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SOUTH AFRICA.

Kitchener's Latest Report Indicates that De Wet Has Again Evaded Knox.

Delayed Report from Colonel Otter-Some Canadians Who Remain in South Africa-Western Man Killed.

LONDON, Dec. 12.-Bulletin.-Lord Kitchener cables the war office from Gen. Knox reports from Helvetia that he is engaged in a running fight with Gen. DeWet, and that the enemy is moving toward Reddersburg, where there is a column ready to co-operate with the other British forces.

Lord Kitchener, in another despatch, reports that the Boers attacked the post near Barberton. The British casualties were three killed, five wounded, and 13 taken prisoners. The captured men have since been released. The Boers raided the Riverton road station Dec. 11. They are being fol-

LONDON, Dec. 12.-Kitchener's message indicates that Dewet has again evaded Knox. After the latter had foiled the Boer general at Komassie Drift, the Boers seemed to have doubled back, crossing the Caledon river elsewhere and turned thence northwest in the direction of Reddersburg, the memorable scene of the British disaster in April, when the same commander captured the Irish rifles.

LONDON, Dec. 12.-Forty-one proclamations of Lord Roberts have been published. They have been mostly summarized previously in the newspapers. The last one, dated Nov. 18,

"As there appears to be some misunderstanding as regards the burning of farms, the commander-in-chief wishes the following to be the lines upon which general officers commanding are to act: 'No farm is to be burned except for an act of treachery, or when our troops are fired on from the premises, or as punishment for the breaking of the telegraph or railway, or when used as bases of operations rect consent of the general officer dommanding. The mere fact that a burgher is absent on commando is on no account to be used as a reason for burning his house. All cattle, wagons and foodstuffs are to be removed from all farms. If that is impossible, they are to be destroyed, whether the owner is present or not."

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—The following having been for five years the princiofficers obtain employment and remain in South Africa: Capt. Stuart, civil employment; Lieuts. Hodgins and Armstrong, imperial military railway, was a man of high Christian character, and Lieut. Body, as adjutant to the a prominent worker in the Methodist convalescent camp.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—The department of militla today received a report of Col. Otter's, dated November 3, which was delayed in transmission. He says of the transport from Pretoria to Cape Town that the accommodation given to the men was very poor and scanty sixty open cattle trucks being furnished. The first three days the weather was cold and rainy, so that the men were very uncomfortable. The trains only ran by day, owing to possible danger of the track being disturbed by Boers. A Company turned out twice on the way down to drive the enemy away. Captain Ogilvy remained behind, at General Smith-Dorien's request, to act as D. A. A. G.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.-A cable from Sir Alfred Milner to the militia department today announces that No. 67, Dunsmore, 1st Batt. C. M. Rifles, died of enteric fever at Pretoria Dec. 9th. No. 51, Dandy, Strathcona Horse, is dangerously ill at Potchefstroom.

The department of militia today received a supplementary list, giving the names of eight additional men who are returning upon the Lake Champlain,

(R. J. Dunsmore was formerly of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Winnipeg.) LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Daily Express publishes a .umor of a serious disaster to the British arms. Accord-

ing to this report, the Boers attacked the camp of Gen. Clements, in the Barberton district, capturing the camp, killing a number of British offi-cers and taking prisoners all the British troops, including four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers. The story is not confirmed in any quarter and is not generally believed.

LONDON CABLE.

Elder-Dempster Company Submit a Tender for the Fast Atlantic Line.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—The Star's London cable says: It is understood the Elder-Dempster S. S. Co. has for warded to the Canadian governmen a tender for the fast Atlantic service. It is assured on high authority that the Canadian government has definitely decided on the establishment of a Canadian Lloyds as the only way of combatting the British Lloyds discrimination in marine insurance rates against the St. Lawrence. The govrnment will appoint a royal commission to formulate a plan.

Hon. Mr. Dobell arrived in London this week and will make a strong protest against Lloyds' action before the London chamber of commerce.

Lord Strathcona knows nothing of the announcement received today from Cape Town that Col. Steel, of Strathcona's Horse, had accepted the divisional command in Baden-Powell's constabulary. The announcement says he will return to South Africa after taking Strathcona's Horse to Canada. The date Strathcona's Horse will leave South Africa is undecided. The period of service will not be up till

SUDDEN DEATH.

Ralph Colpitts of Hopewell Hill Passes Away After a Few Hours Illness.

