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MUST TRY AGAIN

General Buller's Third Attempt to Relieve the Garrison at Ladysmith Has Been Unsuccessful.

Believing a Further Advance from Vaal Krantz Was Inadvisable, He Decided to Withdraw.

Buller's Last Advance Regarded by Critics as Merely a Demonstration to Prevent the Boers Sending Reinforcements to Magerfontein, Where an Immediate Advance is Anticipated.

## BULLER WITHDRAWS.

HEADQUARTERS BRITISH CAMP, tion. SPRINGFIELD BRIDGE, Feb. 9, 1.05. -Finding that the kopjes at Vaal Krautz were subject to a cross fire from the Boers' 100 pounder and creusot gun, and that the nature of the ground prevented the construction of entrenchments, the British troops will withdraw, and the advance in this direction will not be pressed.

The British have not been repulsed, but have held their ground at all points.

HAS NOT YET CROSSED.

LONDON, Feb. 10, 5.15 a. m.-A special despatch from Spearman's Camp, dated yesterday (Friday), noon, says that, owing to the Boer cross-fire and the impossibility of intrenching Vaal Krantz, Gen. Buller's forces withdrew.

The Financial News, which publishes this despatch, suggests that General Buller has not yet actually crossed the Tugela.

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, Feb. 10, 4 a. m.-Gen. Buller's third attempt to reach Ladysmith hes failed, and the British have again retired south of the Tugela river. A despatch from the Boer head laager at Ladysmith, daited Feb. 8. reached London last evening announcing that the retirement occurred Thursday morning. The accuracy of to Sunnyside. Both operations seem previous reports from the same source to have been initiated by Gen. Robconcerning crucial operations afford erts, who, it is guessed, is either at sufficient reasons for accepting this Modder river or on his way there, and arnouncement as true, and the public uneasiness is not alleyed by a suggestion that the Boers were confused shortly. by the withdrawal of the troops employed in Morday's feint. Inquiries at the war office and in the house of commons in the course of the evening only drew out the assurance that the government had received no news, and at midnight the war office officially intimated that it had received nothing confirming or contradicting the report of Gen. Buller's withdrawal. Just before the house of commons adjourned Mr. Balfour stated that Gen. Buller was not pressing his advance from the rosition he occupied Wednesday, and a little later the Sun's special de-Neve Ladysmith or contemplating a spatch from the British headquarters. determined attack on the Boer army at Springfield bridge reached London The whole action must rather be taken conveying the first definite announceas a demonstration intended to keep ment from the British side that the the Boer forces or. the Tugela until i troops had been withdrawn. Springis too late for the Boer commander-infield Bridge is south of the Little Tuchief to send reinforcements to Magela river and eight miles in a gersfontein in time to influence the line from Molen Drift where hee events impending there. This hypothe main British attack crossed on thesis would act for the present state Feb. 5. of things at toth theatres of war. Thus, the British people are called Gen. Buller would not be allowed to upon for the third time to face a attack the Boers with a force that has serious check to the British arms in already been shown to be inadequate Natal, and the relief of Ladysmith if there was not a different plan afoot is again indefinitely postponed. Such from that of a direct advance for the a statement as that in the despatches relief of Gen. White. that the British troops were not re-This ingenious rose colored explanpulsed, will in some measure temper ation is not shared by the Standard, the disappointment, but three days which, on the assumption of the acfighting, with the attendant heavy curacy of the Boer statement, says casualties, ending in failure so far as that the situation is no better than it the main object is concerned, is a was a week or a month ago. The severe price to pay for such negative river still flows and the fortified hills comfort. still frown' between the Natal army What was known yesterday of the and the beleagured town it is vainly British position at Vaal Krantz pretrying to relieve. pared the military experts to find that The Times says editorially: the position was untenable. Vaal would not be surprised to learn that Krantz ridge is a spur a mile long, Gen. Buller has not yet found the key running at right angles to the Brakto Ladysmith." fontein Rilge, and is dominated by Spion Kop on the west and Dornkop on the east, both the lapter heights mising considerably above Vaal Knantz. On Spion Kop the Boers had long range guns and on Doornkop field artillery and Maxims. For hours Monday these poured shell and shrapnel on Vaal Krantz, on which was also focussed a severe rifle fire from both east and west. It also seems that the British position was impracticable for guns, without which an advance tled in Natal." as was organized Tuesday was im-The Times now confirms the British possible. retirement from Koodoesberg. Its The war in Natal now seems to be correspondent in a despatch 'dated at a dead-lock. It is difficult to see Feb. 8, 7.20 p. m., says: "It was rewhat Gen. Buller can do beyond reported that Boer reinforcements were maining in camp until he is reinarriving from Magersfontein. forced, or until the operations at position was easily tenable, but the other points possibly turn the tide in entire force has been ordered to reflavor of the British and Induce the turn to Modder River tomorrow." Boers to reduce their forces in Natal to strengthen the defence to their This puts an unpleasant complexion own territory. Meanwhile the situaon the operation and will lessen the tion on the Modder River, so far as hopes based thereon. The Times' oritic hints that Gen. Methuen sent it is understood here, is not altogether encouraging. It was at first honed the order without Gen. Roberts' knowthat Gen. MacDonald's move to Kooledge. He says: "If Koodoesberg doesberg was likely to result in an efwas worth occupying, and if, as events fectual flanking of the Boer right in proved, it could have been held, the order to retire seems inexplicable. If view of the success of his initial operations, but it has since been reported the strategic complexion of this eccenthat Gen. Methuen had ordered the tric movement was false, then Gen. retirement of the whole force, which MacDonald's tactical success was nais proceeding. Gen. Lord Roberts in turally unavailing, and the retirement a despatch dated Fieb. 8, the same appears to be an admission of the inidate as the foregoing report, does not tial mistake.

