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ONE SHILLING PER QUARTER ON FOREIGN WHEAT

Would Not Affect Breadstuffs at Home, Says an Englishman.

GRAIN FIELDS OF CANADA

Might Have That Much of a Preference and Not Increase the Price of Bread.

ENGLAND IS RIPE FOR A CHANGE

And a United Demand From the Colonies Would Influence Mr. Chamberlain.

Montreal, March 10.—(Special.)—"Duty of one shilling a quarter on foreign wheat, to the advantage of Canada's great Northwest grain fields ,would have no effect upon the price of breadstuffs at home, for it takes a rise of four shillings per quarter on the Corn Exchange to create an increase of one farthing in the price of a four-pound loaf."

This interesting statement was made yesterday by Mr. John Nowles, ex-M.P. for Haggerston, one of the London divisions, in the British House of Commons. He was asked if the cry of increased breadstuffs would not kill the preferential tariff movement, and his reply is given above.

Mr. Nowles has visited all the manufacturing centres of England, and he says the feeling is ripe for a change. He adds that all Mr. Chamberlain wants is a united demand from the great self-governing colonies of the Empire, and he also adds that it might be well to wait a little, and the plea for a preferential tariff within the Empire will be strengthened by the powerful voice of a united South Africa, from Zambesi to the Cape.

Mr. Nowles, who goes to Ottawa to-morrow, says he believes in the commercial form of Imperial Federation, but that he heard with surprise a French-Canadian Liberal Senator say that their party was ready to send representatives to Westminster and assume all the responsibility which this would entail.

IS HE A VICTIM OF FORGERY?

Montreal Physician Arrested on a Charge of Malpractice, But Denies He is the Man.

Montreal, March 10.—(Special.)—Dr. C. C. Brymer of Point St. Charles, and John Stone, formerly a waiter at the Windsor Hotel, were charged yesterday at Howick, Que., by a coroner's jury with malpractice, causing the death of Miss Christy Hadley, a servant at Mrs. Wilson's, Chabolleesquare, Montreal. The girl died on Feb. 14, and the certificate of death was signed by C. C. Brymer. Last week the body was exhumed, and, after hearing Dr. Wyatt Johnston of this city, the verdict was returned as given above.

Dr. Brymer was arrested last evening, but it was found that Stone had left the city shortly after Miss Hadley's death. The accused denied all knowledge of the affair, and it may be that he is the victim of some other man, as both Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Tees, the undertaker, say that Brymer is not the man who attended the unfortunate woman. Miss Hadley's father also saw the man who alleged that he was Dr. C. C. Brymer, and if he fails to identify the accused, no doubt he will be discharged. He will appear before Choquette to-morrow morning.

SERIOUS BLAZE AT PETERBORO.

The Examiner Newspaper Office, Owned by Hon. J. R. Stratton, Destroyed.

Peterboro, March 9.—At about 4 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the pressroom of The Examiner printing office, George-street, and, in less than two hours the establishment was completely gutted.

The fire was noticed by Night Watchman Finnie, and had then attained considerable headway. It spread quickly to the job office on the second floor, and to the bindery and news-room on the third flat. The entire plant is destroyed, as well as the files, etc., for years back. The loss to The Examiner's plant is estimated at $30,000, with about $16,000 insurance. The building is owned by the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company. The bookstore of Mr. A. H. Stratton, which adjoins The Examiner office, was also badly injured.

The cause of the fire is a complete mystery. The Examiner is to-day issuing the paper from The Review office, which has been kindly placed at their disposal. The insurance companies interested are the Hand-in-Hand, the Western and London Mutual. The Examiner is owned by Hon. J. R. Stratton.

MOROCCAN TRIBES REVOLT

And France Has a Little More Trouble on Hand.

Tlemcen, Algeria, March 10.—The Moroccan tribes in proximity to French territory are in full revolt and reinforcements have been sent forward.

10,000 Telephones Knocked Out.

Detroit, March 10.—Over 10,000 telephones were rendered useless to-day by the rain, which fell and froze during the entire morning. The 30-mile-an-hour wind which accompanied the rain raised havoc with the wires,weighed down as they were by snow. Officials of the Michigan Telephone Company to-night estimated their total loss in the state at $20,000. Street car service was greatly impaired during the morning by the ice. The storm was general thruout the southern part of the state, wires suffering everywhere.

The Real King Edward.

An injunction against the new hotel authorities will probably be issued restraining them from naming the new hotel the "King Edward." The name has already been bestowed by royal approval upon the new tie that is now making its prettiest bow to the community in Quinn's window, 93 Yonge-street. With such popular prices, 25 and 35 cents, these ties have sprung into prominence in a day.

