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SOUTH AFRICA.

Boers Lost Heavily in the Attacks on the "Buffs" and Garrison on Wilge River,

General French Reached Johannesburg Saturday Last - Canadian Troops Will be Lavishly Entertained in

London.

LONDON, Nov. 23.-A special despatch from Middleburg, Transvaal Colony, says that in the surprise of the outposts of the "Buffs" (Third infantry), southwest of Balmoral, Nov. 10, the Boers lost 60 men killed and wounded. The burghers, the despatch adds, simultaneously attacked a garrison of Fusiliers on Wilge river, but were beaten off with the loss of 120 Fu men killed and wounded.

LONDON, Nov. 23 .- The Star today ommenting on the report that Gen. Botha, with his comando, is close to Dewetsdorp, regards the news as most disquieting, and says:

"We have heard many strange and unverified stories, but one thing we know, that French was pursued all the way from Middleburg to Standerton, and got through the terrible neck of the mountains only by the skin of his

Proceeding, the Star suggests that Gen. Botha pursued the British, marched south and joined hands with Gen. DeWet, and that thus Bloemfontein is endangered and the Orange Free State will have to be reconquered before the subduing of the Transvaal can be commenced. In connection with the above a belated telegram today announces that Gen. French arrived at Johannesburg Nov. 17.

LONDON, Nov. 23.-The returning Canadian troops on board the Hawarden Castle, due here next week, will be lavishly entertained by a private committee, of which Lord Grey is chairman. Three hundred seats have been secured at the various London theatres for each night the Canadians are here. They will be quartered at Kensington barracks, whence there will be excursions to Brighton, Woolwich and other points of interest, including a probable visit to the Queen. Lord Grey said to a representative

of the Associated Press: 'They will not exactly be the guests of the nation, as that is reserved for the five thousand colonial troops who are coming here later. But we are trying to make the short stay here of of these Canadians as enjoyable as pos- of sible, as a slight token of our appreciation of the magnificent work they have done. It will be carried out with as portion for the carried out with as portion for the court at Sian Fu, and that the man little formality as possible."

LONDON, Nov. 26 .- "We understand," says the Daily Express this morning, "that Lord Roberts recently requested the government to send 20,000 regulars to South Africa to relieve the same number still in the field, but that his request was declined on the score of expense."

LONDON, Nov. 26.-After condemning the government's refusal as "ruinous economy," the Daily Express goes on to describe Lord Kitchener's "drastic plan of operations." He will enfining the population in laagers, if food supplies, punish treachery by death or transportation, raze villages guilty of treasonable acts, and destroy all farms in the vicinity of railway or telegraph cuttings."

FOR A THIRD TIME.

BATAVIA, N.Y., Nov. 26 .- The question whether Howard C. Benham murdered his wife Florence Benham is to be submitted to a jury a third time but his life will not be in jeopardy this time. Then if the jury decides that he is guilty of the crime of murder, he will continue a free man. The only penalty he will suffer is the disposses sion of the property left him by his wife. The order sending the matter to a jury was issued by Justice Nash. in supreme court this morning, when power hour.

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the equity suit brought by Benham's little son, Howard Sidney Benham, to prevent his coming into possession the property bequeathed to him by his wife, on the ground that he murdered held that practically the only issue in the case was whether or not Benham killed his wife. 'As this was purely a question of fact, he maintained that he had no right to decide it, but that the case must go to a jury.

CHINA SITUATION

German Expedition Has Hoisted Their Flag Over the Great Wall.

BERLIN, Nov. 26.-A despatch received here from Field Marshal Von Waldersee, dated Nov. 24, says Col. Wuchlenfel's expedition as housted the German flag over the Great Wall, which was reached Nov. 22 by way of Hey Ling Cheng, after a difficult jountain march.
The despatch adds that the French

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.-The state department has been informed of the agreement or understanding or preliminary treaty, it is not possible just now to learn just what form the matter stands reached by the foreign ministers at Pekin. It is not regarded as proper to give out for publication at this time any detailed information respecting the agreement. It may be stated, however, that the arrangement stands a very poor chance of receiving the sanction of all the powers represented in the Pekin conference unless some material amendments shall be permitted.

