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KIMBERLEY RELIEVE

General French With a Big Mounted Force Broke Through the Boer Lines. The Enemy Under Commandant Cronje in Full

Retreat Toward the North.

Rumored in the Lobbies of the House of Commons That Buller Has Again Crossed the Tugela-Additional Artillery for Field Marshal Roberts.

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, Feb. 17, 4 a. m.-Substanand that without any great ice on the part of the en Kimberley has been relieved by a flying column of cavalry and artillery under Gen. French, and the Boers are retreating from the whole region around Modder river. Field Marshal Lord Roberts with the main column has commenced his march against Bloemfontein. He has already established an important position at Jacobsdal well within the border of the Orange Free State.

This great news, which apparently marks a complete change in the fortunes of the war, has been received in England with joy mingled with apprehension. There has been fresh popular alarm created by the fear of hostile European complications. This alarm is based partly on Lord Rosebery's grave forebodings in the house of Lords Thursday, partly on vague rumors concerning Russia's intentions in India and Persia and also by the orders of the admirality looking towards the mobilization of the naval reserve. The new fear has more than offset the news from South Africa in its effect upon that sensitive but accurate barometer, the stock exchange. Consuls, which rose at first on General Roberts' announcement of the relief of Kimberley, fell almost immediately, closing fractionally lower than on Thursday. It should be said in regard to the military feature of the situation that there is no reason to doubt the general genuineness of the British success and it may be fairly expected that the advantage guined will lead to steady progress in the British campaign, until perhaps a decisive battle will be fought in the vicinity of Bloemfontein. The Free State capital was not fortified at the beginning of the war, and it is not known whether the federal forces will make a stand in its outskirts or at some other point on the line of Field Marshal Roberts' here regarding the present dispositions, and enlightenment on this point, especially concerning Cronje's commandos, is awaited most keenly. Lord Roberts' despatch stating that he has reason to believe that the Boer trenches at Mageusfontein have been abandoned, and that the enemy is seeking to escape, is the sole indication that the Boers are still to the westward of the British force. The question. Can Cronie escape? to which some newspapers offer speculation. perhaps might be more suitably put, Has Cronje escaped? Gen. Roberts' purpose clearly is to surround the enemy and prevent their retreat, and the position of the British force formapparently a great semi-circle ing from Modder River stadion through Jacobsdal to Kimberley, should ensure this, unless they arrived too late. The capture of the Boer supplies and in his army and the whole Kimberley ammunition obviously shows that the enemy were to some extent surprised. but there are certain indications that the heavy guns at Magersfontein were removed long enough ago to prevent them from falling into British hands, and that with them went a considerable part of Commandiant Cronje's army, Gen. Methuen's naval gunners reported some days ago that the defenders of Magersfontein were carrying out some important movement, and it is now reported that no big gun was fired at Gen. Methuen's camp for nearly a week. If on the other hand the guns were not removed, the Bloer loss in this respect is likely to prove severe. The newspaper correspondents do not add an important fact to the official news. It is stated that sickness is prevalenit among the horses of the British, and a plentiful supply of remounts will need to be taken from the enemy. It transpired that Hannay's mission early in the week was to cover a convoy marching towards Ramdam A body of about five hundred Boers with two guns held a kopje commanding the valley through which the convoy must necessarily pass, and there was heavy firing throughout Sunday. The losses were comparatively slight and the convoy proceeded at night. The fights at the drifts of the Riet and Modder rivers were only small engagements. The Boers stationed there were evidently pickets who were watching for possible British patrols. The oppressive heat of Feb. 14 was followed the next day by rain and cold winds. It was on Thursday that Jacobsdal was occupied. The correspondents report that the British artillery cleared the Boers from the town. As they retired over a neighboring ridge they made a conspicuous mark for the British guns, which poured a severe shrapnel fire on them

The Morning Leader publishes a de tch from Ludysmith, dated Feb. 16, heliographed by way of Weenen. nd helio It says that the severity of the siege has been remarkably relaxed, Boens giving the British a very quiet time. The garrison regard this as

barded Blaauwkrantz, east of Col-

hopeful sign. The Times correspondent at Ladymith heliographed inder date of Feb. 16 that there was a northward movement among the Boers on Thursday, some change in the situation developing in the condition of the Orange Free State which probably affects the Burghers of that republic taking part in the siege.

