

SIEGE RAISED.

The Little Garrison at Ladybrand Gallantly Held Out Until the Relief Force Arrived.

Lord Roberts Gladly Accepts the Honorary Colonelcy of a Canadian Battalion—The War Practically Over.

CROCODILE RIVER VALLEY, Transvaal, Sunday, Sept. 2.—General Buller to-day reconnoitered the Boer position in the mountains overlooking Lydenburg. Gen. Botha and 2,000 burghers had previously joined the forces holding the pass. The Boers opened with three long Toms and fired continually all day long. The British had few casualties.

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—The decision of the Anglo-German commission respecting the indemnities to be paid to the owners of German vessels seized by British warships in South African waters is as follows: For the destruction of the Bundes-African line receives £20,000, and £5,000 will be paid to the owner of the goods.

The owners of the bark Hans Wagner will receive £4,487, and the owners of the bark Marie, £126.

Both governments agree to accept the decision.

CONCERNING OUR BOYS.

OTTAWA, Sept. 4.—The weekly report of Col. Otter was received at the department of militia today. The parade state of the regiment on July 27th was as follows:

In South Africa, 875. Killed and died of wounds, 39. Died of disease, 20. Transferred, 14. Invalided to England, 202. Total, 1,156.

At the time of Col. Otter's report, 500 officers and men were at Springs, 62 on an armored train, 97 at the convalescent camp at Cape Town, 38 on command, military railways, etc., and 180 sick at the rest camps, or in hospital.

Major Hurdman, commanding D Battery, writes: "All the Canadians are to go home via England. At first there were only to be a few sent from each unit, but as far as D Battery was concerned, when I was asked to report on the number to be sent, I replied that all were to be sent via England or none."

The following cable message has been received from Sir Alfred Milner: CAPE TOWN, Sept. 3.—No. 150, McGillivray, missing at Bedford, 1st Sept. 2nd Sept., Strathcona's Horse, 285, Whitley, 28th Aug. 204 (?), severely wounded, Amersport; 7th July, Nicks, shot through the lung, Carolina 14th July, only received here today.

CORP. COOMBS RECOVERING.

The St. John manager of the Massey-Harris Co., Limited writes to the Sun: We are today (4th inst.) in receipt of our mails from Cape Town, S. A. With them is advice from our representative there to the effect that Corporal F. W. Coombs of St. John, who has been some length of time in a very critical condition with enteric fever, is now rapidly recovering, that he is pulling through all right and had hopes of leaving his bed pretty soon to return home quite convalescent. This advice is under date of Aug. 8th. You may perhaps be able to find space in your news items for the insertion of this report, that his acquaintances may be advised of his condition.

INVALIDED HOME.

TORONTO, Aug. 4.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: The following invalided Canadian soldiers sail on the Corinthian Thursday for Canada: Pte. A. C. Beach, 5th Regt.

ment Canadian Artillery "A" Co., wounded at Paardeberg. Pte. Wm. Hertzog, N. W. M. P. Canadian Mounted Rifles. Pte. W. A. Martin, 43rd Ottawa, and Carleton Rifles, "D" Co. Pte. T. H. Graham, 12th York Rangers, "C" Co. Pte. F. G. Walker, 71st York, N. B., Battalion, "G" Co. Pte. S. Burnett, G. G. B. G., Canadian Mounted Rifles. Pte. W. M. Glover, 1st Hussars, Canadian Mounted Rifles. Pte. J. H. H. 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, "H" Co., Nova Scotia. Pte. L. W. Bingay, 1st Regiment Canadian Artillery, "H" Co., Nova Scotia. Corp. J. Downey, Montreal Co. Pte. W. E. Motusky, 2nd Dragoons, Canadian Mounted Rifles. Pte. Percy Barton, Montreal, Canadian Mounted Rifles. Pte. P. C. C. 8th Royal Rifles, Montreal Co. Pte. Samuel Jones, 71st York, N. B., Battalion, "G" Co. Corporal Jas. Pringle, 71st York, N. B., Battalion, "G" Co. Pte. H. G. Bolster, Coburg Co., C. A. Pte. J. C. Perry, R. C. D., "A" Co. Pte. J. C. McMillan, 92d Cumberland Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles. Pte. H. Donahue, 28th Middlesex Light Infantry, "B" Co. Lance Corp. W. McFrawley, 3rd Victoria Rifles, Montreal. Pte. John McDermid, 2nd St. John Fusiliers, "G" Co., at one time a prisoner with Boers. Pte. W. E. Cordingley, G. G. B. G., Canadian Mounted Rifles. Pte. J. Walker, 32nd Queens County Battalion. Pte. R. T. Byers, 2nd Victoria Rifles, Montreal. Pte. Francis Boinon, N. W. M. P., Canadian Mounted Rifles. Sergt. John T. Manoghton and T. Taylor, W. Lane, F. Manoghton and J. Pigot, the latter two being among recruits for first contingent are on furlough. Pte. F. Brown, G. G. B. G., Ottawa, who was wounded in the knee at Brandfont, is almost well. Capt. D. M. Howard of Strathcona's Horse is still a prisoner of the Boers at Barberton.

