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DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH RYMAL

A Veteran Follower of George Brown Has Passed Away at the Age of 80 Years. WAS ESTEEMED BY BOTH PARTIES. Memorial Service to the Late Corp. Anderson—Accident to Mr. Geo. Matthews—Other News.

Col. Tullock Enters a Town by Using Scaling Ladders and Routes its Defenders.

His Lieutenant Merits the V. C. Leading the Attack He Single-Handed Shot Down Five of the Enemy. 'Pekin, Dec. 15.—Col. Tullock has returned here. He reports having had an exciting experience. His detachment was fired upon eight times during the attack. He could not discover the assailants, as they used smokeless powder and modern guns. He camped for the night at a place called Kao Li Xing, 25 miles from here, meeting with slight opposition, but the Boers sent a detachment to attack the next day by Baxers from Deh Hal Xing, and sent for reinforcements.

THE LATE DISASTERS TO THE BRITISH ARMS

Continued From Page 1. signaller telegraphed that the Northumberland and the Boers were in contact. Gen. Clements reported that they would easily hold their own, and the remainder of his force on the main and rear of his two camps.

WHAT Henrik Steffens SAYS

The celebrated Norwegian philosopher 'Henrik Steffens,' defined diamonds as 'quartz raised to self-consciousness.' Or in plain everyday language, 'stones full of life.' There are degrees of life in diamonds just as in men. Life—'brimfulness of life' is the prime characteristic of our diamonds. Diamonds, known to the cutters as 'fish-eye' or 'blind' stones—that is, lifeless diamonds—are total strangers to us. A poor diamond never passes into our stock, simply because every stone is personally selected from the Amsterdam cutters. This gives us not only quality, but values otherwise impossible.

DEWET HAS 9000 MEN

This is the News Sent by Mail From Ex-President Steyn to Ex-President Kruger. The Hague, Dec. 15.—Ex-President Kruger received mail advices from former President Steyn of the Free State, which say that General Dewet and Hertzog still have 9000 followers. Mr. Kruger had a long conversation to-day with Mr. William T. Steyn of London, who has been stated, is going to visit the Cape, for the purpose of getting into confidence in favor of the Boers.

BRABANT'S HORSE DEFEATED

Party of Raw Recruits Engaged a Superior Force of Boers and Lost Heavily. Alwayn North, Cape Colony, Dec. 15.—A party of Brabant's horse, consisting of 150 raw recruits, engaged a superior force of Boers, Dec. 13, near Zastron, Orange River Colony, losing four killed, 10 wounded and 120 taken prisoners.

IS BOTHRA READY FOR PEACE?

It is Reported That He is Advising the Burghers to Submit to the Inevitable. London, Dec. 15.—A special despatch from Standerton, Transvaal, dated Dec. 14, says that Gen. Louis Botha is at Ermelo, taking a peaceful attitude, and is not inclined to continue the fighting. It is expected that he will shortly make overtures for peace.

GERMANS STILL KILLING

Reports From China State That Policy of Extremism is Being Continued—England Warning. London, Dec. 15.—The Germans are still following the policy of extermination, says a despatch to The Standard from Tien Tsin, dated yesterday. A German force has just returned from an expedition against Gen. Mei at Tsin Chen Fu, on the Grand Canal, after routing his troops, plundering his baggage and releasing some 5000 Chinese prisoners he had taken. These proceedings are regrettable, as Gen. Mei has all along been active in suppressing the Boers and defying the Empress Dowager.

THE SIX CHARGED BODIES

Of the Young Girls Who Perished at Fredonia Have Been Found in a Heap. NOT ONE COULD BE RECOGNIZED. A Rigid Investigation is to Be Made into the Dreadful Case at the School. Dunkirk, N.Y., Dec. 15.—Six charged bodies of girls that perished in the destruction of the Fredonia Normal School have been recovered, five of which were found in a heap this afternoon at the foot of the escape on the terrace. The bodies beyond all semblance of recognition, and were crossed like so many pieces of wood. A screen across the fire escape exit completely blocked their path to safety, and those who did descend by this spiral stairway were reduced to a pulp by the edge of the burning floor.

HOW OLD ENGLAND TAKES DEFEAT

Hope That Boer War is Ended is Now Completely Shattered—Someone Will Suffer. London, Dec. 15.—(Special cable letter)—The astounding and utterly unexpected reverse of the British at the Magdeburg, the news of which was broken to the nation exactly one year after General Buller's defeat at Colenso, effectively disposes of the hope that the Boer war is nearly ended, and shatters the myth that the operations there were merely of a guerilla nature.

RUSSIA AND THAT RAILROAD

Government Claims There Has Been No Illegal Action in It. St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—The Official Messenger publishes an inspired statement as to the views of the Russian Government concerning the Yantung Shantung Railway. The Russian Government claims that the Chinese have acted illegally in holding the line outside the railway. The Russian Government is prepared to recognize the British as owners of the line, but it is not prepared to recognize the British as owners of the line, but it is not prepared to recognize the British as owners of the line.

FEELING IN GREAT BRITAIN OVER HAY-PAUNCFOTE TREATY

Continued From Page 1. Otherwise all international conventions would be open to the same objection. Do Not Believe Them Hostile. None of the proposals which have been made in Washington, except the one which is a principle of international law, if it were suggested, excites any resentment in the British mind. The Boers are not people, they are a nation. They are a people, they are a nation. They are a people, they are a nation. They are a people, they are a nation.

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WAR REVENUE REDUCTION

The Bill Was Passed in Spite of the Minority—Fenelon Bill. Washington, D.C., Dec. 15.—The House today passed the war revenue reduction bill, with instructions to report back a measure reducing the revenue at least \$70,000,000 and including a provision for an income tax so drawn as to escape an adverse decision of the Supreme Court. The amendment placed in the bill yesterday to tax express receipts was defeated on an aye and nay vote.

Public Amusements

Big Scene Production. One of the most magnificent 'Midnight in Chinatown' is the attraction at the Toronto Opera House this week. The musical titles, inasmuch as the Chinese part of the performance is limited to one scene, and that only as a thrilling climax to a highly-sensational story. The play was favorably criticized by the press last season, as the best production of this class on the Canadian stage. The production has been made, notably in the scenic environment, the first and last acts having been equipped with entirely new settings. The famous Albin Brothers have been engaged to produce the play, and the cast includes many of the best actors in the country.

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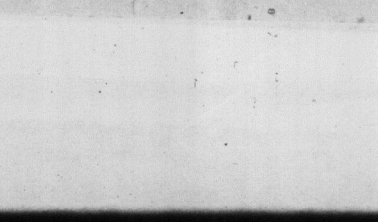
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