The position in the Rensberg district is not yet clear beyond the fact of the Brittish evacuation of the town of Rensberg, which, it is stated, involved the abandonment of a quantity of stores. Both sides claim to have inflicted heavy loss on the days preceding the evacuation. British corres condents record that the Inniskillen Dragoons on Feb. 12 charged forty Boers, of whom only three escaped. The Boers also lost heavily on the same day at Hobkirk's Fall. Sixty corpses were counted on the stoop on the farm house, while the enemy's loss at Slingersfontein is stated to have been three officers and eighty men. Two companies of the Wiltshire regiment who were doing outpost duty lost their way when they were retiring and were cut off.

One correspondent at Arundel asserts that though the Boers have occupied Rensberg they have not forwarded their forty-pounder. They have not been seen in great force.

A despatch from Pretoria, dated Feb. 15, puts the British losses in the foregoing engagements at 60 killed and wounded and 80 prisoners. The despatch adds that the Bcers report no

A Cape Town despatch states that a motor cycle, having a speed of thirty from Arandel, dated Wednesday: miles an hour, is em ved in patro

ATTEMPTED TOO MUCH.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 15 .- The British vacuated Rensburg today, and the Boers, emboldoned by their success, attempted to follow the English up. Artillery and rifla fire, however, check-ed their advarce, and the Inmuskilling Dragoons made a dashing and effect-ive charge.

FROM THE BOER CAPITAL. PRETORIA, Thursday, Feb. 15 .- The Transvaal government has made pub-lic the following official despatch: "Yesterday at Rendaval Drift, in the

neighborhood of Jacobsdal, the federal troops were engaged in a severe fight with 2,000 British, who were trying to each Kimberley. "Commandant Delarey continued the

1 gagen.ent until this morning, the federal casualties being 5 wounded. "After another two hours of hard fighting, it is reported that the British retired, leaving Col. Henry danger-ously wounded. Col. Henry, with his servant, was taken to Jecobsdal."

An official despatch from Colesberg says that fighting was resumed on Tuesday (Feb. 13), and that the British had 60 killed and wounded, and lost '80 captured. The federal forces had no casualties during the fighting. SEVERE FIGHTING NEAR RENS-

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LONDON; Feb. 17 .- The Daily Telegraph has the following despatch from Naauwpoort, dated Feb. 13, and deayed in transmission: 'Very severe fighting occurred on ooth our flanks near Rensberg. The enemy greatly outnumbered our troops, being about 4,000 in number. They attacked the Worcestershire regiment on their hill, end with desperate determination charged home, only to experience such a heavy Maxim and rifle fire from our men that the death roll of the assailants must have been considerable. "A patrol of the Inniskilling Dra-

coons was surrounded by scme 500 Boers, and gallantly cut its way through without losing a man; but company of New South Wales Mounted Infantry was unfortunately canthilated, most of the men's bayonets, however, bearing the impress sanguinary conflict with their fces. "Col. Conyngham was shot through the heart at the outset of the engagement. The enemy chose the time of the moon's setting for their onslaught. Out of five colonial officers only one returned to camp.

"A strategic and concentrative move back to Arundel has been decided upon. Our guns from Cole's Kop have been safely removed, one Maxim being destroyed to prevent its failing into the hands of the cremy. Nine wounded officers and thirty-five men were brought into the Naauwpoort field hospital. Our death roll at present is not knowa."

The Times has the following despatch 'Two companies of the Wiltshires. that were on outpost duty, failed to join the force before the retirement from Rersberg: and their absence not being noticed on the parade, they were eventually cut off." A despatch to the Daily Mail from Naauwpoort, dated Thursday, says nothing of the return of the Wiltshires. A despatch to the Daily Mail from Lourenzo Marquez, dated Feb. 15, savs:

uns, which showered shrapnel upon the treating enemy. The convoy which was attacked at Riet tiver had been countermanded, but the ider did not arrive in time and the experi-nce was a very warm one, although the fors did little material damage. As General French, with the strengthened ivision, pushed forward toward Kimberley, ie found the beleaguered Boers desorting helt position at Alexanderstontein, thus al-owing a portion of the Kimberley garrison o cocupy and entrench the place.

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THE MISSING LINK.

THE MISSING LINK. LONDON, Feb. 16, 9.30 p. m.-The follow-ing despatch from Gen. Roberts fills in the saps in the earlier despatches: MODDER RIVER, Feb. 16.-The sixth di-vision left Waterfal driff early yesterday morning and marched here, going on the same evening to Rondeval drift to hold the trossing of the Modder River and leave Gen. French free to act. Shortly after arriving here the mounted infantry visited Jacobsdal and found it full of women and children, will four of our weonded men, doing well. On the way back the mounted infantry were attacked and nine men wounded. Col Henry and Major Hatchell and ten men were missing. Both officers were subse-quently found at Jacobsdal slightly wound-ed.

ed. The cavalry division is moving in a north-erly direction, and has apparently already reduced the pressure on Kimberley, as Ke-kewich signals the enemy has abandoned Alexandersfontein, and that he has occupied French has advanced as far as Abonsdam

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ESCAPED FROM LADYSMITH.