LEUT. LAWLER KILLED. TORONTO, Sept. 4.—A private cablegram was received tonight stating that Lieut. John Lawlor of the Inniskilling Dragoons, had been killed in action in South Africa. Lieut. Lawlor was a gallant young officer, and a son of the late Dr. Michael Lawlor of this city. He was educated at Beaumont College, Windsor, England, for the army, got his commission in '98, and went to South Africa with the Inniskilling on the outbreak of the war. He was with Gen. French in the pursuit of Cronje and in most of the cavalry engagements of the campaign. Lieut. Lawlor was 28 years of age and the owner of a most valuable business block in Toronto.

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 5.—The siege of Ladybrand has been raised after several desperate attempts to capture the town and its little garrison of 150 British troops. The Boers, who attacked Ladybrand, are estimated to have numbered over 2,000 men. The British were summoned to surrender Sept. 2 (Sunday), but refused and from that time on were subjected to continual cannon and rifle fire. The burghers twice tried to rush the British position. Probably the approach of a relief force saved the little garrison.

MAZERU, Basutoland.—The Boers left Ladybrand last evening. They looted the stores and took all the horses, including the cavalry mounts. The British casualties were five wounded.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—The London correspondent of the Tribune says: Lord Roberts's annexation of the Transvaal is generally regarded as proof that, in the opinion of the mil-

itary authorities both at home and in South Africa, the war is practically over. The stock exchange takes this view. The effect of the proclamation will be to cause Transvaal burghers now in arms to be treated as rebels and forfeit belligerent rights. It is hoped that by this means the hopelessness of further resistance will be speedily brought home to the Boers. But the experience of the Orange River Colony is not altogether encouraging.

OTTAWA, Sept. 5.—The following cablegram arrived from Sir Alfred Milner this morning: "CAPE TOWN, Sept. 5.—58, Watts, of Strathcona's Horse, was seriously wounded at Sudfontein 1st Sept."

TORONTO, Sept. 5.—Lieut. Colonel Delamere, of the Queen's Own Rifles, today received through the governor general a cablegram from Lord Roberts in answer to the request that he should accept the honorary colonelcy of the Q. O. R. The message stated that with Her Majesty's approval he would gladly accept the proffered honor.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—A meeting of the New York committee to aid the South African republic was held tonight to consider the Boer flag incident at Bar Harbor, when a Boer flag, raised by Edward Van Ness, one of the members of the committee, at the approach of the fleet of English war vessels, was taken down by the authorities at Bar Harbor.

A letter which had been prepared before the committee met was read and ordered sent to Mr. Van Ness. The letter compliments him on his action in raising the Boer flag in the face of the British fleet and reiterates the devotion of the committee to the Boer cause.

