

SOUTH AFRICA.

Canada's Soldiers to be Invited to Extend Their Term.

Paul Kruger Has the Dread of St. Helena Before His Eyes

Boers Said to be Concentrating All Their Forces, With Heavy Artillery, at Machadodorp—Corduna Found Guilty.

OTTAWA, Aug. 21.—The latest report from Col. Otter, Jated Springs, July 13th, states that the regiment had been reinforced by some 300 of the 5th Mounted Infantry. On the 8th July a party of two subalterns and sixty N. C. O.'s and men were detailed for duty with the armored train.

tured by the Boers in the last week of June, has been released.

WOUNDED IN THE FOOT.

Letters arrived Monday contained the information that Private Beverley R. Armstrong's wound, received on 7th July, is in the foot. Lieut. Fred C. Jones, on 10th July writes that he had just seen Private Armstrong, who arrived at the hospital on the 9th; that the wound was caused by a shrapnel bullet in the foot and that the surgeon told him it would heal very quickly.

Lieut. Louis LeDuc, an officer in the Quebec company of the first contingent, writes under date of July 23, 1900, from Johannesburg, "I have been requested by your son to inform you that he is doing well. I am at present in hospital with him and I am in a position to state that he is well attended. I believe that he will be convalescent in a few days, although he will not for some time be able to use his lame foot. The doctor tells me that the nature of his wound is not very serious, and that he will recover the perfect use of the foot. He tells me he will write himself in a few days."

OTTAWA, Aug. 22.—The period of service of the 1st contingent will terminate in October, and in reply to Col. Otter's request for instructions, he will doubtless be advised to re-enlist the men for a further short term in the field should they be required. In official circles it is not considered that any of the men, much as their friends would like to see them in Canada again, will ask for their discharge, although they would be entitled to it. There is just a possibility that the regiment will be ordered home before October.

Lieut. Eccleston, in charge of the Canadian postal corps in South Africa, writing to Dr. Coulter, deputy P. M. G., states that Sgt. R. Johnson of Winnipeg, a member of the postal staff, has been invalided to Netley after an attack of enteric fever. Murray, of the London division, has been detailed for duty with the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and has rendered such good service that he has been recommended for promotion to the rank of sergeant major. India has sent a postal contingent of four natives to South Africa to look after India work. The Australian postal men got sorting letters to get into the fighting line, with the result that they had to be replaced by other postal men from the island continent.

TOMMY ATKINS WAS JEALOUS. TORONTO, Aug. 22.—The Telegram's cable from London says: Sgt. Barnes of the New South Wales Mounted Rifles is in the city. In an interview with a representative of the Daily Chronicle referring to Lord Roberts's colonial bodyguard on his entering Bloemfontein, he says: "I am afraid that then, as on other occasions, Tommy Atkins was somewhat jealous. There were times when the Australian and Canadian men had to band themselves together for mutual protection from the imperial troops."

CANADIAN RELEASED. OTTAWA, Aug. 21.—A cable has been received from Sir Alfred Milner announcing that Private Ermatinger, son of Judge Ermatinger, of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, who was captured by the Boers in the last week of June, has been released.

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soldiers which are returning on the steamer Lake Ontario, which is expected to arrive on Friday, will send the men here. The men will then be sent to their respective homes by the government.

KRUGER AFRAID OF ST. HELENA.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—President Kruger, according to a despatch from Lourenzo Marquez to the Daily Express, has issued a proclamation counter to the latest proclamation issued by Lord Roberts. The Transvaal president says: "It will help you nothing to lay down your arms or to leave the commandoes. Every step homeward means a step nearer St. Helena."

THE TREASON BILL.

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 22.—In the house of assembly today the treason bill was sent to a second reading without a division. On July 26 last the ministry of Mr. John Gordon-Sprigg introduced in the Cape house of assembly the indemnity and special tribunals or treason bill. Its second reading was moved Aug. 1 by Mr. Rose-Innes, attorney general. During the debate on this motion, which was very bitter, and to which the house devoted five sittings, a number of speeches were made by leaders on both sides. Broadly described, the treason bill fixes the responsibility and future status of rebellious subjects of Queen Victoria in the colony of the Cape of Good Hope, although the question of compensation is left to another session and the crux of the debate was the question whether indemnity should include amnesty.

