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GOOD WORK.

Kitchener Steadily Weakening the Boer Fighting Force.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—A long despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Johannesburg, Monday, January 27, gives details of the military operations since January 1. They are mostly of an unimportant but indicative character, and activity on the part of Boers. General Methuen's yeomanry got into trouble near Bletet, Western Transvaal, and lost eight men killed, five wounded and forty-one made prisoners. The prisoners have since been released. This was caused by General Bruce Hamilton's pursuit of the Boers in the vicinity of Ermelo, Transvaal colony, resulting in the disposal of a Boer laager at Nelspan. The Boer losses were two men killed, four wounded and ninety-four made prisoners, including Field Cornet Devillers, Captain De Jager and Lodwice De Jager, a former member of the first volunteer. In addition, Colonel Plumer captured fifty-five Boers.

Lord Kitchener reports that Field Cornet Bode's command quarrelled while discussing the question of surrender. Bode and three of his followers surrendered. The other encounters have already been reported. The week's Boer losses were 31 men killed, 20 wounded, 322 made prisoners and 53 men who surrendered.

PAID THE PENALTY.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 28.—Weston Keyser and Henry Rowe were hanged today in the presence of 1,000 persons. Rowe and Keyser for several years worked in and about the mines at Lykens, Pa. During the morning of March 13 last, they visited the Halifax National Bank of Halifax, this county, and with drawn revolvers demanded of Cashier Chas. W. Ryan the cash in the vault. They quickly gathered into a telescope satchel the loose money in the cash drawer, amounting to about \$5,000. While one of them was fastening the lid of the satchel he laid his revolver on the cashier's desk. Mr. Ryan seized the weapon and in a desperate struggle which ensued between the desperados and the cashier for possession of the revolver, the cashier was shot in the breast, dying several hours later.

K. OF P. ACQUIT HINSEY.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—A committee of five per cent. chancellors of interdomain lodge, Knights of Pythias, has unanimously voted to acquit John A. Hinsey of the charges brought against him. Mr. Hinsey is the former head of the insurance department of the Knights of Pythias. Charges of mismanagement and misappropriation of the funds were made against him at the meeting of the supreme lodge in Chicago last July. A few weeks ago he was tried on criminal charges brought against him before Judge Dunne and acquitted. The trial in the order, however, was of a different character. For twelve years Hinsey was the head of the endowment rank and resigned a year ago.

CUT IN TWO.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 28.—The big steamer Minnetonka, which was built at the local yards of the American Ship Building Co. for ocean trade, has been cut in two and is being put in shape for the trip to the coast. The work will be completed by the end of the week. In about six weeks the Minnewaska, the second of the steamers for the American Navigation Co., for ocean trade, will undergo similar alterations. The boats will be towed in sections down Lake Erie to Port Colborne and through the canals to Quebec.

RICH STRIKES.

SEATTLE, Wn., Jan. 28.—John F. Maloney, a lawyer of Juneau, who has arrived here from Alaska, reports that Mush Creek, to the interior from Porcupine, is rich. He says the diggings will yield \$25 to \$30 a day to the man. The creek is 12 miles long.

NIEHART, Mont., Jan. 28.—Two prospectors, Dave Lewellyn and W. H. Harmon, who are leasing the O'Brien mine, have struck what is believed to be a mine of pure silver. They have secured thirteen tons of the ore which is almost malleable. An averaged assay is 18,000 ounces, which gives a value to the ton of nearly \$8,000 in the white metal.

NO OVERTURES FOR PEACE.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—The government leader, A. J. Balfour, announced in the house of commons today that no overtures for peace had been received from any authorized source to speak in behalf of the Boers. A communication was, however, received late on Saturday last from the Dutch government which was now under consideration. Mr. Balfour hoped shortly to lay the communication and the reply to it before the house.

DUFFERIN WEAKER.

BELFAST, Jan. 28.—The Marquis of Dufferin was weaker this morning. Doctors are in constant attendance upon the sufferer at Clondeboye.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Eastern states and northern New York—Fair; continued cold tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight in central and northern portions, fresh northwest to northerly winds.

BECAUSE HE WAS QUARANTINED.

SEATTLE, Wn., Jan. 28.—J. J. Palmer of Toronto has sued a local steamship company for \$5,000 damages as a result of his being held on the ship in quarantine for twenty-one days.

Embarked Today For South Africa Followed By Many Good Wishes.

(Special to the Star.)