Turkish Baths at Pember's, 75c.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents. E. W. Grove's signature is on each bottle. 135

KITCHENER'S [illegible] A CONFERENCE WILL BE HAMPERED BY DEWET

Transvaal Commander Would Surrender, But the Orange River Colony Burghers Would Not Follow—British Army Reform Scheme Much Talked About—Meddlers Meet in Paris.

New York, March 10.—The Sun's special correspondent cables as follows from London:

The interest in South Africa chiefly centres in the conference between Gen. Lord Kitchener and Gen. Louis Botha, the Boer commander-in-chief. There is a belief in well-informed quarters that if Botha can induce all the commandants to lay down their arms, including Dewet, the British will agree that no Boer prisoners shall be transported, that Cape Colony rebels who surrender will not be criminally prosecuted, and that help will be given to the Boers until they are fairly on their feet again.

The chief difficulty seems to be with Dewet. Unless he and all other commandants surrender the war will certainly continue. Gen. Kitchener is not likely to be satisfied with half measures, as many burghers who might come in on Gen. Botha's advice would certainly rejoin the famous Dewet or some other stern irreconcilable.

Meanwhile Gen. French and some other British commanders are meeting with considerable success, but not of such a nature as is likely to compel the end of fighting within a short time.

The Army Reform Scheme.

The Government's scheme of army reform is to-day's universal topic in Great Britain. Popular opinion does not pretend to judge its technical merits, but attention is concentrated on its scarcely veiled threat of conscription. The country is drifting so rapidly to this last recourse that few believe Secretary of War Brodrick's plan can be executed otherwise. Still, the idea is so repugnant to all classes of Englishmen that its application is sure to be delayed by the fact that it will inevitably destroy any Government which introduces it except under an emergency as serious as war.

Newspapers of nearly all shades of opinion, backed by such experts as Sir Charles Dilke, express the conviction that it will be impossible to raise the new levies without a great increase in pay, which the Government's plan does not contemplate. It is not surprising, therefore, that the independent press indulges in such comments as "Brodrick's declaration throws a shadow across the threshold of every home in England," and "to take away the liberty of the Boers we have sacrificed our own."

Judged purely from a military and reform point of view, it must be admitted that Mr. Brodrick's promises are much more practical and radical than were expected, especially his declaration in favor of insisting on the competency and efficiency of British officers.

The groanings of the public, which will be intensified when the budget is announced may be expected to become distinctly ominous if the reported peace negotiations collapse. The first effect will undoubtedly be a revolt of the Liberal Unionists in Parliament where Mr. Balfour's high handed dictation is producing serious unrest.

FORTY BOERS KILLED.

Mistook an Armored Train for a Horse Transport and Suffered.

New York, March 10.—The Sun's special correspondent at Cape Town sends his paper the following, dated March 8:

Col. Girouard visited Grahamstown today to inspect the entrenchments which are being thrown up for the defence of the colony.

Kritzinger's commando is in Murraysburg, in the Beaufort West district. The comamndo numbers about 1000 men, who have very little ammunition. Many of the Cape Dutch recruits are without rifles.

Another Boer commando is reported to be threatening Maraisburg, in the Cradock district.

It is reported that the bodies of forty Boers have bene found near Roodehoogte, as a result of an engagement with an armored train. It appears that a horse train left Roodehoogte and proceeded for some distance when the sentinels of the engine discerned some Boers in ambush. The horse train backed to a siding and the pilot notified the engine driver of an armored train who started forward at once.

The Boers evidently thought the armored train was the horse train returning, and allowed it to come within close range before opening fire. Then the armored train sent in hot fusilades on the Boers, who fled in great haste. Many of them threw away their rifles in their anxiety to escape.

Two Europeans died of the bubonic plague in the hospital to-day. There are now sixty-nine patients suffering with the disease in the various hospitals.

Meddlers Met in Paris.

Paris, March 9.—The first meeting of delegates from the European powers and the United States who were called to meet here for the purpose of urging a conclusion of the Boer war, was held to-day. It is the purpose of the delegates to draft an appeal to Great Britain urging that country to stop the war and grant autonomy to the two South African Republics. Senator Paulint presided at to-day's meeting.

TWO MILLIONS OF CAPITAL

New Companies Incorporated Under Provincial Statute Now Gazetted.

ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN A MINE.

Toronto Men Interested in the Peterboro Hydraulic Power Company.