TWYFELAR, Aug. 20.—Through secret intelligence agents the British authorities learn that General Louis Botha, the commander-in-chief of the Boer forces, and General Schalk Burger, vice-president of the Transvaal Republic, with eight thousand Boers, have assembled at Machadodorp (generally understood to be the headquarters of President Kruger, on the Pretoria-Delagoa Bay Railway), with the whole Boer artillery, including the heavy pieces formerly at Pretoria.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Aug. 21: "Lieut. Col. Sitwell, reconnoitering near Ventnersburg, engaged the Boers. Two British were wounded. Lieuts. Spedding, Davenport, Surtees and Watson and a medical officer and 24 men are missing. "Hamilton has crossed the Crocodile river."

"Crockett and Baden-Powell engaged the commandoes protecting DeWet's August 20. Lieut. Flowers and one man were killed. Lieut. Kirby and six men were wounded."

PRETORIA, Aug. 21.—The trial of Lieut. Cordua, formerly of the Transvaal artillery, on the charge of being concerned in the plot to kidnap Lord Roberts, was resumed today. The prisoners were found guilty of all the counts in the indictment against him, but sentence was deferred until the finding of the court should be confirmed by Lord Roberts. Col. Godfrey, the judge, in summing up caused a sensation by declaring that a violation of parole was punishable with death. His speech, which dilated on the weakness and vagueness of the prisoners' defence, was listened to with profound interest by the audience, which was mostly composed of men of Dutch birth.

CANADIANS EN ROUTE HOME.

TORONTO, Aug. 23.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: The following is the list of the Canadian invalided soldiers who sailed on the Tunisian today for Montreal.

First contingent—Pte. C. W. Jambie, 5th Regt. C. A.; Pte. A. S. Markie, 5th Regt. C. A.; Pte. J. O'Brien, 1st Prince of Wales Fusiliers; Pte. J. Greacia, 62nd St. John Fusiliers; Pte. W. A. Martin, 43rd Ottawa and Carleton Rifles; Pte. F. Cuthbert, 10th Royal Grenadiers; Pte. A. Dangerfield, 10th Royal Grenadiers; Pte. W. Booking, 5th Regt. C. A. and Corp. Fred. W. Withers, 3rd Regt. C. A. St. John. The following are from the Canadian Mounted Rifles: Pte. W. V. Elliott, D. Y. R. C. Hussars; Corp. J. W. Cartwright, 2nd Dragoons; Pte. James B. Taylor, Northwest Mounted Battery; Pte. G. R. Sweeney, C Field Battery, Toronto.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 23.—W. J. Robinson of this city, whose son is fighting with Strathcona's Horse in South Africa, and announced recently to be missing, has received word that the young man is only slightly wounded and not missing.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office, under date of Pretoria, Aug. 22, as follows: "Buller's division marched to Van Wyckes Vlei, fifteen miles south of Belfast, yesterday. His casualties were twenty. "Paget reports from Hammanskraal that Baden-Powell engaged Grobler's rear guard all day yesterday. Grobler was driven back east of Pinaar's river. Baden-Powell occupied the railway station of that name. During the fight Baden-Powell's advance and that of the enemy galloped into each other, the Rhodesians losing Col. Spreckley and four men killed and seven wounded. Many of the Boers were killed or wounded. They were at Cyferkuil this morning. Plumer and Hickman were closely pursuing them."

"It seems certain that DeWet, finding it hopeless to make his way eastward, has re-crossed the Magaleburg with a few wounded, with the intention of returning to the Orange River Colony. He is in a very different condition from that when he left Bethlehem with six or eight guns and 2,000 men. His guns have mostly been buried and his personal following cannot be more than 300. "It is stated that Steyn with a small bodyguard has crossed Pinaar's river

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loss, while the Chinese suffered severely, leaving ten guns, 700 rifles and large quantities of ammunition in the hands of the Russians. The reports of risings in northern Korea are confirmed. It is believed that these are not due to ill will toward foreigners, but to local dissatisfaction. The Korean government is sending troops to the disaffected districts.

According to telegrams from Shanghai considerable uneasiness is felt there over the fact that no despatches have been received from Peking since Aug. 20. Other Shanghai reports locate Emperor Kwang Su under the protection of the allies and the Dowager as already captured by the Japanese.

AT PEKIN.

Commanders All at Sea Regarding Their Future Action.

Imperial Buildings Will Not be Destroyed —Doubt as to the Whereabouts of the Empress Dowager.