flicting, the information is too incomplete to reliably judge the posi-Gen. Babington's force marched

the north bank of the river, but according to the most trustworthy account he arrived too late to effect the intended purpose. The Standard's correspondent says he succeeded in gotding close to the enemy, but it was then nearly dark and too late for an effective charge. Moreover, that men and horses were tired, having found the march exceedingly difficult owing to the numerous fences and other obstacles. At any rate the Boers were aware of the approach of Gen. Bab-

ington's command, but were unable to intercept it. Gen. Roberts states that the Boers evacuated their position, but they have apparently only withdrawn to their laagers at Kameet Koek. Gen. Roberts reports coincidentally with the report of Gen. Mac-Donald's movements, that reports had been received that the railway between Orange river and Modder river was likely to be threatened. Col. Broadwood with a mounted force accordingly went to Sunnyside. The enemy

retired before him, and it is reported that they crossed the Riet river. There is possibly a connection between the two movements. The military critic of the Morning Post thinks that Gen. MacDonald fulfilled his mission, blocking Kccdoesberg Drift, dispersing the Boers to the Lorth of the drift, and covering Col. Broadwood's expedition the expectation is that there will be

light then employed rifles, Maxim guns and cannon in a determined assault on Vaal Krantz. Gen, Hildyard's bri-gade repulsed every attack. Shrapnel fire was directed at our lines between 11 o'clock and midnight. Our loss was one wounded. Wednesday's bom-bardment was most severe. The Boers nounted a second six-inch gun, and they also brought 30 pounders and three one-pounder quick-firers to beau against us. The latter we could deal with, but the others were beyond reach of our guns except the naval 4.7 inch and the 5 inch siege guns, Gen. Hild-yard held his ground eplendidly, but unfortunately the enemy's big guns upon the hills could not be silenced by other raval or siege gurs. Shells from the enemy's cannon even fell among our force in the valley. Only at greatest and with reedless risk could Gen. Buller have forced his way through. He decided to face the wisest alternative and not to insist upon an advance that way. I ask you to suspend judgment and rely upon Gen. Buller.

The Telegraph's correspondent at Pietermanitzburg in a despatch 'dated Feb. 9, says: "Gen. Clary is here. He is indisposed, not wounded." A despatch to the Times from Lorenzo Marquez says it is reported that the Portuguese customs officers at Inhambane have seized a quantity of arms and ammunition consigned under a false description. The consignment

as an experiment.

was not large and was probably sent

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 10, 4.20 a. m .- London accepts as true the Boer statements that Gen. Buller has failed These statements were passed again. by the British censor at Aden and are read in the light of Mr. Balfour's announcement in the commons that Gen. Buller is not pressing his advance. Winston Churchill wires that Vaal Krantz was impracticable for the guns which were needed to support a

funther advance. His cablegram leaves Gen. Buller on Tuesday night sending a fresh brigade to relieve the tired holders of Vaal Krantz. The descriptive writers with Gen Buller were allowed a rather free hand

again in explaining the ugly position which the British held and the natural obstacles which had to be overcome. So it is easy to infer that, with Boer riflemen and artillery defending them, these hills, ravines and jungles have not been overcome, and thus the public is prepared in advance for bad

