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LOCAL BRIEFS

There was a big fire in Montreal this morning, a whole block, including the Theatre Francaise, being burned.

Radley's drug store is situated now nearly opposite the Standard Bank, and next to Young, the grocer. It is

The fire at the residence of Mrs. Finn, St. Clair St., on Saturday, did damage to the extent of \$75, and was caused by a defective chimney.

At noon to-day the new large Wondriand building in Detroit was destroyed by fire. This is the second time the place has been burned out in about twelve months.

Mrs. Pender, wife of James Pender, passed away at the residence of her husband, Sunday. The funeral will take place on Tuesday.

Sunday, at St. Joseph's Church, Father Francis Solanus, requested the prayers of the congregation for the late John A. Donegan. On Thursday, March 1st, mass will also be solemnized for the repose of his soul.

Radley's Drug store is supplied with a full line of drugs and well known special preparations that are offered at the lowest prices.

The management of the late patriotic concert unintentionally omitted to express their gratitude to the Gas Company for free lighting. They wish to remedy this omission.

The Humane Society is determined to enforce the by-law against persons leaving their horses tied on the streets. These animals will be taken to a stable, and the owners will be prosecuted.

A BRUTAL ASSAULT

Mrs. L. M. Simpson, a colored woman, lives on Dover St. Stephen Phillips was calling at her place Saturday evening when she came to the back door. Phillips answered the summons and was vigorously assaulted by an unknown man armed with a knife. Phillips, who was off in bed shape, hit Phillips hard, inflicting a number of scalp wounds and badly lacerating him about the face.

Dr. McKeeough was summoned and had the injured man, who was bleeding profusely, removed to the Public General Hospital, where his injuries were attended to. He is resting easier to-day. Phillips is the husband of the woman of that name who formerly resided in North Chatham.

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Society Dress Hints....

The correct dress for gentlemen for social functions occurring after 6 o'clock is the full dress suit.

There is but one exception permissible, that is the Tuxedo or dinner coat. These may be worn at theatres and dinner parties respectively.

The Inverness is worn as an easy top coat over dress suits.

The Paletot is becoming quite a favorite among good dressers, while the frock suit is the correct day dress.

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REPULSED WITH LOSS.

Boer Relief Forces From Ladysmith Defeated-700 Prisoners Taken.

New York, Feb. 25. — A London despatch says: — It is reported that reinforcements for Gen. Cronje have been repulsed by Gen. Roberts at Paardeberg. Gen. French has captured over 500 prisoners from Gen. Cronje's camp and 200 other prisoners have arrived at Cape Town.

ANOTHER BOER REPULSE.

Paardeberg, via Modder River, Feb. 25.—Evening — The Scottish Borderers and the Yorkshires have repulsed a Boer attack, inflicting heavy loss.

SOME HARD FIGHTING.

Paardeberg, Saturday, Feb. 24.—Yesterday there was a most interesting series of fights along the British front. One thousand Boers, commanded by Gen. Dewet, who were known to be operating in the immediate front, at early dawn yesterday determined to attempt to break through the British lines and aid Gen. Cronje.

A body of 500 Boers moved toward the British left and entered in the direction of a kopje with the object of occupying it. Unfortunately for the Boers, however, the kopje was held by a company of Scottish borderers, who opened a heavy fire. The Boers galloped off, but moved again toward another British position with exactly the same result. They then made a third attempt to occupy another position, but the borderers were again ready to receive them. The third repulse thoroughly disconcerted the Boers, who galloped away in a panic.

Later, perceiving another kopje, the Boers moved quickly towards it. This kopje was unoccupied, but the borderers, not to be beaten, raced the Boers for the position, and won, occupying the kopje and driving off the Boers. A portion of the latter partially occupied a kopje partially flanked by the borderers and facing another kopje held by the Yorkshires. A vigorous fusillade ensued the British firing truly and accurately and succeeded in silencing the Boer fire.

Meanwhile the Buffs were ordered to reinforce the Yorkshires in case the Boers should be reinforced. The British attack worked around to the right of the kopje held by the Yorkshires, where the seventh battery was stationed, the sixty-second battery being placed at a farm near the center of the borderers' position. A vigorous shelling, accompanied by British fusillade, completely silenced the Boers. A company of Yorkshires were sent to clear out the Boers, but the attempt failed, the Boers opening a heavy fire, and the British having no cover.

The British then again opened a heavy rifle fire and again silenced the Boers. The Boers made several

attempts to run, but the Maxims opened on them effectually and checked them. The Buffs now worked carefully and cautiously around and got within 150 yards of the Boers. Eight Boers surrendered, but many, it appears, escaped going singly.

Most of the prisoners had just arrived from Ladysmith. They complained of the bad generalship of their leader. Nearly every man carried explosive bullets and five British were wounded with these missiles. I have seen the bullet, of which one Boer carried 50.

There is no longer the slightest doubt that the Boers are gradually discarding all rules of civilized warfare. The other day they poured the contents of a Vickers-Maxim gun into an ambulance, which happened, however, to be empty, some 300 yards away from the nearest troops.

The war balloon, is doing excellent service. Early this morning it arose to a great height and discovered in the bed of the river four wagons which contained ammunition. These were exploded by the British shells an hour afterwards. The balloon observer also discovered a number of horses concealed near by and these also received attention from the British sharpshooters.