These new companies are gazetted incorporated under Provincial statute: R. Stuart, T. E. Wells, H. P. Crowell, of Chicago, Ill.; Z. A. Lash, K.C., and Hon. Geo. A. Cox, Toronto; A. A. Cox, A. P. Pousette, K.C., and W. G. Morrow, Peterboro, and William Scott, Ottawa, the Peterboro Hydraulic Power Company, capital $50,000, head office Peterboro. The purpose of the company is to develop, utilize, lease or sell power by means of water or otherwise. The foregoing named are appointed a provisional Board of Directors.

The Lake Huron & Manitoba Milling Company, Goderich, capital $400,000.

The Central Milling Company of Peterboro, capital $40,000.

The Lincoln Electric Light & Power Company, St. Catharines, capital $400,000. The new company will amalgamate the St. Catharines Electric Light & Power Company and the William Cooke property, under the new corporate name. The charter gazetted empowers the new corporation to develop and deal in natural gas, as well as electricity.

The Paisley Pork Packing Company, Limited, capital $8000.

The Stratford Clothing Company, Limited, capital $40,000.

The Men's Outfitting Company, Limited, capital $50,000, Brockville.

The Co-Operative Milk Company, Limited, Toronto, capital $40,000. Provisional directorate, Moses Moyer, Archibald Fairgrieve and James McCullogh. The charter is for "a general dairy, provision and bakery business."

The London Tobacco Company, Limited, capital $50,000.

The Dominion Wrought Iron Wheel Company, Limited, Toronto, capital $20,000. Provisional directors, Samuel Henderson, J. E. Knox and T. H. Knox.

The Champion Gold Mining Company, Limited, capital $1,000,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares of $1 each; head office, Rat Portage.

J. H. Still Manufacturing Company, capital $99,000, Yarmouth Township, Elgin County.

The Formosa Oil Company, Limited, Formosa, capital $10,000.

The charters have been surrendered and are gazetted cancelled of the George Gillies Company, Limited, and the Swansea Forging Company, Limited.

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Flowers That Bloom in the Spring.
Violets, daffodils, tulips and all the dainty spring flowers. Prices so reasonable that all may enjoy some. Dunlop, 5 King west, and 445 Yonge-street. ed

Patents.—Fetherstonhaugh & Co., King-street West, Toronto, also Montreal, Ottawa and Washington.

A Red Hot Pipe Bargain.
Messrs. A. Clubb & Sons, 49 King-street West, have just received three dozen sterling mounted Briar Pipes, in cases, with amber mouthpieces, worth three dollars each. Manufacturers' samples. They will be sold to-day (Monday) at $1.50 each, so, if you want a genuine bargain, avail yourself of this opportunity.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, offices Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

KHAKI SUNDAY AT OTTAWA

The Constabulary Recruits and Strathconas Gave the Capital a Military Aspect.

COL. STEELE'S PLANS OUTLINED.

A Hint That He May Raise Another 1000 Men and Eventually Succeed Baden-Powell.

Ottawa, March 10.—(Special.)—This was a veritable khaki Sunday in the Capital. Most of the 800 recruits for the South African Constabulary were in town on leave, and on the arrival of the Strathconas in the afternoon, the streets were thickly sprinkled with men in uniform. Seventy-five of the Strathconas, under Major Belcher, constituted the contingent which came on here to remain a couple of days. Lieut.-Col. Steele is expected in Ottawa to-morrow. He will not go to South Africa with the 1000 men now being raised in Canada, but will recruit another 1000 shortly to for the constabulary division of the Pietersburg district.

It is quite within the probabilities that Lieut.-Col. Steele will succeed Baden-Powell in chief command of the entire South African Constabulary, and that before very long. There is talk here of Steele's being appointed to the command of a mounted infantry regiment which it is proposed to raise and maintain in the Northwest; but it is doubtful, even if made such an offer, that he would accept it. The action of the Government in passing Lieut.-Col. Steele over in the appointment of a commissioner of the Northwest Mounted Police, simply because he was on active service for the Empire when Col. Herchmer was deposed, makes it doubtful if he would care to live in Canada.

FELL TO STONE PAVEMENT.

Lindsay Boy of Ten Years in a Dying Condition.

Lindsay, March 9.—A frightful accident happened here this morning to the third son of Mr. A. B. Terry, confectioner. It appears the boy, 10 years of age, was with his brother on the roof of his father's store, a two-storey building, shovelling the fresh snow off, when, by some unknown means, he fell headlong to the stone pavement at his father's feet, who was at the time standing in the sidewalk. The lad fell 30 feet, and sustained a fracture of the skull and jaw, and both arms were broken. At the time of writing he is still alive, but little hope of recovery can be entertained.

A DRUNKARD'S SUICIDE.

Bad Record Closed Suddenly at Montreal by Means of a Revolver.