Charles Williams, a military writer who is understood to be in confidential relations with Lord Wolseley, says that beyond doubt the most authoritative opinion in London regards it as probable that an endeavor will be made to force the line of the Orange river before Wednesday next, possibly Monday. The first lord of the ad miralty, George J. Goschen, is prepara more important action in the district ing estimates for a large increase in the nevy. It is thought not improb-The despatch confirming Ger. Bullable that parliament will be asked for er's retirement was furnished to the £20,000,000 for new ships. newspapers here in time to allow them to comment on it. Though several of SPENCER WILKINSON'S OPINION. the journals issued special editions con-LONDON, Feb. 10.-In the Morning taining the telegram some of the edi-Post today, Spencer Wilkinson, retomals treat the Boer report as unviewing the military situation, says : trustworthy, and some even profess to "The latest news regarding General interpret Mr. Balfour's statement in Buller's operations is puzzling. It the house of commons as a denial of looks as if he never seriously conthe report. The Morning Post's critic templated an attempt to relieve Ladyreads Mr. Balfour's statement as smith, but only a demonstration to showing that Gen. Buller can hardly prevent the Boers from diverting rehave been seriously intending to reinforcements to Magersfontein.'

TO COMMAND THE IRREGULARS. TREAL, Feb. 9.- The ites to friends here nd of the South African mountd troops, and that he is now busy under Brigadier Gen, Brabant in con-nection with the impending invasion of the Orange Free State. Merritt, who was refused service the Canadian contingent, hurried at his own expense to London to enlist there. He was provided by Hon. Geo. Wyndham, under secretary of state for war, with a letter of introduction o Sir Alfred Milner, with the result

MOST DIFFICULT.

LONDON, Feb. 9.-The Times, in an ditorial dealing with General Buller's task, says: "The problem before him is unquestionably most difficult. We cannot be surprised or disheartened should he be unable to solve it with success. His task is not merely to force a way through the Boer lines to Ladysmith; that operation would be formidable enough. But it would be easy compared with the one he must perform if the large strategical points are to follow his efforts. He must infilet a crushing defeat upon the Beer army. Unless he can drive into the Drakensberg or otherwise destroy that army the relief of Ladysmith can harly be accomplished with safety. We await the issue of the operation with great anxiety" Elsewhere the Times comments on the fact that General Buller is "playing his part in the general scheme, which is being co-ordinated by Lord Roberts." It says on this point: "The British public is still kept in igorance of the whereabouts of some 25,000 troops, and great developments may be expected. It is difficult to believe that the Beers are effectually ignorant of the disposition of the British forces. The great game of war

will have shortly begun and we may confidently hope that the period of reverses is drawing to an end." In regard to Gen. MacDonald's operations, Lord Roberts does not mention the former's retirement to the Modder river. He says:

"MacDonald was despatched to pre vent the Boers blocking the main drift Koodcesberg, and successfully established himself there in spite of the determined efforts of the Boers to dislodge him. At MacDonald's request, Babirgton was sent with re inforcements Wednesday, Feb. 7. Babirgton threatened the Boers north of Koodoesberg, while another force drove off the Boers southward."

The despatch concludes - with statement: "The enemy have now evacuated their position and none are in sight."

FOR WAR EXPENSES. LONDON, Feb. 9.- A parliamentary paper issued this afternoon estimates £13,000,000 additional will be required for the war expenses of the year ending March 31.

ROUGHLY HANDLED.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 9.- A despatch from Montreal says that an merican freshman at McGill Univer-

------LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE .....

[To Correspondents-Write on one side of the paper only. Send your name, not neces-sarily for publication, with your communi-tations. The Sun does not undertake to re-urn rejected manuscripts. All unsigned communications are promptly consigned to the waste basket.] THE OROMOCTO INDIANS.

7 Elliott Row. Thursday, Feb. 7.

the Editor of the Sun: Sir-In reply to "De Facto," will you kindly permit us through the columns of your veluable paper to inform the public that the W. C. T. U. feels the greatest confidence in the lady at Oromocto who is dispensing a little char ity for us towards the destitute Inans in that locality. At a meeting held this afternoon we recorded our

selves as in full sympathy with her kind and generous efforts in their behalf, and resolved to correct the statement by your correspondent. (Signed) AVIS DAVIDSON,

Sec. (pro tem) W. C. T. U.

## OROMOCTO, N. B., Feb. 8, 1900. To the Editor of the Sun :

Sir-In today's Sun there is a letter stating that there has been no destitution among the Indians in Oromocto this winter.