There is reason to believe that the indemnity proposition has taken such an excessive form as to make it impossible for Chinese to meet the de mand, and this fact, taken in connection with the unreasonable demands of some of the powers respecting punishments, may require our government to make active efforts to have the demands moderated. There are indications, too, that in these efforts our government is to receive the support of one of the most powerful of the governments represented at the Pekin conference and one who generally has been supposed of late to have favored an extreme position.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Dr. Morrison, wiring to the Times from Pekin Sunday, says:
"The foreign envoys have agreed to two proposals that were previously rejected owing to lack of upanimity. These are Sir Ernest Satow's proposal that China should agree to recast the commercial treaties and the Italian proposal that China should consent for foreign financial control as a guarantee of the indemnity.

demnity.
"The delay in the presentation of the joint note is due to postponements by the home government. This increases the difficulties of the position and aggravates the dislocation of trade and finance, especially the collection of inland revenues. At the lowest estimate the indemnity is computed at £50,000,000." darins have chartered every available boat for that purpose.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Li Hung Chang, according to the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, is seriously ill, and has telegraphed for his adopted son, Li Ching Fang.

KRUGER IN PARIS.

PARIS, Nov. 26.-Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, visited the French minister of foreign affairs, Mr. Delcasse, this morning. Mr. Kruger took a long drive during deavor to isolate the commandoes, it the afternoon in a landau. He was says, "and to move suspected Boer accompanied by his grandson and esfamilies into garrisoned towns. He corted by police cyclists and mounted will clear troublesome districts, con- guards. He entered the exposition grounds and ascended the Eiffel tower necessary, and will take or destroy all to the second story, where the director general, Picard, showed him the principal buildings in the exposition and the monuments of Paris. M. Picaro also made a short address to Mr Kruger, during which he spoke of the brilliant participation of the Transvaal in the exposition. Mr. Kruger then visited the Transvaal pavilion, which had been maintained untouched since the exposition closed. Mr. Kruger stopped and gazed at his own bust which was profusely decorated with flowers and other tributes. Behind the bust was a Bible, lying open, and Mr. Kruger read a verse from it. He examined the Boer farm and then continued his drive. Later Mr. Kruger received various delegations at his hotel.

A windmill costs about 2 cents per horse-

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her came up for trial. Justice Nash Grist Mill, Saw Mill and Hotel Burned Yesterday.

> The Most Destructive Fire in the History of that Busy Place.

> Carelessness in the Filling of a Kerosene Lamp Supposed to Have Been the Cause

FREDERICTON, Nov. 26.-The fire of any magnitude that has occurred at the town of Marys broke out at half-past six o'clock have had a severe fight with Boxers morning. In two hours upwards of thirty kilometres south of Pao Ting \$20,000 damage had been done, a grist mill and saw mill teing destroyed and the hotel building, with its contents, being badly damaged.

At the hour named Robt, H. At son, a workman employed at the mill, went to the mill to prepare for the day's work. He first set about to fill the kerosene lamps, which it was necessary to use in the mill early in the morning. The oil was kept in tin tank in the grist mill adjoining the saw mill. He attempted to fill the lamp while it was name, some oil over the side of the lamp, some oil over the side of the lamp, which took fire and immediately flames were communicated to

An explosion ensued and in than a minute the whole place was ablaze. Atkinson gave the alarm and ablaze. Atkinson gave the alarm in a few minutes a crowd of men gathered at the scene of the fire, but they had little fire fighting apparatus. A line of hose was quickly laid from the hydrant in front of the cotton will work at Baje Verte, and his departure and across the bridge, but it take work at Baje Verte, and his departure is most sincerely regretted.

Saturday evening J. F. Allison rethe burning building.

An old hand engine, which had been used for the past two or three years for flooding the skating rink, was brought into requisition and manned and was stationed at the side of the mill pond and a short line of hose late to the fire, which now had such h way that all efforts to save the grist mill were soon abandoned.

An attempt to prevent the flames from extending to the saw milk only a few feet away, were equally futile, and in half an hour both buildings were a roaring mass of flames. The wind, fortunately, was blowing almost due down river and everything was covered by snow, so that the danger of the fire spreading was danger of the fire spreading

The saw mill contained gang saw and rotary saws and the other usual machinery. It employed from 25 to 30 men and cut about 35,000 feet of lumber, chiefly deals, per day. The mill and machinery were valued at \$12,000. Both these mills and their machinery are a total loss. They, as well as the hotel building, were owned by the Alex. Gibson company. The loss is pretty well covered by insurance, all

in the Guardian company. The loss of Alex. Forbes, proprietor of the hotel, by damage to his furniture, by removal and breaking, is in the vicinity of \$1,000, upon which he had \$800 insurance in the Norwich

Geo. W. Foster kept the post office and cigar and fancy goods store in the hotel building. His stock was badly damaged by removal, which loss is fully covered by the \$1,200 insurance which he carried, also in the Norwich

Forbes' hotel is located exactly opposite the grist mill, only further up the river bank. It was soon evident that the hotel and adjacent buildings were in danger of catching from the intense heat from the mills and all efforts were directed to prevent this, and were fortunately successful.