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 13.-This ommunity received a severe shock today when it was announced that Ralph Colpitts, a well known merchant and one of the most prominent residents of the village, had died suddenly at his home after only a few hours' illness. The deceased was attending to his duties at his store as usual when he was taken violently ill with vomiting and severe pains in his for raids, and then only with the di- head. After removal to his home, medical aid was summoned, but proved of no avail, death ensuing in a short time. The cause is supposed to have been the bursting of a blood ves-

> The deceased was fifty-one years of age, a native of Pleasantvale, Elgin, Albert Co., and a graduate of Mt. Allison University. He had been a resident of the village for twelve years, pal of the Superior school here, and for the last five years the proprietor of a successful mercantile business. He church and was held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He leaves a wife, formerly a Miss Stiles , of this place, and one son, Lawrence M. Colpitts, who is a second year student at Mt. Allison.

sel in the brain.

BIG NEW BEDFORD STRIKE.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 13.—Nothing particularly new developed in the south end strike situation today. The interview with President Lynch of the National Loomfixers' union, derving the rumor that the loomfixers in the city were to be called out, lifted a feeling of unexisness from the operatives all over the city, who looked upon the reported movement with general disreported movement with general

The weavers are leaving no stone unturned to advise brother and sister operatives to help them in the fight

TO PURCHASE BIG COAL DISTRICTS.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 13.—A prominent coal operator of the Wyoming region,
who asked that his name be withheld, in an
interview today said an effort is being made
by a sydicate to buy up all the individual
miles between Wilkesbarre and Carbondale,
and when all or most of these miles are secured it is possible that the syndicate will
reach out to the Hazleton and Schuylkill
region. There are about 25 individual
e collieries between Wilkesbarre and Carbondale, and the capacity is about twelve
thousand tons a day. housand tons a day.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.— Hon. S. A. Fisher returned today from Buffalo and states that they will have quite a show there next year. He was not defin.'s, but as much as said Canada would be worthily represented and would not ignore the exhibition, as had been recently proposed.

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MONTREAL.

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Meeting of a Committee Appointed by the North American Fish and Game Pro-

MONTREAL IS The VictoriaMontreal Fifth Faurat & Code Shareholders have decided not to wine any
new business at present. A special
meeting of the shareholders is to be
held in January. In the meantime the
company's solicitors are to press for
calls made on the shareholders in order that outstanding losses to be
met. R. C. Grant was appointed secretary and manager pro tem. The
company has taken out a seizure before judgment against Thomas A. fore judgment against Thomas A. Tumple & Sons, against whom they have a claim of twenty thousand do lars for moneys collected.

The Royal Victoria Life Insuran Company of Canada has been greatly annoyed by confusion of that company with the Victoria-Montreal on account of the similarity of names. The Royal Victoria is a sound company in every

The committee appointed last February by the North American Fish and Game Protection Association met here this morning. New Brunswick was represented by Hon. A. T. Dunn, surveyor general, and D. G. Smith, fishery commissioner.

At the afternoon session resolutions were adopted asking the various states and Canadian provinces interested to make the open season for the killing Resolution Adopted Favoring the of moose, caribou and red deer from September 15th to November 13th, with a further restriction or total prohibition in districts in which this game was becoming depleted. As for caribou an enlargement of the open season in northern districts might be desirable but caution was urged in this. The abolition of spring shooting of game birds was recommend, and the making of the open season from September 15th to December 31st inclusive, except in the case of Canada grouse, spruce grouse, wood grouse, swamp partridge, black grouse, ruffled grouse and part-

ridge, for which it was recommended the open season should be from Sentember 15th to December 15th. It was also recommended that each hunter be restricted in any one season to one moose, one caribou, and two deer. The total prohibition of the use of dogs for big game was also recom-

favoring the prohibition of spring licenses in Lake Champlain for walleyed pike fishing. Vermont and New York already have this prohibition. The desire is to have it extended to

Principal Peterson of McGill has threatened to expel the entire second year class in medicine unless they apologize to Prof. McBride for the rather rough treatment they accorded him a few days ago. McBride is unpopular. The boys say they object to being coerced. The matter will probably be amicably settled.

Hon. Robert Rogers, a member of the Manitoba government, was here today, and said Manitoba had all the Doukhohors and Galicians she wanted until it was learned by actual experience what kind of settlers these people made and if they could be assimi-

BRITISH COMMONS.

Great Britain Proposes a Cheaper Postage But United States Not Willing-Canada and Germany.

LONDON, Dec. 13.-Considerable irritation was aroused during today's debate on supplies in the house of commons. Sir Robert T. Reid, Q. C., theral, painted a gloomy picture of the conditions in South Africa. He said that after a fourteen months' war, costing £5,000,000 per month, anarchy was prevalent and famine was threatened, and this might be followed by an uprising attempt to place the co onies under military rule, he added would imperil the very existence of the empire. He thought the time had arrived for offering the Boers terms not inconsistent with British dominion. All ideas of unconditional surrender should be discarded.