In reply, let me explain that the Indians do not beg of people who are too poor, mean or stingy to ever make it worth their while to do so. . Otherwise, the writer might have known that in several cases, particularly at four camps, their destitution this winter has been extreme. So the fact of his not signing his name to his letter is superficial and suggestive to say the least.

In a casual way I mentioned in a letter to a friend in St. John that some of the Indians were very poor: but I did not ask or expect her to give the matter a second thought.

A few weeks later I was very surprised to receive from the W. C. T. U. of St. John a letter containing \$10 for the benefit of the destitute Incians. A box of clothing for their benefit has also been kindly sent by the same orgunization.

I hope this explanation will soothe the injured feelings of "De Facto." and satisfy him that "by a false report" I was not "trying to injure Oromosto in the estimation of any one. Neither did I beg or solicit any assistance for the Indians in any way.

When acknowledging receipt of the money I wrote some details re existing facts, which I will be very glad to prove to any member of the W. C. T. U. who will visit this village, and who is hereby invited to do so at my expense.

"Things seen are mightier than things heard." Today I visited the camps, and the misery, squalor and poverty of them is matchless, as is also the cowardice of the Boer who hid behind the rock, "De Facto," and shot a letter that is as untruthful as it is malicious.

The Indian commissioner has done very great deal towards alleviating liberals failed to do. It was the high sala the distress of the Indians here this winter, otherwise some of them might have died of "starvation and sorrow. He has always been "to their virtues very kind, to their failings very blind," I am glad to state, for the information X. X. X. Yours. of De Facto, who does not seem to Gagetown, February, 1900. know that the agent has done any-



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that there was a revolution last fall. Of course you know as well as any other intel-ligent man that Queens Co. has lots of in-dividuals who can fill the office of serre-tary-treasurer. And further, if the editor of the Telegraph would have to devote "all his time" doing that amount of work, then I say the sconer the owners of that paper employ some one else to belittle its columns the better for its good name. If the Tele-graph had a spark of generosity it would give a certain young lady in Gegetown the credit of doing a lot of work that the late secretary-treasurer did not lo. However, this is a very small part of what led up to the liberal snow-under last fall. The Telegraph says that the sheriff has been receiving \$250 a year. If it had said "one year" it would have been telling the runh, without leading to a false conclu-sion. The sheriff is appointed by the gov-ernment, which happens to be liberal, and Mr. Reid, being also liberal, it is very easy to see why a council board containing a majority of grits should vote a salary for that official. If Mr. Reid had been a con-servative, does any one suppose for a mo-nent that the council of a year argo would

that official. If Mr. Reid had been a con-servative, does any one suppose for a mo-nent that the council of a year ago would have offered him the \$250? Not much; and the conservative party in abolishing this salary has simply put the sheriff in the same position as many others in the province. Then there is the clerk of the peace, with a salary of \$100, and who does work to the value of about \$25 in connection with that particular office, and hence the reduction of \$75. Now, Mr. Editor, this whole thing is par-

Now, Mr. Editor, this whole this reduction of \$75. Now, Mr. Editor, this whole thing is par-tisan just so far as it is likely to lead to good government, and no further. When it goes beyond that point the people get up in their might, cry, "Enough, we want a change," as happened in Queens Co. last fall, and as is happening in different parts all over this dominion. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, allow me to draw your attention once more to the Tele-graph's editorial, where it says: "The grotesque abstrativity of the council dismissing Mr. Babbit, after they had passed a- most elaborate resolution, commending the good work he had done for the munici-pality."

pality Mr. Babbit was thanked for the efficient

Mr. Babbit was thanked for the efficient way in which he kept the accounts—a fact no conservative denies. He was thanked for that, and for that only. He was not thanked for piling up a surplus in the trea-stry. He did not do that. It was the coun-cil that did it, and they did it only at the expense of the people. Mr. Babbit was not dismissed on account of the way he did his office work—for that pert of it was all right. He was dismissed because he asked too much for his services, and because it was thought some one else would do it just as well for a good deal less money.