LONDON, Aug. 24, 3.50 a. m.—Fires, fighting and dissension are apparently following in the wake of the relief of Peking. The Daily Mail publishes despatches from the Chinese capital, dated as late as Aug. 17, declaring that a great fire was then raging in the imperial city. The Russian commander had declined to accept the decision of the other generals not to violate the imperial precincts, and street fighting was going on. Gen. Chaffee, so it is asserted, maintained that the Chinese had been adequately punished already, and that it would be unwise to take the imperial palace. This explains the withdrawal of the Americans after breaching three gates as called by the special correspondent of the Associated Press. The Russian general, however, maintained that his government had declared war against China, and that, therefore, there was no reason to prevent him carrying hostilities into the sacred precincts.

Judging from various, and in many cases, contradictory despatches that have reached Europe this morning from Peking, the commanders eventually adopted a middle course, for a Reuter telegram asserts that sentries were placed to prevent looting. Hence it is presumed that the imperial buildings, although captured, will not be destroyed.

The fires appear to be incendiary and to be caused by the Chinese themselves. All the despatches point to the fact that, when the latest message received here left Peking, the commanders were somewhat at sea regarding their future action, all awaiting instructions from their governments.

The foreign residents appear to have been sent to Tien Tsin, although the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says the ministers will not leave Peking until negotiations for indemnity are under way. Neither the commanders nor the diplomats were in communication with the Chinese government on Aug. 17. They were then searching for Prince Tuan.

Among the puzzling reports as to the whereabouts of the empress dowager is one from St. Petersburg that she is in the vicinity of Peking, but surrounded completely. The emperor seems to have disappeared completely.

It is officially reported that the minister of the Netherlands, Dr. F. M. Klobel, was slightly wounded during the siege. St. Petersburg despatches announce progress in Manchurian campaign. The town of Mergen was captured Aug. 13, with trifling Russian

already authorized, will next engage the attention of the authorities. The major-general commanding proposes making the following visits: Halifax—8th to 10th September, when, with the concurrence of the general officer commanding in British North America, he will inspect the 3rd (special service) battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment. The 1st "Halifax" regiment, C. A., will also be inspected by him. Aldershot—12th Brigade Camp, 17th and 18th September. Sussex—11th Brigade Camp, 20th and 21st September.

Boards of officers will assemble during annual training of the 11th and 12th infantry brigades (Sussex and Aldershot respectively), on dates to be named by brigade commanders. Officers who desire to be examined in equitation will make application. Sussex—President, Major E. H. T. Howard; members, two officers of the 8th Hussars, to be detailed by brigade commander.

Aldershot—President, Major E. H. T. Howard; members, two officers undergoing annual training, to be detailed by the brigade commander. Captain L. J. O'Donoghue, 13th Field Battery, detached for duty to "A" Field Battery, R. C. A., will act as instructor to the 10th and 12th Field Batteries during annual training, 1900, at Sussex.

The following officers will comprise the brigade staff on the 11th Infantry Brigade, to assemble at Aldershot, commencing on the 11th proximo. Brigade commander, Lt. Col. E. H. Vidal, acting A. G.; brigade major, Lt. Col. J. S. Dunbar, acting D. S. O.; D. A. A. G. (B); Lt. Col. McL. Vince, R. C.; musketry instructor, Capt. J. O. Sharp, 62nd Regiment; P. M. O., Major J. Whiteside, Brigades, A. M. S.; paymaster, Major A. J. Armstrong, superintendent of stores.

2nd Lieut. G. W. M. Farrell, 6th Regiment, is attached to the Royal Canadian Regiment for duty, from 1st September, onwards, inclusive. The undermentioned medical officers are detailed for duty with the following field batteries, while in camps of instruction: Surgeon Major J. M. Elder, 2nd Regiment, C. A., with the 3rd Field Battery, C. A., with the 15th Field Battery.

Following medical officers (on probation) will be attached to the Brigade Camp, Sussex, from the 15th to 20th proximo for the course of training: Captain M. MacLaren, A. M. S.; Lt. C. R. Murray, A. M. S.

PROMISED SUBSIDIES.

SYDNEY, C. B., Aug. 22.—Subsidies for the construction of a new railway from Straits of Canso to Louisbourg have been promised by the Canadian and Nova Scotia governments to the Cape Breton Extension Company, a New York organization.

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RICHIBUCTO, Aug. 22.—Joseph Warren's saw mill, situated at East Galloway, was destroyed by fire on Friday night last. The loss is \$3,000, with no insurance.

Sheriff Lager, Ferd X. Robidoux and Martin Richard attended the Acadian convention at Arichat last week. The ladies of the R. C. congregation held a garden party on Rev. Father Bannon's grounds last evening. The grounds were illuminated with Chinese lanterns. A large crowd was present.

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