Montreal, March 10.—(Special.)—A terrible tragedy took place yesterday in the north end of the city. Crazed by drink and domestic infelicity, Louis Feuwe of 624 Park-avenue fatally shot himself shortly before 11 o'clock. A wife and brother lived in the same house, and were horrified at the suddenness of the tragedy. Louis had a record that was unpleasant. He was well known to the police as a ne'er-do-well, a drunkard and, it is said, as a law breaker. He was only about 24 years of age and married but a short time.

Turkish Baths at Pember's, 75c.
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THE OLD, OLD STORY AGAIN TOLD OF THE ESCAPE OF GEN. DEWET

Has Got Away Northward With 400 Men and is Supposed Now to Be Near Kroonstadt—Only a Few Bands of Boers Now in Cape Colony.

London, March 11.—The Times publishes the following despatch from Aasvogelkop March 9: "Gen. Dewet has escaped northward by a forced march, with 400 men. His objective is believed to be the vicinity of Kroonstadt.

"Four other Boer leaders are still in the southeastern part of the Orange River Colony.

"Now that Gen. Dewet is back in his own country, it will be almost impossible to operate against him. Just as soon as he is pressed, his commando dissolves, to meet again a few days later. Only a few bands of Boers are now left in Cape Colony.

WAR OFFICE SILENT.

But the Six Days' Negotiations Are Confirmed.

London, March 10.—Advices from two great South African financial houses confirm the press intelligence that Lord Kitchener and Gen. Botha have been in negotiation for six days. Peace, or at least, a long step towards the end of the war, is looked for next week.

The War Office last night declined to contribute to these great expectations,which include, according to some, the making of a formal submission by Botha on Monday, when his force will surrender to French.

Among the versions as to what is going on, there is one, with some official countenance, that the Government is offering Botha far more liberal terms than the Parliamentary declarations have given any idea of.

The only thing limiting these cheerful speculations is the fact that Delarey, Dewet and Steyn, regardless of what happens on Gun Hill, will continue to wage guerilla warfare.

What Leyds Says.

Paris, March 9.—Dr. Leyds, the Boer diplomatic agent in Europe, says in an interview that the Boers would be willing to consider terms of peace if addressed to them as free citizens, provided the terms proposed would permit them to live in the enjoyment of independence, under the protection of Great Britain. He admits that the Boers have been disappointed in the conduct of the Afrikanders of Cape Colony who have not given Dewet the assistance that was expected from them in his invasion of British territory, and Dr. Leyds leaves it to be inferred that the Afrikanders' attitude deprived the Boers of their last great hope of success, leaving them without any prospect of victory, and opening the way for the peace negotiations.

"But," he added, "South Africa will never be permanently British."

One Pro-Boer Yankee in Trouble.

London, March 11.—A despatch to The Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marquez says that a Mr. Martinsen, who resigned a post in the United States army to join the Boer forces, was shipped for Lisbon Sunday on the Portuguese transport Zaire, which carried 103 Boer families, after he had made an ineffectual attempt to obtain consular protection.

No Further News.

London, March 11.—No further news has been received concerning the negotiations between Lord Kitchener and Gen. Botha. The Daily Express says it hears that Lord Kitchener declared the surrender must be unconditional, while the question of the future treatment of the Boers was referred to London. It is asserted that Mr. Kruger, thru Dr. Leyds, has sent a long telegram to Mr. Schalk-Burger, Acting-President of the South African Republic, asking for details regarding the negotiations.

Boers for Lisbon.

Lorenzo Marquez, March 9.—The Portuguese transport Zaire sailed for Lisbon today, having on board 103 Boer families, including those of ex-Auditor-General Maris and Commandant De Kook.

STORMS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST CAUSE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

Wills Point in Texas Badly Shattered and Four Persons Killed—Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Indiana and Kentucky Were All Visited With Disastrous Results.

Wills Point, Texas, March 9. -- At 11 o'clock this morning a cyclone passed thru the west side of this town, demolishing everything in its track. Four people are dead and about twenty injured. Fourteen dwelling houses are entirely ruined, and a number of others are badly wrecked. The Public school building is a total loss. The cotton oil mill is damaged and the largest gin plant is in splinters. The wires were blown off the poles and fences levelled, and a freight car is off the track. The dead are:

Maggie Clouse, infant daughter of Rev. J. H. Clouse.

Leon, 3-year-old son of J. H. Williams.

Child of John White.

Charles Powers, painter, drowned.

Several of the injured are expected to die.

TORNADO IN INDIANA.

A Lot of Buildings Were Wrecked. But No Lives Lost.

