who was so severely burned while getting things out of the Monte Carlo during the recent fire is doing nicely but will be compelled to stay in the house for six weeks or two months yet, before he can venture out. It is not generally known that Hudson was so severely scorched.

The old hook and ladder truck and one of the chemical engines were placed on sleighs today and will be taken to the Forks. A company has been organized there, and with the apparatus loaned them will be able to protect the Forks from serious conflagrations.

The A. C. rink is being flooded today by the fire engine at No. 1 station. Water from eight to ten inches will be run into it now, and upon a warmer day will be flooded again. This is necessitated by the water freezing lumpy and rolling when real cold, while it will freeze smooth in weather about 10 below.

Tom Chisholm, Walter McNabb of the Cliff house, and Jack McCarthy have entered into a Nome partnership. The former supplies the dogs and the latter two the mushing propensities necessary to the trip over the ice. McNabb and McCarthy will get away about the end of the present month. Mrs. McNabb will remain here until navigation opens when she will join her husband in Nome.

Arctic Brotherhood.

A good meeting of the A. B. was held last night, all the old regular attendants of the camp being present. The camp goat was in excellent condition, which fact is attended by Alex McComber, one of the best riders his "Billyship" has yet had. It is the intention of the camp to give to friends a first class evening's entertainment in the near future.

Married.

At the Church of England at 5 o'clock yesterday evening, Rev. H. A. Naylor officiating, Mr. J. B. Wood and Miss Callie Vaughn were quietly married.

The groom is manager of the business of the Trading & Exploration Company, and, like his handsome bride, is well-known and popular in society circles. At present Mr. and Mrs. Wood are guests at the Hotel McDonald.

FIRE! J. I. Sale & Co., now at branch store, 2nd Ave., next to Palmer Bros.

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Complete steam thawing plant. Four horse-power boiler in splendid condition. Apply Nugget office.

DAWSON IN A BUSINESS WAY

Duller Now Than It Was a Year Ago.

A Few Saloons and Restaurants, Which Escaped Destruction By Fire, Are Doing Well.

At the present time the merchants of Dawson are experiencing their annual period of inactivity. Since the holidays business has been dull. Those engaged in commercial pursuits do not anticipate a change for the better until the end of February. Then, claim owners and laymen will commence to do a little 'rocking'; people who expect to operate summer diggings, will buy their season's supply of provisions, and move it on the creeks before the snow melts.

Comparatively speaking, the town is duller now than it was a year ago. This fact is attributed by some to the late fire, which occasioned for many the loss of paying situations. Other merchants advance, in explanation, that the miners are saving their earnings for the Nome stampede. Certain it is that money is scarcer than it was this time last year.

There can be no doubt that a few business men are enjoying a better trade than they anticipated a month ago; they are those who are engaged in the saloon and restaurant businesses and who were fortunate enough to escape the destructiveness of the last fire.

The outlook for spring is fair. During the summer most of the merchants expect business to be exceeding dull.

As a rule all the stores are carrying much larger stocks than they did last winter, and while their gross sales are more, the proportion of business transacted is less.

A representative of the Nugget interviewed the managers of the larger concerns respecting the state of trade.

Mr. Heron of the A. C. Co. said: "This is the dull season, which we experience every winter. Our business last fall was not as good as it was the year before. Perhaps things are somewhat slower now than they were last January. I expect that affairs will pick up towards the end of February. Next summer will be duller than last, but not so dull as some expect. The market will not be flooded with provisions, which are brought down the river in small boats, for people who speculated in this manner last year made no money, and they will not attempt such ventures again. The absence of this class of competition will be an advantage to those who have established commercial concerns. Our company is figuring on the rush to Nome. We have boats at the mouth of the Dahl which will arrive here soon after the ice goes out, and with them we shall be enabled to transport passengers to St. Michaels as soon as any company."

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