Yes, sir, there is manliness enough about res, sir, mere is maniness enough about the conservative party in Queens to thank even a "grit boss" for any good work that he might have done. Yet, unlike the lib-eral party, they are honestly trying to gov-ern for the taxpayers and not for a favored for

few. The conservatives simply accepted Babbit's resignation of last year, which liberals failed to do. It was the high salar-ies given to the secretary-treasurer, the sheriff, the clerk of the peace and the auditor that stirred up the people to overthrow the liberal rule. The conservatives were put in to redress these evils, and if they don't do it the people will again speak. So I wish the conservative party up in Queens a good judgment in all they do. Yours X. X. X.

mention the retirement, which is not A special edition of the Telegraph confirmed by other telegrums sent the prints a despatch filed on Feb. 8 at same day, and it is doubted here, but Springfield Bridge and transmitted on as the reports of Gen. Babington's Feb. 9. It says: During Tuesday the share in the operations are also con-Boers set fire to the grass and by the

DO NOT PRESS FOR DETAILS.

LONDON, Feb. 9.-Mr. Balfour, the government leader, replying to a question in the house of commons this evening as to whether any information had been received from the seat of war. seid:

"Our information points to the fac that Gen. Buller is not pressing an advance from the position he has occunied. We do not consider it right to press him for details of the operations which are in progress, ror, if he gives such information, do we deem it proper to make this public until such opcrations are completed. The government has no information as to whe ther Gen. MacDonald has retired." RETURED ACROSS THE RIVER. BOER HEAD LAAGER. Ladysmith Thursday, Feb. 8 .- The British who were in possession of the kopje at Molen's Drift, abandoned it after a bombardment by Boer cannon this morning and retired across the Tugela River to their former position. A desultory cannonade is proceeding at the Tugela this morning, but otherwise everything is quiet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.- Secretary The Times critic reviews the situation gloomily. He says: "If the third Hay today received a cablegram from Adelbert Hay, U. S. consul at Preattempt has failed, it may be questoria, stating that he had received his tioned whether another on the same side of the railway would be justified. exequater Weinesday, and that matters were very satisfactory. This dis The terrible initial strategic mistake roses of the apprehension that existed of abandoning a principal objective in some quarters that the Boer gov for a subsidiary operation still overweights the campaign, but the time is ernment might decline to receive Mr Hay, because of the failure of Col. at hand when its beneficial influence Beirene to receive recognition from will close to fetter our action. The great issue of the war will not be setcur government as diplomatic repreentative of the Transvaal.

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ALIVE AND WELL.

LONDON, Feb. 9.-The Central News says respecting the reported shooting of the Englishmen, McLachlan and Robbins, in the Market place at Our Harrismith on Christmas day because they would not fight against their countrymen, that the colonial office has received information that both men were seen alive and well on Jan 15 by a lady who is now in Pietermaritzburg.

GEN. CLERY ILL.

LONDON, Feb. 10 .- A despatch to the Morning Post from Modder River. dated Thursday, says that Gen. Mac-Donald's and Gen. Babbington's forces will return shortly, and adds that the initiative to the reconnaissance emanated from headquarters. The Daily Telegraph announces that Gen. Sir Francis Clery is on the way to England invalided.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg says that Lady Randolph Churchill has visited Chieveley camp.

sity was knocked down and ducked in the dissecting bath for criticising the British troops in South Africa. The student had referred to the British efficers as "asses," and the troops as 'cowards.'

## A GOODLY SUM.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 .- The benefit performance given in the Empire Theatre this afternoon for the benefit of the English soldiers in South Africa and the widows and children of the American soldiers who fought in the Philippines, netted about \$6,000.

ORDERED TO THE FRONT.

OTTAWA, Feb. 8 .- It is officially announced tonight that Gen. Hutton has been selected by the war office for special service in South Africa.

This involves the relinquishment by him of the command of the Canadian militia, and will summarily dispose of his controversy with Col. Hughes. FEASIBILITY OF INTERVENTION. BERLIN, Feb. 9.-During Emperor William's two visits yesterday to the British ambassador, Sir Frank Lascelles, his majesty expressed sympathy with Great Britain and touched upor the feasibility of friendly intervention. The Kaiser also expressed his regret at the recent utterances of Duke Regent Johann Albrecht of Meklenburg-Schwerein, to the correspondent of the Eclair, adding that he had telegraphed the Duke Regent reproving him for the indiscretion he had dis-

TORONTO MAN KILLED.

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TORONTO, Feb. 9.- Relatives of Private Robert Lindsay of the Chester Regiment, now in Ladysmith, have been notified that he was killed on January 6th, the day of the Boers' attack on the town. He was the eldest son of James Lindsay of this city.

BRITISH BARK SEIZED.

DURBAN, Feb. 9.-The British bark Birkdale, with contraband, has been seized by the British.