The Gordons are now incorporated in the Highland brigade, making four light regiments. The Highland light infantry, who are not killed, and are a fine body of men, are going to join Gen. Smith-Dorrien's regiment.

TO AVENGE MAJUBA.

London, Feb. 26.—The Leader says: Up till Saturday night, Gen. Cronje seems to have held out. It is strange that he should have elected to have a citadel in a river bed, with heavy rains due any day. All we have been able to do is to wound him with artillery, to nearer 70 than 50 guns.

The militia are now arriving at the Cape and will be able to release the regulars on the lines of communication, who can be sent to Roberts, Clements and Gatacre's aid.

Buller burrows forward, but the Boers around Ladysmith are not yet in a hurry to be gone. It is rumored that Buller and Roberts are waiting to strike the final blow simultaneously on Majuba.

The Leader's expert compares the Transvaal with Scotland, and says that often when armies are broken up into guerrilla warfare may go on for months or years.

MAKING HOLDING OUT.

London, Feb. 26.—The Times has the following special today from Bulwer, Feb. 20.—Nothing further has occurred at Crocodile Pools. Col. White is back here in the hospital wounded. The following was received today by the government from Col. Buller-Powell, dated Mafeking, Feb. 15.—All well here. The enemy actively pushing their trenches against us and treating us to much musketry and artillery fire, including incendiary shells at night, but as we have taken all precautions, no harm has resulted. Our men have been obliged to move their big gun again owing to our advanced entrenchments being pushed forward. They have mounted it 4,000 yards due west of the Stadt, where they deliberately put two shells into the camp of the women and children.

MUST TAKE THE KLOOF.

Reliable news as to Gen. Buller's advance on Ladysmith is published this morning. It is now settled beyond all question that the country north of the Tugela, between Colenso and Pieter's Station is in the hands of the British. The heavy firing which was officially reported to have occurred on Thursday and Friday, it appears, took place to the west of Pieter's station, and it was here, in the rush of one of the Boer positions on Tuesday night, that Gen. Wynne fell wounded. The Boers had been strongly reinforced, but they were, notwithstanding, compelled by Friday afternoon, to fall back from their entrenchments in disorder. The Boers still hold a splendid position on Grobler's Kloof, and they must be driven from it before the advance can be continued.

A. B. Milnes, of Brantford, was killed by falling down stairs.

The Marconi system of wireless telegraphy was tried in the British naval manoeuvres and proved very successful.

Postmaster-General Mulock has arranged with the authorities of Great Britain and Cape Colony that letters from the Canadian troops in South Africa shall be forwarded and delivered whether paid or not.

As the result of a fire that broke out at St. Ouen, a suburb of Paris, in a collection of alcohol and oil stores, a series of explosions occurred, spreading the flames until a block of six immense warehouses was involved. A large number of people, including some firemen, were more or less injured.

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54 patterns, in light and dark prints and foulards, 26 and 27 in wide, these goods are much better value than you will find elsewhere, but we will sell them while they last at 5c and 6c per yard, come early and make your purchase.

New Dress Suitings for 1900

The advance heralds of spring have already come to hand for our Dress Goods Section, and being here we cannot resist the temptation to give them immediate showing. You'll likely be as glad to see these new early spring cloths and suitings as we are to show them. These are some of the new fabrics that are getting first showing.

2 special's, in plain navy and navy and white striped, excellent, pure alpaca, a pretty cloth for shirt waist, you should see the value, our special prices at per yard 40c and 50c.

8 pos. French broad-cloth, pure wool, in the new self clinging finish, not too heavy, weight, 52 in. wide, in all the newest coloring, our prices at per yard \$1.00.

4 pos. pure wool Halifax home spun suiting, 56 in. wide, in choice shades of gray, brown, fawn mixed, gray mixed, excellent cloth for separate skirt or tailor-made costume, our special prices at per yd. 75c.

8 pos. fine Scotch pure wool homespun, in neat check color combinations, the newest fancy cloths for costumes or skirts, 54 in. wide, see our special prices at per yd. \$1.25.

3 pos. dark worsted plaids, especially for skirts, the very newest ideas, only short lengths, come and secure your skirt, they are pretty, our special price at per yard \$1.50.

5 pos. 42 in. wide, plain all-wool amazon cloth, in shades of copper, brown, new green, navy blue, cardinal, myrtle, green, perfect finish, special value at per yard 50c.

5-pos. French poplin, pure soft wool dress cloth, 48 in. wide, in shades of new blue, new green, blue gray, pearl gray, choice designs, this season's extra value at per yard \$1.00.

3 pos. French covert suitings, 48 in. wide, a fine made cloth, suitable for tailor-made costume, pretty shades in blue mixed, fawn mixed, green mixed, no better value at per yard 95c.

5 pos. 42 in. wide covert suiting, in mixed green, mixed blue, dark gray, light gray, blue gray, new goods just passed into stock, see the value, at per yard 50c.

4 pos. whipcord, in pretty colors, 48 in. wide, in shades of copper, brown, new blue, royal blue, light lawn, excellent value, new this season, come and see them, our special price at per yard 60c.

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