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 28.—"Farewell, God speed you and a glorious return home." This was the telegram received last evening by Col. Evans, dated Regina, and signed by the "Men of the West," and there were hundreds on the wharf at the dock yard who voiced the same sentiments, when the anchors were weighed on the steamer Victorian, and as she passed down the harbor and was lost to view as she shaped her course for Africa.

The big hotels were crowded. At the "Halifax" the officers were bidding good bye and having the last handshake with many of their friends. The telegraph operator was kept busy receiving and answering telegrams. Col. Evans received over a score of such messages, including a personal one from Lord Minto, wishing him a safe passage, a successful and triumphant home coming. The colonel also received a telegram from Major Maude, secretary of the governor general, wishing the "men of all ranks" good luck and every success. Others were received from officers and men who had served under Col. Evans in the first battalion of the C. M. R. "Wishing the boys a successful campaign against the enemy of the empire, and a safe return." Before the night had merged into morning the men gathered about the door and in the corridor of the hotel, and with hands crossed with those of their citizen friends sang "Auld Lang Syne."

Pickets were sent out to gather some of the boys in who had become too demonstrative on the streets.

The shifty equipped corps passed through the gate of the old camp ground for the last time and to the martial music of the band the armed men passed through the lines of spectators, many staid as they tramped. "There is only one girl in the world for me."

Larger crowds had gathered at the corners of Windsor street, many cheering, others waving handkerchiefs, others following the troops to the embarkation pier. The same demonstration scenes in days gone by when the "Riders of the plains," or the heroes of Pardsburg marched to the air of "Soldiers of the Queen," were re-enacted. The same wave of loyalty and patriotism swept down the line of march to the embarkation pier and was manifest when the troops called away. Again marching to the music of the band, they followed them along Windsor and North streets, cheered lustily as the men led approached the dock yard. It was excitement. It was the farewell of the boys and a rousing send-off they got. It was nine o'clock when the redoubtable armories marched to the pier. The men were soon in line, and after an inspection by Col. Worthington, they marched out the main door of the armories, headed by the Bugle band of the 63rd Regiment and the Pipe and Drum corps of the 56th. All were given a rousing send-off. The officers and members of the Halifax Bearers Company accompanied the South African medical corps to the dock yard.

THE FLYING MACHINE

Worked Smoothly at Today's Trial at Monte Carlo

MONTE CARLO, Jan. 28.—Santos Dumont made a trial ascent of his air ship today. Everything worked smoothly. The vessel readily answered her helm in the light breeze prevailing. After a tour of the harbor Santos Dumont steered his craft back to her shed, amidst the cheers of the assembled crowds.

FREDERICTON.

(Special to Star.)

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 28.—The supreme court sat only a short time this morning hearing three common motions. Chief justice announced that the rules of the court would be amended so hereafter the court would proceed with the motion paper on the docket after common motions are heard and adjourn to the following day as at present.

Fred. F. Dow, formerly of St. John, a well known inventor, who is at present making his home here, was married at Boston Thursday last to Miss Ella Hudson Root.

TODAY'S FUNERALS.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Adelia Smith, wife of Robert J. Smith, took place at half-past two o'clock this afternoon from her late residence, 33 Main street and was largely attended. Services were conducted at the house and grave by the Rev. George Steel and the Rev. Alex. White, and interment made in Cedar Hill cemetery. There were no pall-bearers.

The body of the late Michael Martin, who died on Saturday, in Malden, Mass., was brought to the city for interment by the noon train today. John Charles and Joseph Martin, sons of the deceased accompanied the remains. Mr. Martin was formerly a citizen of St. John, having resided for a number of years on the Strait Shore Road. He moved to Malden about ten years ago to join his son who had gone there some time before. The funeral took place from the I. C. R. depot today on arrival of the train, and interment was made in the Old Catholic burying ground.

A NEW BUILDING.

George McArthur is now completing a building on the corner of Canterbury and Queen streets, which will be one of the most up to date residences in the city. It is of brick and stone, with grey stone foundation, and will accommodate four families. The building fronts on Canterbury street, and has two entrances, each leading to two flats. The four portions of the building are laid off almost identically. In the front of each, the parlor and sitting room are connected by folding doors. A passageway leading from the main hall opens on the front to the parlor and sitting room and at the back to two bedrooms and the bath-room. The main hall runs from the front of the house to a large bright dining room and from there to the kitchen and servant's bedroom. The house is fitted with electric lights, hot water heating and thoroughly up-to-date plumbing, and will form an important addition to the number of first-class residences in the city.

