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Chatham, Ont.

AN HISTORICAL SIEGE.

The heroic little garrison of Mafe king kept the Boers at bay for over seven months, or to be exact, just 214 days. The investment of the place began in real earnest on October 14 of last year, and has been continually prosecuted ever since. The defending force consisted of only 600 men belonging to the Bechuanaland military police, under the leadership of Colonel Baden-Powell, The tenacity with which they have held the town can only be a preciated when it & considered that Mafeking is exceedingly ill-adapted for defence. It is built on the open veldt, which is there as flat as a pancake. A few isolated kopjes, an ant-heap here and there, a clump of bushes under three feet high-these are the only things that break the level uniformity of the landscape. The guns with which the garrison were provided were two or three Maxims, effective at short distances, but useless against an enemy like the Boers, who always fight at long range if possible. Besides these, they had an antiquated 16-pounder-a huge, cumbrous naval gun, weighing over 800 poundswhich seems to have been made about 1770. This weapon, which bears no government stamp whatever, and is believed to have been used in privateering vessels, has a somewhat singular history. For the last few years it has been Tying rusting on the farm of Mr. Rowlands, an Englishman, residing near Mafeking. But its earlier history in South Africa dates back to its purchase by the chief of the Baralongs for 22 oxen from Linchwi's tribe, among whom it was brought by two Germans some 40 years ago. Baralong chief had it conveyed to Mafeking, which was the capital of his little sovereignty, upon his wagon, and it was subsequently used in tribal fights. The three hundred rounds of ammunition which the Baralong chief received with it were shot off in these sanguinary conflicts; but the Mafeking garrison were able to make cannon balls for the great gun,

as their main defence. While they were thus poorly supplied with artillery the defenders of Mafeking were fortunately well provided with food. Large stores had been conveyed there just before the war broke out by Lord Elward Cecil, the con of the Marquis of Salisbury, who acted without orders and on his own responsibility. Had it not been for king, notwithstanding the resourceful

which they christened "B,P." after

their commander. With a charge of

three pounds "B. P." throws a 10-

pound bail two miles, and throughout

the siege the garrison looked upon it

have capitulated, During the last three months the food supplies ran lower and even lower. Horseflesh soup and oaten bread were the chief food in the last six weeks of the siege, and the ordinary pecessities of life sold at immense prices. Fevers multiplied as a consequence, and the relieving columns entered a famine striken and plaguestricken town, whose indomitable spirit alone enabled it to endure the final assault which the enemy made upon it when it was found that relief was near at hand.

We may yet see peace reached b the Queen's birthday.

Mr. Tarte's paper, the Patrie, in

leading article, hints that the general elections will take place in the fall, and it urges the Liberals to organize for the campaign.

The debate in parliament over the West Huron and Brockville election scandals has been ended by the gov ernment agreeing to appoint a royal commission to investigate the frauds It is safe to predict the writs of election will reach the country before the royal commission's report.

Now that the war in South Africa is collapsing the rest of the Empire will be able to pay more attention to the starving millions in India. The famine continues to increase and its horrors are added to by the plague. Help and pienty of it will be needed for months to come.

The gentlemen in charge of the purchasing of quail for propagation near Hespeler, have been informed by the dealer in Texas that the price has advanced from \$1 to \$4.50 a dozen since the first quotation was sent. The increase is owing to such a great demand for the birds that they are be coming scarce and trappers have great difficulty in catching them.

The boom in Dawson is over. Things will this summer reach hardpan. Dawson advices say that little will be left of the Klondike metropolis after the home rush in May and June. Merchants are closing up their places of business, and instead of every building being crowded 'To let' signs are frequently seen. Business is dying, and quently seen. Business is dying, and most of the deaters are going to Nome. Of course the large mining companies will continue to operate their properties which are said to be very rich.

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The wealth of the multimillionaires is not equal to good health. Riches without health are a curse, and yet the rich, the middle classes and the poor alike have, in Hood's Sarsaparilla, a valuable assistant in getting and maintaining perfect health. It

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Washington, D. C.

Eczema—"We had to tie the hands of our two year old son on account of eczema on face and limbs. No medicine even helped until we used Hood's Sarsaparilla. which soon cured." Mrs. A. Van Wyck, 123 Montgomery Street, Paterson, N. J.



Peace or no peace, Lord Roberts is certain to continue his march to Pretoria. British occupation of the Transvaal capital and the blowing up of the immense fortifications there will impressively convince the Boers that any dream of independence they may still harbor must be abandoned

"Continental Europe fears our greatness," says the Detroit Tribune. The persistence with which many Americans regard their country as a first class power is amusing. They can probably never be made to recognize; their own military and naval insignificance until some other second class nation destroys their fleet, takes possession of their sea coast cities and shuts up the rest of the country to stew in its own he plessness.