James Bryce, liberal, suggested granting general amnesty to Boers now in arms as legitimate combatants. The government had no right to treat the Boers as rebels. The negotiations should not be entrusted to Sir Alfred Milner (the British high commissioner), who was an object of almost universal distrust, including at least half the Queen's subjects in South Africa.

Wm. St. John Broderick, the secretary for war, hotely challenged the Insist on having your Acme or statements anent Sir Alfred Milner. He declared that whatever else it might do, the government would never weaken the power or the responsibility possessed by Sir Alfred Milner. Sir Robert Reid's speech, Mr. Broderick asserted, was impracticable, unwise and mischievous. He had gone out of his way to gratify the Queen's enemies. The government was perfeetly willing to offer terms for surrender so long as it could not be interpreted as proof of weakness and thereby causing a prolongation of the

guerilla warfare. LONDON, Dec. 13.-In the house of commons today, Mr. Chamberlain said Great Britain proposed to establish cheaper postage with the United States, but Washington was not pre-

pared to entertain the matter. Lord Cranborne, under secretary of the foreign office, said he regretted that Canada was excluded from the most favored treatment by Germany, but explaind that in the absence of a drowned.

commercial treaty between Great Britain and Germany there was no remedy

Lord Cramborne, reverting to the subject of the contracts for the Ug-anda railway bridge going to America, said the American Bridge Co. would build thirty bridges, using 7,000 tons of steel. The contracts totalled up 135,-

LONDON, Dec. 13.-During the second reading of the war loan bill, Sir Willam Vernon Harcourt criticised at some length the government's finencial makeshifts. He said the ministers would have stream us support in making the Transvaal hare the cost of the war, but pointed out that the gold mines were the only source of revenue, and that the mine owning capivenue, and that the mine cwning capitalists would not pay for the war except on compulsion. The capitalists were masters of South Africa, controlled its politics and would be supreme in the new colonies. If the government wishes to obtain anything from the Transvaal toward the cost of the war it would have to face the "Kaffir Circus" in South Africa and Landon, and it would require all the courage of the chancellor of the excourage of the chancellor of the exchequer and the colonial secretary and all the integrity of parliament to cope with the matter.

Timothy M. Healy, Irish nationalist, member for North Louth, asked how

much of the new loan was to be floated in Wall street. He added: "I strongly object to the asociation of Wall street in British national interests. When we have the unscrupulos-tty of Wall street on top of us we shall pay dearly for the small sum saved the county in discount. The whole cost of the war should be placed on the Transvaal.

NATIONALIST CONVENTION

Abolition of Landlordism in

Timothy M. Healy Says He is Not a Whit Disturbed by His Exclusion from the Irish Party.

DUBLIN, Dec. 12.-The nationalist convention resumed its session today, John Redmond presiding. After resolutions had been adopted amending the constitution of the United Irish League and making the nationalist convention an annual fixture, William O'Brien made himself more popular with the delegates by moving a strong ly worded resolution in favor of the abolition of landlordism in Ireland and the transfer of the soil to the occupydeclared, should continue unceasing until the landlords were forced to abandon their present intolerable sys

tem of dual control. One branch of the Irish League, continued Mr. O'Brien, will devote its time to bringing to the doors of landlords, land grabbers, and their castle allies the inconvenience of landlordism. The resolution was adopted amid the ut-

most enthusiasm. Resolutions appealing for funds from America and elsewhere, to be used against jury packing and for the propagation of the Irish language, were

adjointed. LONDON, Dec. 12.-Timothy M. Healy says he is not a whit disturbed by his exclusion from the Irish party. He has neither the intention of resigning nor of forming an opposition section. He is avowedly hostile to John Dillon, and still more so towards T. P. O'Connor, who, Mr. Healy alleges, is behind the whole movement, and he is sincerely hopeless of the cause of Ireland. During the course of a lengthy interview Mr. Healy said to a representative of the Associated Press: "I care nothing for the action taken. My constituents passed a vote of confidence in me last Friday. I shall acknowledge it and continue to do the best I can to help Ireland on the lines

"Yes, I look upon Mr. Redmond as the O'Brien crowd is not likely to let Mr. Redmond continue long in the

I have pursued for the last twenty

TWO RAILWAY WRECKS.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 13.—A special to the Miner from Great Falls, Mont., says: "Great Northern passenger train, No. 3, westbound, was wrecked near Brockton, 81 miles east of Glasgow, by the breaking of a truck. Three passengers were killed and many stightly injured. The dead are: Aged woman, name unknown; her daughter, Mrs. Watson, residence unknown; Russian child, name unknown." name unknown."
BURLINGTON, Conn., Dec. 13.—The Chi-BURLINGTON, Conn., Dec. 13.—The Chicago B. & Q., railway's fast mail, No. 15, which left Chicago at 9.15 last evening, was wrecked three miles west of Kirk wood early today. Fireman Shannon was killed and Engineer Samuel Dove was badly hurt. The engine jumped the track and was demolished. Two mail cars with their contents were burned. The mail clerks were not injured severely.