ESCAPED FROM LADYSMITH. DURBAN, Feb. 16.—An Associated Press correspondent who escaped from Lady-mith, snys that, except for two slight at-tacks of fever, which never incapacitated him. Sir George White, the British com-mander in Ladysmith, has been in excellent bealth throughout the siege. The total number of people within the British lines is 17,000, all of them troops ex-cept 3,000 civilians and 800 blacks. When the Associated Press correspondent left, the stock on hand included 4,000 horses, 700 fluies and 650 catile; and the garrison had no fear that the necessaries of life would be exhausted for some time to come.

BRITISH GUNS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Feb. 16 .- A Boer despatch rom Celesberg states that in the fightng on Feb. 12 the Burghers inflicted severe losses on the British and captured one Maxim gan. They also forced the British to abandon another gun, which probably will be captured.

THE OLD STORY.

PRETORIA, Tuesday, Feb. 13 .- A mart rifle and artillery duel took blace at Mafeking Feb. 12. There was no Boer loss. The British attacked Fort Floff, south of Gaberonnes, at daybreak Feb. 12, but the Johannes burg men under Vondelweig forced the British to retire, leaving six dead and four wounded on the field. Cap-

tain Friend was among the killed. The Boers suffered no casualties.

who had and deserved the right to lead public opinion. LONDON, Feb. 16, 11.30 p. m.—The bouse of commons passed the supple-mentary army estimates, £13,000,000, by 213 votes against 32.

THE BOER ARMY.

LONDON, Feb. 16 .- The British intelligence department estimate the number of Boers liable to service in the Transvaal at 31,314 in the Orange Free State, 22,314; disloyal Cape Dutch, 4,000, and foreigners enlisted at 4,000, making a total of 61,893, from which 1,893 men are deducted for the police. The Boers, it is said, have 18 old guns of all kinds, 19 captured from the British, and 73 new guns, classi-fied as follows: Creusot 15, C guns 16, 3.7 inch 21, 7.5 inch 32, and 4.7 inch howitzers 4.

Against this the British have sent out mountain guns 12, horse artillery 54, field artillery 234, five-inch howitzers 36, naval gurs (mostly 4.7 inch) 38. heavy siege train guns 36. The British forces prior to the war consist-ed of 9,600 men, 7,600 unmounted and 2,000 mounted. On the date of the ultimatum, Oct. 9, they had increased to 12,600 unmounted and 3,400 mounted, a total of 16,000. On Jan. 7 they were 33,000 unmounted and 19,800 mounted. On Feb. 28 they will consist of 37,800

mounted men and 142.800 unmounted.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

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GOLDEN WEDDING.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Willam Barnes, "Brookside," Upham, Kings Co., was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on Wednesday, the 14th instant, the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The rooms were prettily decorated with large and small Union Jacks, while flowering plants and climbing rines everywhere lent an added charm to the view. Telegrams and letters of congratulation were read from absent members of the family, some of whom reside on the opposite side of the continent and in distant parts of the dominion, as well as from friends nearer home who were unable to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have raised a family of eight children, all of whom are living, although only four of them were present to offer their personal congratulations and express their thanksgiving and good wishes. The aged couple were nade the recipients of many presents, among them a purse of gold from the immediate members of the family. One of the young lady

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qualities for laundry uses. Surprise Soap is the name. A pure hard Soap. 5 cents a cake.

TEMPERAN NO GENERAL LIFE ASSU ANDE COMPANY.

Synopsis of the fourteenth annual report, as read at the annual meeting held at the company's office, at Toronto. January 24th, 1900.

It has been the pleasure of most of those who are now on the directorate of your company to meet its shareholders and policy-holders to render an account of their stewardship year by year for many years, but it has never been our good fortune on any previous occasion to be able to point to a record of which we had so much reason to be proud, as we have of the record of the past year. It is therefore with purticular pleasure that we submit for your consideration our fourteenth annual report.

Receipts .- Our premium income, after paying \$1,882.34 for re-insurances, was \$215,755.57, and our interest income was \$27,212.20. The fast two items amount to \$242,967.77, which was an increase over the corresponding items for the previous year of \$30,-268.10.

Payments to our policy-holders were as follows: For death claims, \$38,-542.58; endowments, surplus, surrender values and annuities, \$15,620.08. To shareholders we paid \$3,000 as dividends on guarantee fund.

