

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 burghers of the "Buffs" (Third Infantry), southwest of Balmoral, Nov. 19, the Boers lost 60 men killed and wounded.

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.

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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. Wuehlfen's expedition has hoisted the German flag over the Great Wall, which was reached Nov. 22 by way of Hey Lang Cheng, after a difficult mountain march.

The despatch adds that the French have had a severe fight with Boxers thirty kilometers south of Pao Ting Fu.

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.

There is reason to believe 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.

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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 laid to the fire, which now had such headway that all efforts to save the grist mill were soon abandoned.

An attempt to prevent the flames from extending to the saw mill, only a few feet away, were equally futile, and in half an hour both buildings were a roaring mass of flames.

The delay in the presentation of the joint note is due to postponements by the home government.

SEANGHAI, Nov. 26.-Native Christians from Fui Cheng Hsin, in Hai river, report that they saw 400 boats taking supplies for the court at Sian Fu, and that the man-of-war have chartered every available boat for that purpose.

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

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FIRE AT MARYSVILLE

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 of the Fire - Loss Fully Twenty-five Thousand.

FREDERICTON, Nov. 26.-The only fire of any magnitude that has ever occurred at the town of Marysville broke out at half-past six o'clock this morning.

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In the art department are several pupils who have come exclusively for studio work.

The attendance in the harmony class is large. Dr. Archibald is working up two orchestras, one of the young men only. The other, in which the young ladies take part, will have violin, cello, flute, cornet and a number of violins.

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ST. JOHN SCHOONER

Washed Ashore Monday in a Battered Condition on Wallis Sound.

Not Known Whether Captain or Crew Were Taken Off by a Passing Steamer or Drowned.

The Advance was a Schooner of 90 Tons and was Built at St. Martins in 1888.

PORTSMOUTH, N. B., Nov. 26.-The battered hull of what was the St. John schooner Advance was washed ashore on Wallis Sound 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 of shore, as the schooner in her drift went very near that famous island cluster.

The schooner is a complete wreck, her masts and rigging 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 surge was 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 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 her 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 schooner was beyond all hope of saving.

After satisfying themselves that there was no one on board, the life-savers returned to their station, as she was probably do before morning.

The Advance sailed from St. John, N. B. early in the month, bound for Boston with a cargo of alewives and sardines.

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. Handcom, 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 Havelock public hall 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 recovery.

Miss Annie Taylor, principal of Havelock superior school, has resigned. Miss Winnie Keith of the intermediate department, and Miss Minnie Price of the primary department, have been re-elected 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 Misssour next week. S. C. Alward has accepted the office of accident reporter for the I. C. R. He will reside at Moncton.

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

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 legislature resulted in the return of John Bernier, conservative, by 62 majority. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Mr. Bertrand, liberal, to contest Provencher for the commons.

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