The grist mill was built about twenty-five years ago and was equipped with the very best flour-making machinery of that time, and the mill and machinery cost about \$25,000. The machinery had, however, become antiquated and the mill had not been operated for five or six years and was used as a store house for grain and feed, only a small quantity of which was on hand this morning. The flour mill and machinery and contents were worth about \$10,000.

SACKVILLE.

Items of Interest Touching Mt. Allison Institutions.

The Air Full of Farewells to Clerics -Death of Francis Allison in Chicago.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Nov. 26 .- It is rumored that a stone wing to occupy the Lingley hall site is in contemplation for the ladies' college. It would be the nucleus of the handsome stone building it is hoped will one day take Easily applied. Cheaper than the place of the old "White house." There is pressing need for larger quarters. A number of rooms are being Shingle Roof Coating. Tins and divided off in what was the old studio in the south wing's upper flat, which will afford comfortable accommodation for all the new students. A dozen or more are expected at New Year's, and applications are still riving. The school numbers now 113

residents, with 75 or 80 day pupils. Semi-terminal examinations lately piano has been placed in the director's use by students. A striking feature is commons.

ports a good average of musical ability. Recitals are held every week. The attendance in the harmony class is large. Dr. Archibald is working up two orchestras; one of young men only. The other, in which the young ladies take part, will have viola,

'cello, flute, cornet and a number of Dr. Archibald is also teacher of higher mathematics in the ladies' col- Not Known Whether Captain or

In the art department are several pupils who hav come exclusively for studio work. A large consignment of china for Christmas work has lately of the Fire -Loss Fully Twenterfive arrived for the china painting depart-

Miss Mellish, daughter of Rev. Isaac Mellish, is shortly coming from Massachusetts to enter as a student. In the near future a musical treat will be the pipe organ recital to be given by Prof. W. J. Hutchins, late organist of St. Paul's, Halifax.—The Eclectic society give a five o'clock tea and literary entertainment Nov. 30th.

The air is full of farewells to clerics The Baptist church lately sped their assistant pastor, Mr. Robinson, on his way, and Friday evening a farewell service was given Rev. E. Daly in the basement of the Baptist church. Sunday evening Mr. Daly took formal farewell of his congregation in an excellent address. He stated it was exactly three years to a Sunday since his arrival, and in that time 145 had joined the church. He leaves today for his new charge in Bridgetown, N. S. The departure of both pastor and assistant is much regretted. It is not yet known who will take their places. Geo. Bryant, lay reader at Baie Verte, leaves shortly to be a missioner at St. Paul's church, Hafifax. His place will be filled by John Jackson, a young Englishman, who has been occupying the same position in the same

ceived news of the sudden death his brother Francis Allison, in Chicago. Mr Allison had been in failing health some time. He leaves one daughter, married.

OTTAWA.

One Thousand Canadians Will Sail from Cape Town on December First for Canada

On the Steamer Roslin Castle - Expected Thirty Days.

OTTAWA. Nov. 26. - The second Canadian contingent will scarcely be home for Christmas, but may arrive

A telegram from the war office states that fifty officers and 1,000 men of the Canadian contingents will leave Cape Town for Canada direct on the steamer Roslin Castle about the 1st of December. The despatch refers to the second Canadian contingent, composed of Canadian Mounted Rifles and Canadian Artillery. The boats of the Castle line, to which the Roslin Castle belongs, are all first class ships and fast sailers, so that the homeward trip of the second contingent should be made within thirty days. The steamer will land her troops at Halifax.

Pte. L. B. Scott, of Strathcona's Horse, was accidentally killed at Portchefstoon on the 21st.

TUNNEL BOSTON HARBOR, Such a Plan is Projected to Assist Export Business.