STEEL RAILS FOR NORWAY.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Negotiations are in progress for the chartering of five tramp steamships, which will carry from this port 11,800 tons of steel rails to Norway. The orders for the rails will be placed by the state railways of Norway with the Pennsylvania Steel Co. and the Maryland Steel Co.

LIMERICK HONORS KRUGER.

LIMERICK, Dec. 13.-The corporation of Limerick today conferred the freedom of the city upon Mr. Kruger.

WAS A MISTAKE.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The statement that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has been elevated to the peerage is erroneous. George J. Goschen and Sir Matthew White Ridley are the two members of the late cabinet upon whom peerages have been bestowed.

CANTON, Dec. 13.—The falling overboard of a man from a passenger boat on the West River, near Ho-Kau, led to a rush of some 40 passengers to the side of the vessel, which caused her to sink, over 200 persons being decoursed.

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OTTAWA.

Good Work Being Done by the Canadian Postal Corps.

Dr. Borden to Introduce a Bill to Provide a Pension for Disabled Canadian Soldiers—Survey of Great Bear Lakes.

OTTAWA, Dec. 13.-The missing Canadian postal corps is not missing after all. Capt. Ecclestone and Mr. Murray were at Cape Town when the last mail left, while Messrs. Bedell and Lallier were at Pretoria. One of the staff, writing to Ottawa, says: Of 2,-000 bags of mail matter destroyed by the Boers on June 5th at Roochvaal, six weeks' Canadian mail was includ-There have been four hundred ed. British postal clerks in South Africa, and the work they have done has been eminently satisfactory. The average weekly remittance to London for mail service was about \$58,000. A field post office was established at the headquarters of each infantry division,

and at the headquarters of each cavalry and infantry brigade. Fifty-four of these offices were in existence. The Canadian postal corps was enabled to render valuable assistance to the Canadian forces, as they kept a record of the location of every man in South Africa, and the mail was carefully examined and sorted at Cape Town in order that there should be no delay in its delivery. J. M. Bell of the geological survey staff, returned to Ottawa today after

a year spent in the vicinity of Great Bear Lake, the largest northerly lake my leader, and follow his wishes, but in the dominion, its area being equal to that of Lake Superior. A cable from Sir Alfred Milner today states that Trooper Dandy, of

Struthcona's Horse, died of enteric fever at Troom on Tuesday. Dandy's relatives reside at Medora, Manitoba. Hon. Dr. Borden will introduce a bill during the coming session to provide a pension fund for disabled Canadians who served in South Africa. The city bakers have instituted boycott against those grocers who cut

STUDY ALWAYS ESSENTIAL. "The trouble with most young men," said Senator Davis, "is that they will

the price of bread in order to draw

grocery trade.

not study after they leave college. They think they know all that is necersary. Not long ago I was called upon to deliver a lecture before a graduating class at a law school, and this is what I said to them:

"'Young men, you are about to leave this law school. You are leaving an academy; you are about to enter the universe of life. Your stulies have only begun. All you have learned up Those of you who are ever to amount to anything in this world will go on studying and broadening yourselves.

"You will sit up nights with your books. Every week will add to your knowledge of law. It must do more -it must add to your knowledge of everything in this busy world. A first-class lawyer must know a good deal of all things. You never know when a special bit of knowledge is going to stand you in good stead.

"'The first 10 years of your career as lawyers will be hard grubbing for bread and butter and wondering why we old fellows don't die off and give the young men a chance, but upon the use you make of these 10 years depends your future fate. If you work and delve and study and broaden your minds and equip yourselves for big work, you will succeed. Let me make this warning as impressive as I can.'

"I have observed this to be about the usual average in actual practice: Only one man out of 20 studies after leaving college: 14 out of 20 fail to attain success."-Walter Wellman in Chicago

LUMBER LADEN SCHOONER ASHORE.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 12.-While attempting to enter the harbor tonight, the schooner Mansur B. Oakes, from Calais, lumber laden, ran aground on the unfinished Dog Bar breakwater. She is lying easy about 800 feet from the lighthouse, and late tonight it could be seen that her mainsail and gaff topsail had not been lowered. She appears to be in a comfortable position, and with the sea comparatively smooth and diminished undertow, the chances of her getting off in the morning tide appear good. The schooner is of about 70 tons. One man who remains on board reports that the captain and other members of the crew Lave gone to the city in their boat to

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