OTTAWA, Sept. 6.—The following cablegrams were received this morning: CAPE TOWN, Sept. 5.—76, Hope, C Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, slightly wounded, warm baths, Sept. 3. (Signed) MILNER. CAPE TOWN, Sept. 5.—88, Garner, severely wounded; 508, Cruikshanks; 466, Sergt. Brothers; 297, Jones; 284, West; 312, Wiggins; 352, Sergt. Logan, Lord Strathcona's Horse, Sept. 4. (Signed) MILNER.

BEDFONTEIN, Sept. 6.—Following casualties reported near Bedfordfontein: Strathcona's Horse, severely wounded: 98, Pte. A. C. Garner, left shoulder and light thigh; missing, 335, Sergt. L. A. Logan; 297, Pte. A. Jones; 284, Cruikshank; 465, Sergt. Brothers. (Signed) MILNER.

GENERAL OF NATAL ARMY. (A. C. Garner is from Moosomin, N. W. T.; J. W. Brothers is from Port Arthur, Ont.; C. Cruikshanks is from Red Deer, N. W. T.; A. Jones is from Pontreillis, Eng.; W. West is from Nottingham, Eng.; H. J. Wiggins is from Rocksbury, Mass.; A. E. H. Logan is from Folksheire, Eng.

OTTAWA. Dr. J. V. Ellis, M. P. Has Been Appointed to the Senate.

Contract for a P. E. Island Bridge—Col. McMillan Appointed Governor of Manitoba.

OTTAWA, Aug. 4.—For days it has been understood that an announcement respecting the dissolution of parliament would be made, but the aggregation of procrastination has again decided to delay the evil day. The result is that the ministers are once more separating without any announcement being made. At the same time the government is getting ready.

Mr. Fielding and Hon. Mr. Paterson left for Nova Scotia this morning to do some missionary work, while Hon. Mr. Blair went east tonight. The minister of railways has been greatly bothered over the question of a constituency. His friends realize that he will have no show in the Queens-Sunbury seat, and the feeling was thrown out some time ago that he would run in either Restigouche or Westmorland. Careful enquiry in these two constituencies demonstrates the fact that Mr. Blair can neither beat Mr. McAllister nor Mr. Powney so that he has to look elsewhere. It is now intimated that the minister will be a running mate to Col. Tucker in St. John. Mr. Burpee having resigned his senatorship, it is proposed to give the seat in the upper house to Mr. Ellis, Messrs. J. H. Doody and John Russell, of St. John, were here a day or two ago to urge Mr. Ellis's appointment, and Mr. Blair is understood to be not adverse to recommending Mr. Ellis, as by so doing it might assist in restoring harmony in the party ranks in St. John, and at the same time give him (the minister) a constituency to contest. Mr. Ellis was here on Sunday, but did not see Mr. Blair, his business being with the premier alone.

OTTAWA, Sept. 5.—M. J. Haney of Toronto is in the city today. He has been awarded the contract for the railway and traffic bridge for the P. E. Island railway over the Hillsboro river, Charlottetown. The contract price aggregates in the neighborhood of a million dollars. Haney has two years within which to complete the work.

A short meeting of the council was held today at which the appointment of Col. McMillan as lieutenant governor of Manitoba, in succession to Paterson, was made.

It has been decided to allow the law to take its course in the case of Alexander King, who is lying under sentence of death at Dawson for the

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LONDON PLEASSED.

Germany's Flat Refusal to Withdraw from Peking Commented Upon With Keen Satisfaction.

Japan Reported to be Willing to Withdraw, Leaving an Adequate Guard, if China Formally Opens Peace Negotiations.

LONDON, Sept. 7, 3.30 a. m.—Germany's polite refusal to withdraw from Peking is commented upon with keen satisfaction in London, and the hope is expressed that Lord Salisbury will show similar firmness. The British reply has not yet been formulated. Lord Salisbury desires to consult with foreign legations, and has notified the foreign office of his intention to return to London from the continent early next week.

There is little doubt, however, that Germany's reply is the outcome of the discussion carried on during the last few days between the European cabinets, and that the policy of maintaining the occupation of the capital but withdrawing the greater part of the troops to Tien Tsin will be found to have met with general concurrence.