Princeton, Ind., March 10.—This city was struck by a tornado last night. One dwelling was wrecked, several others were moved from their foundations and hundreds of outbuildings were demolished. No lives were lost. The Court House and the High School buildings were much damaged. Hundreds of windows were broken.

TERRIFIC STORM IN KENTUCKY.

Twenty Negro Cabins Demolished and Heavy Damage Otherwise.

Fulton, Ky., March 10.—In the terrific storm that swept this section last night, the damage was greatest at Clinton and Hickman. At Clinton 20 negro cabins were demolished, two negroes being mortally hurt and many others badly bruised. Part of Marvin College was unroofed and the waterworks plant was destroyed. Eight freight cars on the Illinois Central switch at the depot at Clinton were blown from the track. The Baptist Church at Hickman was destroyed by wind. A large number of tenant houses and barns were blown down in Fulton and Hickman Counties, and the loss of property is large.

One Boy Was Killed.

Little Rock, Ark., March 10.—A heavy rain, wind and thunder storm swept over Arkansas yesterday. At Conway 15 business houses were unroofed, three others were blown down and many stores flooded. Reports from Pine Prairie say that a tornado struck there, wrecking everything in its path. A boy named Turner was killed.

Trains Stuck in Kansas.

Kansas City, Mo.,March 10.—Last night's snowstorm was one of the severest known in Western Missouri and Northern Kansas. While the fall was not heavy, it drifted badly. The Missouri Pacific had a passenger train stuck in a drift for six hours near Jamestown, Kan. There are bad drifts on a number of Missouri Pacific branches.

Two engines were run on all trains today. The sleet caused more or less interruption of telegraphic and telephonic communication.

CHICAGO SUFFERED MUCH.

Property Damaged to the Extent of $175,000 in Windy City.

Chicago, March 10.—One of the worst wind storms of the season struck Chicago early to-day and, during the two hours that it was at its height, damaged property thruout the city to the extent of $175,000. Many heavy plate glass windows were blown in. Telegraph and telephone companies were the worst sufferers, and it will be some time before order can be restored. Thousands of poles were blown down and Chicago was practically isolated from the West and Northwest by telephone and telegraph to-night and all day to-day.

The long-distance telephone service was crippled so badly that it was of little value. Up to a late hour to-night neither Milwaukee nor Minneapolis could be reached by long-distance telephone. The storm is believed to be most severe in southern Wisconsin. Along the short stretch of the Milwaukee Road in southern Wisconsin 500 telegraph poles are down.

Reports from many points in Indiana and Kentucky also indicate heavy damage from the storm. The Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies suffered severely by fallen poles. It was estimated that there were not fewer than 5000 poles in the city thrown down by the fury of the wind and storm. Service almost as far west as Omaha was stopped until late this evening.

Trains entering Chicago were delayed all the way from 10 minutes to one hour. The Burlington and the Milwaukee and St. Paul companies were the worst sufferers in this respect. All the roads suffered damage to their tracks and switch yards.

At the life-saving station at the mouth of the Chicago River it was considered the worst gale which has struck Chicago harbor since 1894. The water, lashed into fury, came up to the life-saving station and flooded the floor for the first time in 12 years. Most of the shipping was protected in winter quarters, so that the damage done to it was slight.

SUNDAY BLAZE IN BRAMPTON.

John Foster, Grocer, Burned Out—Kilpatrick Brothers Suffered Considerable Damage.

Brampton, Ont., March 10.—This morning about 6 o'clock fire broke out in the semi-detached wooden structure occupied by John Foster, grocer, and Kilpatrick Bros., butchers. The fire is supposed to have started from the stove in Mr. Foster's store, and spread very quickly. The firemen made a quick response to the alarm, however, and in half an hour, by extraordinary efforts, had the flames under control. The second storey of the building was used by Mr. Foster as a dwelling. It happened that his wife and child were from home, but he himself had a narrow escape, having had to jump from the window.

Mr. Foster's stock and furniture are a total loss, and will amount to about $1000; insurance $500. Kilpatrick Bros.' stock was saved.

E.R.Case, patents procured, Temple Bldg

10c Manuel Garcia for 5c Alive Bollard

PULP MILLS DESTROYED.

Canada Paper Co. and Fraserville Dynamo House at Riviere Du Loup Burned.

Riviere du Loup, Que., March 10.—At 5 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the Canada Paper Company's mills here, totally destroying the mill and the Fraserville Company's dynamo house. Loss partly covered by insurance.