WINDSOR, Eng., Jan. 28.—Queen Alexandra is again slightly indisposed, owing to a cold, which has caused a postponement of King Edward's return to London.

LT. GOV. SNOWBALL.

(Special to Star.)

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 28.—It is said that Sen. Snowball was sworn in lieutenant governor of New Brunswick at Ottawa today. He is expected here the first of next week and will take up his residence here during his term of office.

I. O. F. Companion Court Wygoody No. 473, meets this evening in Foresters' hall, Charlotte street.

A FOUL BLOT

On Humanity, Is Carnegie's Characterization of War.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The killing of men under the name of "war," wrote Andrew Carnegie in a letter which was read at the P. F. Cotter dinner at the Metropolitan club last night, "is the foulest blot upon humanity today. We see much disconsolation as to what is or what is not permissible under civilized warfare. My view is that this is a contradiction of terms. There can be no such thing as civilized warfare.

"We have made little progress in the path of genuine civilization as long as we can find no better substitute for the settling of international disputes than the brutal murder of one another. As a general proposition it may be stated that the nation which refuses peaceful arbitration is responsible for the war which ensues. Britain having done this in its dispute with the Transvaal republic, is responsible for the extermination of a brave and heroic Christian people.

"But let us also remember that we are today engaged in shooting down Christian Filipinos whose only crime is that they believe in the declaration of independence. Sad that both branches of the so-called high civilized race should be guilty of the most uncivilized crimes.

"Let us all pray that this disgrace is soon to pass away."

THE AFTERMATH.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The work of clearing away wreckage and repairing buildings damaged by yesterday's tunnel explosion was resumed at daylight today. Large forces of men were employed at the Murray Hill hotel and the Grand Union hotel, at the Grand Central station and at the Manhattan Eye and Ear hospital. It was expected that a week would be required to put the hospital in proper condition to make safe the return of the patients who were removed to other institutions yesterday. All of the hospitals to which injured persons were taken after the explosion reported that their patients were doing well. Many who had suffered mostly from shock were able to go to their homes today.

Mayor Low sent a letter to Alexander E. Orr, president of the Rapid Transit commission, today, requesting information regarding the storing of explosives in the Rapid Transit tunnel. The mayor wants to know especially the amount of dynamite on hand in each magazine along the route at the hour of yesterday's explosion.

CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Two speed skaters from Toronto, F. J. Reboon and L. C. Piper, have arrived here to take part in the American speed skating championship, which will be held at Verona Lake, near Montclair, N. J., next Friday and Saturday. Both men hold Canadian championships. Several more Canadian experts will be here before Thursday, including A. Plitke, W. Coldwell and Z. St. Marie of Montreal, G. Bellefeuille of Rat Portage, and James Boswell of Winnipeg.

These men expect that their hardest opponents will be the Verona Lake team, the "Terrible Swedes" and Wood, and the New York A. C. team, Saeger, Thomas, McDonald, Swan and Saroni. Another entry who is likely to hustle the boys from across the border is Bernard McPartland of Verplanks.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 27.—About 350 retail grocers from all parts of the country assembled here today at the fifth annual convention of the National Association of Retail Grocers.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—The chamber of deputies began the discussion today of a bill authorizing the completion of a number of projected waterways and canals involving the expenditure of over 600,000,000 francs. Deputy Clement supported this proposal on the ground that France must defend herself against American competition, which, after organizing the steel and other combinations, was now organizing one of navigation.

BAKER CITY, Ore., Jan. 28.—A messenger has arrived in Baker City, bringing with him a bottle of the first oil struck in the Malheur basin. The oil was obtained at a depth of 110 feet. The oil analyzes 78 per cent. paraffine.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Yale men are talking of sending their "varsity" eight to England this year, says a Journal and American special from New Haven, Conn. The negotiations with Harvard for a series of races and a trip to England are being talked up at Yale.

BLOOMFIELD, Mass., Jan. 28.—Seven firemen were caught under a falling wall in a fire which destroyed the frame business blocks early today. Two or three are seriously injured. Fire loss is about \$15,000.

BERLIN, Jan. 28.—The Prince of Wales left Berlin today on his way to St. Rollitz. Emperor William and Prince Henry of Prussia bade him farewell at the railroad station. There was much kissing between the royal cousins, but the public maintained an attitude of cool indifference.

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