From Shanghai it is reported that Japan has notified the powers her willingness to withdraw her troops provided an adequate guard is left for the legations and on condition that China formally requests evacuation and opens genuine negotiations for peace. Altogether appearances are more than hopeful, and it is likely that when Count Von Waldersee arrives a fortnight hence at Taku he will find the allies agreed upon some common policy.

Shanghai is full of conflicting rumors regarding the movements of Li Hung Chang. It is asserted that Marquis Tseng and thirty officials remaining in Peking have appealed to Li Hung Chang to "repair immediately to the capital to save the situation, since no body is there to assume authority."

Chang Chi Tung, the Wu Chang viceroy, has telegraphed an urgent appeal to the British consul at Shanghai urging Great Britain to institute peace negotiations. He emphasized the magnitude of British trade interests and refers to the activity of the secret societies and the decline of trade, citing these as vital reasons why England should take the lead, instead of, as in 1894, allowing Russia to usurp her power and prestige. His final ground of appeal is that Great Britain, the United States and Japan have shown anxiety to promote commerce and to befriend China, and he implores these three powers to appoint plenipotentiaries authorized to open peace negotiations with Li Hung Chang.

It is reported that 2,000 Boxers have been killed and wounded in conflicts with the troops of General Yuan Shi Kai, military governor of Shan Tung.

A Hong Kong despatch from the Wai Chiu states that serious dissatisfaction exists at Lun Chau. Three hundred robbers besieged the residence of a wealthy Chinaman at Tai Ping Fu. The prefect of Wu Chau with 100 soldiers went to his assistance, but has been compelled to telegraph for 400 reinforcements.

BERLIN, Sept. 6.—Several despatches have arrived from Washington during the last five days, which have met with various interpretations here. One of these is that the United States government intended to withdraw its troops from Peking if Russia did the same. Official circles were slow to believe this, however, although a short Washington despatch received today seems to confirm it.

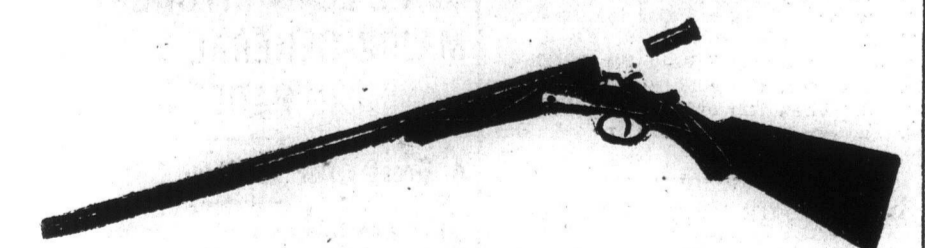
The withdrawal of the Russian and American forces from Peking would, of course, upset Germany's programme, as outlined in Count Von Buelow's circular of July 3, and would create a wholly novel and much more difficult situation.

The press continues a lively discussion of the Russian proposal, the more plain spoken papers pointing out that Russia's motives are selfish. The Centrist organ, the Cologne Volkszeitung says: "Russia's purpose is to get all foreign troops as quickly as possible out of China, and then to lay aside the mask and seize the empire for herself. Her proposal is an unfriendly act toward Germany, since Count Von Waldersee announced that he would never give an order to retreat."

"The Vossische Zeitung says: 'Russia is trying to establish a protectorate over the Celestial Empire, in doing which it makes no difference to her if she vexes Emperor William and thwarts the policy of Germany.' Even the semi-official Berliner Post expresses 'painful surprise' at the latest French report upon the expedition led by Vice-Admiral Seymour, showing how the Russian detachment refused full co-operation with the allies.

"Whatever force is left in Peking," says the Post, "must be strong enough to defend itself against all attacks by the natives, and not merely a small detachment representing the sovereignty of the powers." The papers print with evident satisfaction British opinions hostile to withdrawal from Peking. The Leipziger Neueste Nachrichten connects the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to Balmoral with Russia's proposition.

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