Valuable Pictures—Mr. C. J. Way, R.C.A., who has achieved European renown and made himself one of the foremost of Canadian Landscape Painters, has commissioned Messrs. C. J. Town send & Co. to arrange for sale his valuable collection of water colors painted in Switzerland, Italy, Sicily, Capri, England, Wales, the Rockies and the St. Lawrence, on Thursday, 21st March. This will be the most important sale held for years. On view March 18th. ed7

Mrs. Wilson Dead.

Attwood, Ont., March 9.—Mrs. W. H. Wilson, widow of the late W. H. Wilson, who was killed March 1 by snow plow special on the G.T.R., near Attwood, died at 5 o'clock this morning.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W.

LI HUNG CHANG AGAIN VERY ILL; HIS LIFE HANGING BY A THREAD

Imperial Personages Said to Be Uncomfortable at Sian Fu—General Von Waldersee Reports Capture of Four Guns—Prince Tuan and Tung Fu Hsiang in Warlike Mood.

Pekin, March 10.—Li Hung Chang is again seriously ill, and his physician says his life hangs by a thread.

Prince Ching and Earl Li seem to think that by spreading rumors of the court's unwillingness to return to Pekin, unless this or that thing is done, they can influence the deliberations of the Ministers of the powers. As a matter of fact, according to reliable reports from Sian Fu, the Imperial personages are extremely uncomfortable at Sian Fu, where they live in the house of the Governor, which is only a small structure. French missionaries, who have just returned here from Sian Fu, believe the Empress Dowager would bring the court back to Pekin on the first offer of the allies, having as a basis the removal of the troops, except the legation guards. The foreign envoys will not hold a general meeting until Tuesday, owing to the absence of M. Pichon, French Ambassador, at Pao Ting Fu.

The United States Signal Corps will be ready to leave in a week, according to instructions. No transport has been announced, however.

GERMANS STORMED A GATE.

Col. Ledebur's Column Captured Four Guns on Friday.

Berlin, March 10.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Count Von Waldersee:

"Pekin, March 10.—Col. Ledebur's column stormed a gate of the Great Wall, 80 miles west of Pao Ting Fu Friday, March 8, capturing four guns."

AN OMINOUS MOVEMENT.

Japan's Best Battleship Ordered in Haste to Yokohama.

London, March 10.—"The Japanese battleship Hatsuse, just completed in England, has been ordered to proceed hither with all possible speed," says the Yokohama correspondent of The Daily Mail. Other orders given to the Japanese navy indicate the seriousness with which the Japanese Government views the situation in the far east. "Well-informed Japanese regard Russia's act in Manchuria as a gigantic bluff, inspired by the notion that England's hands are tied in South Africa, but, as Germany is only half-hearted in the maintenance of Chinese integrity, a coalition with Japan is improbable, and Japan is too much embarrassed in her finances to do more than to protest and to endeavor to secure compensating advantages in Korea."

TUNG FU HSIANG AND TUAN.

With 30,000 Men Preparing to Resist Arrest.

Shanghai, March 10.—Despatches from Lanchau assert that General Tung Fu Hsiang, with 20,000 men, and Prince Tuan, with 10,000 men, are at Ning Hsu, prepared to resist arrest. The China Gazette announces that Sheng, the Taotai, has memorialized the Throne in favor of the abolition of the Likin duties, and that all the Viceroys and Governors support him.

THE SITUATION IS GLOOMY.

So Says a Correspondent of The London Morning Post.

London, March 11.—"It is not likely that the powers will oppose the schemes of Russia," says the Pekin correspondent of The Morning Post, wiring Saturday. "The situation is regarded as very gloomy. Even the Chinese plenipotentiaries declare openly that intervention by the powers is not desirable unless they are prepared to back up their protests.

"There are reports from Province of Shan Si that the Chinese are constructing extensive fortifications and mobilizing large bodies of troops to resist an advance of the allies.

"General Chaffee refuses to allow the decapitation of several notorious 'boxer' chiefs, guilty of murder, whom a Chinese judge has condemned. The Americans are the only foreigners who have carried out no executions in Pekin."

American Officer Dead.

Pekin, March 10.—Gloom has been cast over the entire American command by the death of Captain Richard B. Paddock of the 6th U.S. Cavalry, who died at Tien Tsin yesterday of pneumonia. The funeral services will be held to-morrow.

The Bargain is Made.

London, March 11.—"Chinese signature of the Manchurian convention is practically assured," says the St. Petersburg correspondent of The Daily Mail, "because Russia last August sent to the Empress Dowager 7500 poods of bar silver."

STRATHCONAS IN MONTREAL

Reached the Metropolis Sunday Morning and Met With a Fine Reception.

A $20,000 CHEQUE FOR COL. STEELE.

The Gallant Colonel Goes Back to Africa as Second in Command to Gen. Baden-Powell.