BOSTON, Nov. 26 .- To carry out the hoped-for development of Boston's export trade it is necessary that extensive improvements of Boston harbor and terminal facilities be consummated. The harbor is being dredged and the railroad yards relocated and extended. It is now reported that in addition a tunnel may shortly built to connect the state docks in South Boston with those projected on the East Boston shore. Surveyors and engineers are busy on what appear to be preparations for this scheme. The tunnel, if built, will be constructed either by the railroads or the state. It would effect a great saving in time

CANADA'S EGG TRADE.

OTTAWA, Nov. 26.-In a report received by the department of agriculture from their agent at Bristol, who is looking into the condition in which Canadian products are landed in Great Britain, he says: "Consignment of eggs landed in very good shape, boxes in fine condition, and breakage of eggs very light. If covers could be fastened similar to those on butter boxes, it would save a certain amount of breakage of covers, as several are opened by the customs officers on landing, before being allowed to go forward. As the covers are now nailed on, they are badly broken in being removed for inspection, and it is difficult to replace same firmly for re-shipment."

CONSERVATIVE ELECTED.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 26.-The by-election in St. Boniface for the Manitoba finished showed good, solid work being legislature resulted in the return of done. The health average this term John Bernier, conservative, by 63 mahas been exceptionally high. A new jority. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Mr. Bertrand, libroom. There are 40 pianos in constant eral, to contest Provencher for the

a Battered Condition on Wallis Sound.

Crew Were Taken Off by a Passing Steamer or Drowned.

The Advance was a Schooner of 90 Tons and was Built at St. Martins

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Nov. 26.— The battered hulk of what was the St. John schooner Advance was washed ashore on Wallis Sands this afternoon with no signs of life aboard Whether her crew of four or five men have been taken off by a passing vessel, or have found a watery grave, can only be conjectured. There is a chance that they may have reached the Isles of Shoals, eight miles to the eastward off shore, as the schooner in her drift went very near that famous island cluster.

The schooner is a complete wreck her hatches stove in, her cabin washed away, and her mainmast hanging over the side, while her foremast, though standing, totters with every wave. The schooner was sighted at dawn this morning, both by the Jerry's Point

and the Wallis Sands Life Savers. The great surges were tossing her about, and the crew of the Wallis Sands station waited over six hours for her to strike the beach, with their boat in readiness to put off as soon church that Mr. Bryant is about to as she neared the shore. At 1 o'clock she fetched up within fifty yards of the station, but the sea was so heavy that that manner of reaching the wreck had to be abandoned.

A life line was then fired over he with the hope that it would catch in the rigging, but this also proved a failure.

As no one was seen on any part of the wreck, the life-savers waited until the tide went down and the sea somewhat subsided. Just before dark, they managed to

board her in their surf boat, but there was little to reward them for their efforts, for the schoner was beyond all hope of saving. After satisfying themselves that there was no one on board, the life-

as she will probably do before morn-The Advance sailed from St. John N. B. early in the month, bound for Boston with a cargo of alewives and

savers left the vessel to go to pieces,

She was last reported at Southwest Harbor, Mt. Desert, from which port she sailed last week. She was owned by J. B. Brown of St. John.

HAVELOCK.

HAVELOCK, N. B., Nov. 24 .- The mineral springs have closed for the winter. Mr. Handscom, who is in poor health, will spend a few days in Sydney; C. B., visiting his son William, who is in charge of the Sydney factory, after which he will go to Boston, where he will spend the winter. The cheese factory at Lower Ridge has closed. Nineteen hundred tons constituted the season's work. The factory at Havelock is closing up for the season. About forty tons of cheese were manufactured this season.

The ladies connected with the Have lock public half sewing circle purpose holding a sale and supper on Saturday evening, Dec. 22nd, in aid of the hall fund.

Delbert Keith, son of P. F. Keith, lately returned from Boston, is very ill No hopes are entertained for his re Miss Annie Taylor, principal o

Havelock superior school, has resigned Miss Winnie Keith of the intermediate department, and Miss Minnie Price of the primary department, have been re engaged for the year. Mr. and Mrs Jason Keith will leave on Tuesday for Boston, where they will reside in future. Jack Price will leave for Missouri next week. S. C. Alward has accepted the office of accident reporter for the I. C. R. He will reside at Moneton.

THE BULLY OF THE REGIMENT. (London Good Words.)