## WILL SAIL ON THE 20TH.

HALIFAX, Feb. 9 .- Col. Irving topight informed the Sun that the transport Milwaukee could not be got ready for sea to sail before Feb. 20th. He had no doubt, however, that the steamer would leave Halifax for South Africa on that date. Steamer Monterey, which is to be transport for the Strathcona Horse to South Africa, has left Liverpool for

Halifax, and will be ready for the embarkation of the troopers on March 3rd. Sergt. Byrnes, of the Northwest

Mounted Police and orderly to Inspector Moody, will not sail on the Milwaukee. Byrnes belongs to Ottawa. He contracted ervsipelas and the doctors have refused to pass him. Byrnes leaves for Ottawa this afternoon, a greatly disappointed man. He wants to go on the Strathcona contingent, but the doctors will not permit him.

WHAT PLUMER IS DOING.

PRETORIA, Monday, Feb. 5.- Col. Plumer's force on Feb. 2nd attacked he Boer position near Ramonsts and after heavy fighting, including an endeavor to take the place by storm, the British were repulsed. Their loss is unknown.

thing. Besides the agent, Dr. Peeke is another who knows how much suffering there has been at the camps, and to both of them I refer any one who is interested, for details.

Hoping you will kindly publish the above, I am, yours truly, MRS. H. S. MILES.

To the Editor of the Sun:

Sir--The correspondent of the St. John Globe who wrote the article that appeared in today's issue headed "The Consecration" and ending in "May they (the French being meant) not ask why this ostracism?" cannot be a regular reader of that paper. The writer evidently believes that due consideration was not given to the French majority in this province when the five English speaking prelates of the archdiocese of Halifax sent their recommerdations to Rome resulting in the apprintment of two more English speaking bishops for New Brunswick. He felt, if his article is not wrongly interpreted, that a slight had been put on the French cle: gy and people in all the pest recommendations to the hierarchy within the archdiocese. Had he read the Globe carefully in its previous issues he would have learned that Rev. Father Pelletier had recently been created "vicaire" and that on Rev. F. X. J. Michaud-two good French names-was conferred the high honor of being designated "deacon of honor" in the ceremonies that are to consecrate their lordship's Bishops Casey and Barry kings to rule over their and his French confreres. Surely

these two very recent appointments of Rev. Fathers Pelletier and Michaud put at rest all uneasiness about intended slights and must allay all fears for the FAIR PLAY. future. 7th February, 1900.

SOME FACTS ABOUT QUEENS CO. MUNI-CIPALITY MATTERS.

lo the Editor of the Sun: Sir-Some one up in Queens Co. seems to have got badly hurt, judging from recent wailings of that erratic sheet called the Telegraph. I don't know as it 's 'worth while for anybody to reply to such false and unfair insinuations as the Telegruph's Cagethere may be a very few who might pos-sibly be led astray on account of not knowing the facts. What right has the Telegraph to complain

of partisanship, after it has so vigorously upheld Mr. Blair and the whole grit gov-ernment in their boss rule of the last few

erament in their boss rule of the last few years? Now let us look at the facts: The munici-pality of Queens has been held in the grip of the liberal party for so many years that the grits came to believe they owned the county, the people in it, and the money in the treasury. A year ago the late secretary-treasurer gave it out that he was going to resign, because he would not longer per-form the duties of that office for \$250 a year. R. T. is a pretty long-headed old fellow and knew perfectly well that his party would vote him an advance in calary rather than let him vacate an office where he could do the machine so much good. As he had an-ticipated, when the council met in January, 1899, they voted him \$300 in place of \$250, in order to retain his invaluable services. For they said: There is not another man in the county that can fill that office, and we have got to keep him at any cost. Think of that, Mr. Editor. When a party of councillors will get up and belittle their

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FEARFUL TRAGEDY.

A Mother Loses Her Life in Vain Effort to Rescue Her Children from a Burning Building.

CABANO, Quebec, Fieb. 8 .- On Monday morning about 3 o'clock a house was burned about one mile below the village of Cabano. Four people were burned to death-an old man by the name of Dionne and three children by the name of Lavie. The mother of the Lavie children was horribly burn-Mrs. ed and died last night (7th). Dionne, the wife of one of the victims, is also burned and in a precarious condition. The inmates were all asleep when the fire broke out.

The three children burned were carried out by their mother, who then went in among the flames for two more children (twins), but on coming out she stumbled over the three she had rescued, going back, and although she attempted to again enter the house, it was impossible. The clothes she had on were burned off and she lived in fearful agony until relieved by death.

The children burned were aged eight six and four years respectively.

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