Montreal, March 10.—(Special.)—Col. Steele and his gallant Strathconas arrived here this morning at 9 o'clock, there being 300 all told. On the way up the corps was temporarily disbanded, or rather relieved from duty for two months. The boys got a fine reception, and most of them proceeded west.

It is stated here that Lord Strathcona presented Col. Steele with a cheque for $20,000, while in London, as the Canadian High Commissioner is greatly pleased at the colonel's record at the front.

Col. Steele will return to South Africa as second in command under Major-General Baden-Powell.

The Montreal contingent, numbering 44 men, left at noon to-day for Halifax, by the Maritime Express.

"Ben" Was Thru the War.

Peterboro Review: Among the pets owned by the returning Strathcona Horse is one of the most forbidding bulldogs that have ever shown teeth. The dog is "Peterboro Ben," presented to the Strathconas upon their departure for Africa, by Mr. R. S. Davidson of this town. "Ben" was quite young when he left Canada's shores, but is now quite mature, and would be a formidable proposition for anybody to tackle who wished to preserve his anatomical wholeness.

Sergt. Lee Nearing Home.

Troop-Sergt. Harry A. Lee of the Strathcona Horse, son of Thomas H. Lee of 93 Gloucester-street, Toronto, will arrive home at 7 o'clock this morning.

WILL BUY CANADIAN HORSES.

War Office Will Send a Man to This Country to Purchase Animals for Africa.

Montreal, March 10.—(Special.)—Mr. G. M. Bosworth, freight traffic manager of the C.P.R., has received cable advices from London to the effect that Lord Strathcona has completed arrangements with the Imperial Government to send to Canada an officer of the War Office, to purchase horses for South Africa. The number required is from 1500 to 2000.

If you drink Scotch whiskey, drink the very best. It is called "Clan Mackenzie" and is sold by all dealers. d7

Firearms Burned.

Rome, March 10.—About 150,000 firearms, ancient and modern, are now being destroyed in a furnace specially constructed at the Vatican grounds.

The bronze and copper fittings are melted down, while the steel swords and halberds are broken and sold as old iron.

The only arms still retained for use at the Vatican are those of the Palatine Guards. Thus the Pope signalizes his abandonment of all projects for regaining temporal power by force.

M. Matthews' New Pictures, this week only, at 95 Yonge Street.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Board of Trade Council meets, 4 p.m.

R. T. of T. Benefit Concert, Victoria Hall, 8 p.m.

Retail Merchants' Association Social Reunion, St. George's Hall 8 p.m.

Grand Opera House, Bostonians, 8 p.m.

Toronto Opera House, "Lost River," 8 p.m.

Princess Theatre, "Brand of Cain," 8 p.m.

Shea's Theatre, Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

MR. ANDREWS IS IN EARNEST

Ex-Mayor of Winnipeg is Out Again in Denunciation of the Roblin Bargain.

WOULD EVEN RETURN TO POLITICS

If by So Doing He Could Prevent the Deal From Being Concluded.

Winnipeg, March 10. — (Special.) — Ex-Mayor Andrews is out again strongly against the railway deal. He says: "The bill confirming the contract with the Canadian Northern leaves the door wide open for the Government to make any kind of a deal it may wish with Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann. They have already shown what kind of a deal they think a good one, by the contracts they have made. The Legislature have no right to delegate their powers to this extent in a matter of such vital importance to the province."

"Do you think the Legislature will sanction the contracts?"

To this question Mr. Andrews replied: "If Mr. Roblin desires to test public opinion, let him induce one of the popular city members to resign at once and offer himself again for re-election with these contracts as a sole issue, and if no better candidate be found in the interests of the province I am willing to run against him. Recent events have shown that I am not at present anxious for political honors, but I believe the situation to be so critical that if it were necessary I would be prepared to consider the interests of the province and not my own."

Other Winnipeg News.

Notice for leave to appeal the liquor case to the Privy Council will be argued before the full court in May. Mr. Mackenzie, James Fisher, D. B. Hanna and Robert Rogers are in St. Paul in connection with the Canadian Northern-Northern Pacific Railway deal.

Albert Mitchell, Rat Portage, died suddenly from heart failure.

Countess Schlieben Acquitted.

Berlin, March 10.—The trial of Countess Von Schlieben, accused of having set fire to her own villa in order to obtain the insurance money, was begun Friday in Berlin and ended at 2.30 this morning, in a verdict of acquittal. The Countess was immediately liberated.

Unknown Man Killed.

Watertown, N.Y., March 10.—An unknown man, evidently of Irish descent and about 50 years of age, supposed to be a paper maker, fell from a railroad bridge this afternoon and was killed.