A sergeant of a well known Highland regiment was notorious for his cruel, over-bearing, bullying manner towards those of his company below him. Many a poor fellow had come to grief at his hands. Good conduct badges, lance and round speedily.

FIRE AT MARYSVILLE the course of lectures by Prof. Vincent on musical aesthetics and pedagogy, which are given free. The director re-

to desperation, until they would turn on him, and sometimes strike him, then they were marched off prisoners.

But a day of reckoning was near at hand. About half a dozen soldlers encountered two chimney-sweeps in a public house. The soldiers promised them a handsome reward if they would give their tormentor a thrashing. Those knights of the broom met our hero in the same bar a few evenings after the above incident. They slapped him in the face with their caps until he was blinded with dust. From his immaculate spots to the top of his head he was covered over with soot. With two black eyes and bleeding lips he re-sembled a Zulu more than a Highland soldier. With hasty strides he made for soldier. With hasty strides he made for the barracks, only to be made a pris-oner for being drunk and fighting, tried by a district court martial, reduced to corporal, and, to the bargain, had to pay for his clothing. In each room that night there was a jolification, "He deserved it!" was all the cry. "Served him right."

HOME FROM THE WAR.

Eight Invalided Soldiers Arrive at Halifax Yesterday from Liverpool.

List of the Men - Granted an Indulgen Pass and Assisted by the Herald's Patriotic Fund.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 26 .- Eight invalided South African soldiers arrived today on the Allan liner Corinthian from Liverpool. They will leave for their homes tomorrow afternoon by the Intercolonial railway. One of the men, Trooper A. Williams of Roberts' Horse, is an American citizen belonging to Grand Rapids, Mich. He enlisted in South Africa, Roberts' Horse being a Natal force. The rules of the service are that he should be discharged at the point of enlistment, but he was desirous of getting to America, and he received an "indulgent pass," which is a pass that the authorities are not compelled to issue, but is given as a favor. This pass brought Williams to Halifax. Today he was landed here without money, and the authorities had no power to secure for him railway transportation. He was therefore stranded. The Halifax Herald patrictic fund for Nova Scotia soldiers gave him a cheque for twenty dollars, and Col. Irving, D. O. C., is doing what he can to secure for him a railway pass. The other men who returned are: Sergt.-Major Borland, C Company, R. C. R., Toronto, Ont.; Corp. Ray Sloane, H Company, R. C. R., Halifax; Pte. R. Cunnington, D Company, R. C. R., Belleville; Pte. A. Large, D Company, R. C. R., Quebec; Pte. M. L. Jones, B Company, R. C. R., London; Trooper H. Hiam, C. M. R., Montreal. Africa, Roberts' Horse being a Natal force.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 26.—The conservatives have gained one already out of the five vacancies in the local legislature caused by the resignations of members running in the federal elections. Two seats were vacated in Cape Breton county, two in Pictou and one in Halifax. In Pictou J. D. McGregor and E. M. MacDonald were defeated by Sir Hibbert Tupper and A. C. Bell. A liberal convention then nominated them for the local house. A despatch from Pictou says an understanding was effected today by which the two political parties agree to let one man from each party be elected by acclaration. It is probable that C. E. Tanner will be the conservative member and E. M. MacDonald the liberal.

TROUBLE IN JUBALAND.

ZANZIBAR, Nov. 26 .- The Somalis have risen in Jubaland, and province of British East Africa. About 4,000 well armed men are on the warpath. Sub-commissioner Jenner, who has been on a tour inland, with a small force, is said to have been attacked. It is doubtful whether he will be able to return safely to the seaport Kismayn. Reinforcements from Mombassa have been sent to Kismayn.

EN ROUTE TO ENGLAND.

MONTREAL, Nov. 26.—The Star's special cable from London says: Major Macdougall, regimental adjutant of the second special service battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, left South Africa for England on the steamship Dunnolar Castle on Nov. 21. Pte. L. B. Scott of Strathcona Horse was accidentally shot dead at Mazara on Nov. 21. He belonged to Regina.

HON, S. H. BLAKE INJURED.

TORONTO, Nov. 26 .- Hon. S. H. Blake, while coming from a meeting of the ministerial association at the Y. M. C. A., this morning slipped and fell down two flights of stairs, severely spraining his wrist and sustaining internal injuries. He was removed to his home in a cab. Mr. Blake's fine constitution will probably bring him



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