The campaign the Attorney General's department has inaugurated against tramps is to be commended. The latest move is to ask the railways to keep tab on these nuisances. As a result all employes of the Grand Trunk have been instructed to report every morning the number and description his promptitude and decision, Mafe- of tramps seen the previous day. The reports are for use by the Government. The of Baden-Powell, must long ago tramp plague grows because it is tolerated. Many a young man may be prevented from starting cut on that kind of a career if he be discouraged by the authorities at the out-

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THAY HAVE BATHED IN BLOOD IN STEAD OF WATER. Detroit Tribune.

Perhaps this will teach the Boers ow vain are the hopes of peoples who not tub according to British sche-

REASONS FOR OPPOSING SUNDAY BALL.

Datroit Tribune Besides or posing Sunday base ball on general principles, we think our team can lose often enough during the

THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PAY FOR CUSTOMS' TELEPHONES. Exchange.

For a long time the business men of Woodstock have recognized the necessity of having a te'ephone in the Customs office, but their requests have been ignored by the Government. At last coming to the conclusion that besides a convenience, it was about an absolute necessity to themselves, a number of the business men have formed a joint stock company on a small scale, and have put in a telephone themselves. They will pay for it, and only they can use it.

WHERE GAMBLING FLOURISHES.

Thamesville Herald. The Monto Carlo gambling hell has just leclared a dividend of nearly two and a half millions, after paying all expenses amount ing to two millions, among which were \$60, 000 in salaries to the bishop and clergy and \$400,000 to newspapers. Is it any wonder that crime flourishes when the pulpit and press are muzzled with money? All these newspapers and preachers are opposed to ocialism—it would be so bad for the people! But gambling that rolls the public of millions and produces hundreds of sui-cides yearly on the island of Monaco is all right—so long as they can get some of the money robbed from victims. This world is full of queer creatures.

TILBURY.

May 21 .- C. C. Kippen, of Windsor was in town Friday.

Mrs. (Rev.) McPhail is visiting at her home in Stratford. home in Stratford.

The news of the relief of Mafeking caused unbounded enthusiasm in our village. Soldier school boys trotted out in their uniforms and were drilled by Capt. Edgecomb. All the steam

whistles and bells reverberated for hours. Gune pisto's, small torpedoes, mingled with the singing of patriotic songs, continued far into the night, with the British flag flaunting everywhere. Mrs. Jos. Healy, of Wheatley visited friends here Friday. Rev. Mr. McPhail has gone on

three months' leave of absence to his ome in Orillia, for the benefit of his -"Ill weeds grow apace." Impurities in your blood will also grow un-

less you promptly expel them by tak-ing Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Russia's Recent Actions in Korea so Considered.

It is Also a Move Against Japan-Brings Them Face to Face With a Crisis.

London, May 21. - The successful rn that affairs have taken in South Africa, is most fortunate for Lord Salisbury, as his weakest point, his for-eign administration, had threatened to come an all too prominent topic. The news that Russia had secured news that Russia had secured a coal depot in Korea as announced May 18, in a despatch to the Times from Pekin, has raised a storm of indignation and many of the Conservative organs have

many of the Conservative organs have declared this is merely another unfortunate instance of the premier's utter incapability to protect British interests in the far east.

Among those who study Chinese questions the belief obtains that Russia's latest move is a direct breach of contract with and a blow against Great Britain and Japan, which brings these nations face to face with a grave crisis which pusillanimous diplomacy will neither end nor mend. The Globe for instance openly advocates immediately instance openly advocates immediately gending a powerful fleet to Korea, and bluntly demanding that Russia forego the advantages she is alleged to have secured in contravention with the agreements of 1881.

However, though the important or-gans are in a bad humor over the matis said on good authority that ter, it is said on good authority that Lord Silisbury has much too keen an appreciation of Great Britain's present troubles to take any alarming action in the immediate future, and that he only contemplates diplomatic inquiries and passive aid to Japan in the pro-tests she will doubtless make.

EAST BRANCH.

There are great prospects of an abundant yield of fruit in this part.

Many of the farmers have been disappointed in their fall wheat, as it is pretty well killed and a number of the farmers here have ploughed up large fields of it.

A number from this neighborhood are anticipating a trip to Detroit on the 24th of May and will celebrate the Queen's birth-

May and will celebrate the Queen's birthday in Uncle Sam's domains.

The people of this neighborhood are raising money for the Indian famine. We hope
that a large sum may be realized.

Miss F. Richardson visited her friend,
Miss B. Stewart, Wallaceburg, last week.

Quite a number attended the meeting of
the W. C. T. U. at Mrs. A. Mickle's on
Thursday last. Thursday lest.
J. Booth was unfortunate enough to los

a fine mare last week.

Miss Lute Hooktwith is home from Wallaceburg having finished her trade with Miss

B. Stewart, dressmaker D. McCreary was married on Wednesday last. Congratulations!
G. and Clarence Seward visited Croton

friends recently.

A. Mickle had a bee on Thursday last Mr. and Mrs. Adam Irvin, of the 14th
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