Monuments.
Finest work and best designs at lowest prices. The McIntosh Granite and Marble Company, 1119 and 1121 Yonge-street, Toronto (terminal Yonge-street car route). 146

Cook's Turkish & steam baths, 204 King w ,cures colds, coughs and rheumatism

BIRTHS.

BYRIE—On Sunday morning, March 10, 1901, at 164 Isabella-street, the wife of Harry Byrie of a son.

DEATHS.

McEACHREN—At 249 Bathurst-street, on March 9th, 1901, Louisa, wife of Neil Mc Eachren.

Funeral Monday, private.

GOODCHILD—Charles H. Goodchild, in his 42nd year, son of the late Charles Goodchild, butcher.

Funeral from his late residence on Christie-street, above C.P.R. crossing, on Monday, March 11, at 3 p.m., to Prospect Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

SEYLER—At 204 Cowan-avenue, March 9, Mittie, wife of W. H. Seyler and third daughter of Hon. S. Merner, Berlin.

Funeral notice later.

INDIA'S DEFENCE AGAINST RUSSIA MADE MORE FIRM

Lord Curzon Wisely Reverses the Old Provocative Forward Policy.

HEEDS MISTAKES MADE

And Establishes a Great Military Frontier for Northwestern India.

NATIVE ARMY IS THUS RELIEVED.

Good Results Bound to Flow From Conciliation, Which Lessens Tax Burdens.

New York, March 10.—The Sun's military expert says: The establishment of a great military frontier for Northwestern India, by the incorporation of the mountainous districts lying north of Baluchistan between the Indus and the Afghan frontier in one province under the direct control of the Central Government of India is a political as well as military measure and has arisen out of Lord Curzon's recognition of the mistakes of his predecessors that led up to the Tirah campaign of 1897.

The new military province covers the northwest frontier and constitutes the first line of the defence of India against a possible invasion by a Russian army. The flanking defences are Kashmir in the north, which is practically a British province, and Baluchistan in the south with the now formidable fortress of Quettah.

This act of Lord Curzon is a reversal of the old provocative forward policy, which kept the Amir of Afghanistan in a state of perpetual alarm as to the intentions of his powerful neighbor, and made the frontier tribes permanently hostile to the Government of India. The new policy has also important military advantages, as the defence of, and maintenance of order in, the frontier territory being confided to its own people, the Indian army is relieved of the strain imposed by having to hold numerous posts along an extended frontier.

A Russian invasion of India now thru Afghanistan, supposing it to be practicable, would have to encounter the opposition of the same tribes on which it might have counted as allies a few years ago. This substitution of conciliation for provocation in the relations with the frontier tribesmen will certainly be welcome to the Indian taxpayers, out of whose slender resources the cost of the forward policy had to be met.

DEAL ON AGAIN.

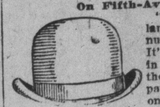
New Negotiations in Connection With Proposed Trans-Continental Line.

New York, March 10.—It is stated on reliable authority that the St. Paul deal is on again, tho not to the extravagant extent that was so popularly believed some time ago. It is declared, however, that Mr. Hill, on behalf of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific interests,and acting with the co-operation of J. P. Morgan, has made fresh advances to St. Paul officials. He is now prepared to concede all these officials demanded some weeks ago. This, it is said, was to assure to the St. Paul a 7 per cent. dividend guarantee for five years, and 8 per cent. thereafter, figures that, at the time, Mr. Hill considered too high. The change of front on the part of Mr. Hill is due to the projected extension of the St. Paul Railroad from Evarts, N.D., to Helena, Mont., 700 miles, and for the greater part of the distance paralleling the Northern Pacific.

FAMINE COSTS 1,100,000 LIVES.

Census of India's Worst Districts Shows Decrease in Population.

London, March 10.—A two-line despatch from India tells in a dozen words the terrible tragedy that has been wrought by famine. The census just completed in the worst districts shows a decrease in the population of more than 1,100,000.

On Fifth-Avenue.

"Just get your lamps on Fifth-avenue next Sunday. It's about the limit in hat styles, and the Dineen Company have got every one of them for Toronto." There is only one great hat in America, and that is the Dunlap, and Dineen is sole Canadian agent.

Unsettled Weather.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 10.—(8 p.m.)—A disturbance of importance, which developed in Texas on Saturday, is now centred over Michigan, a heavy gale prevails in the lake region, attended by snow, sleet and rain, and very unsettled conditions are indicated thruout Eastern Canada. In the Northwest the weather is fine and mild.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 36—46; Edmonton, 20—40; Toronto, 22—35; Ottawa, 12—28; Montreal