Our ratio of death losses was again remarkably low, and we believe we are still justified in claiming an unequalled record for favorable mortality in our Temperance section. Our experience with regard to the two sections corresponds exactly with the comparative record and experience made by every company throughout the world that has classified its risks similarly, i. e., we have had a favorable mortality in our general section, and a much more favorable record in our Temperance section.

Assets .- We closed the year 1899 as we had closed each of the five years guests composed and read the followpreceding, without a dollar of interest due and unpaid, without having ever owned a dollar's worth of real estate. either on account of compromise of a debt. foreclosure of a mortgage or purchase. We know of no similar record made by any other company anywhere. Maintaining the same high ground we had always taken, our assets at the close of the year were \$794,505.66, which was an increase of \$127,291.44 over the previous year. Liablities.-Our liabilities on the standard of valuation in use by us were in the aggregate, \$691,143.29, and consisted of the following titems, viz .: Re-insurance reserve, and claims ewaiting proof, \$687,369; premiums paid in advance, medical fees unpaid, and allotted surplus, unpaid, \$3,774.29. New Business .- Although our business taken in 1899 was, as in previous years, mainly derived from Ontiario. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, we miade some progress towards establishing ourselves in the western provinces and territories, where we now have a limited number of representatives. During 1899 we received and considered 2.399 applications for \$2,964,336 of insurance, and accepted 2,238 applications for \$2,711,250 of insurance. Total Business.-Our total insurance in force at the close of the year was \$9,436,800, under 8,289 policies on 7,672 lives distributed as follows: In the Temperance section, \$7,268,537 under 6,595 policies. In the General Section, \$2,168,268 under 1,694 policies. Our gains in insurance during the year were \$1,193,906 in the Temperance Section under 1,075 policies, and \$258,-535 in the General Section, under 188 policies. Our total gains were \$1,452,-441 of insurance, under 1,263 policies, on 1.117 lives. 1898. 1899. Total income..\$ 212,699 \$ 242,967 Insurance accepted .\$1,916,750 \$2,711,250 No. of policies in force.. 7.026 8.289 Total business in

A large force of Boers, with ten guns from Colesberg, attacked a British convoy consisting of 200 wagen at the Riet river on Thursday. The amount of damage done is not stated. Reinforcements were sent from Jacobs. dal. The fate of the convoy is not stated, but there is no indication of a disaster.

A despatch from Pietermaritzburg. dated Feb. 15, says that there are indications of a decisive battle at Colenso, and a despatch from the Hoofd-Dalager at Ladysmith, dated Feb. 14, records that the British since the aftermoon of Feb. 13 have every night bom- I fate of the Boer commander."

ling the railway at Sterkstoom. The American scout, F. R. Burnham. who is to join Roberts' personal staff, has arrived at Cape Town.

LONDON, Feb. 17, 4.45 a. m.-Gen. Cronje, with a start of a day or two, is seemingly in full retreat from Lord Roberts, moving northward. Gen. French, with the cavalry, simply stayed over night in Kimberley, and then pushed cn, to get in touch with the retiring enemy. A long Boer wagon train is moving toward Bloemfontein. followed, presumably, by a large force of British infantry. In their hasty departure the Boers lost quantities of supplies and ammuniticn.

Military opinion here is that Lord Roberts will not push after the Boers immediately, because of transport problems and the need of rest for the troops. He has to feed 70,000 persons population. He must rebuild the railway from Modder River to Kimberley and revictual the latter.

Gen. French lost a few men only in action, but the forced marches and heat have probably made many ill. Lord Roberts has wrought a genuine preliminary success, and the impression is that he has done enough for the present. He will reed to prepare for another strike.

All over England tonight there have been evidences of public joy over the rews. The newspapers are editorially rejoicing.

Thiose who read the news closely se only one disturbing factor in the Cape situation, and that is the pressure of the Boers toward Lord Roberts' line of supply through De Aar, which was around Ladysmith. never more important than now. The Boers are making a persistent effort to penetrate to the railway. They have pushed Gen. Clements back to Arundel and have outfianked him. They are within sixty miles or two hard days' march of the central railway. Doubtless Lord Roberts has left considerable forces along the line and can send back more if necessary.

In the lobbies of the house last evening it was rumored that Gen. Buller had again crossed the Tugela. A special despatch, dated two days back says that an important move was then pending there, although contrary indications are found in the fact that 750 ambulance bearers have been temporarily disbanded and the further fact that traction engines are arriving at Durban from the front to be sent to Lord Roberts.

More artillery is being sent to Lord Roberts from Cape Town.

SPENCER WILKINSON'S OPINION LONDON, Feb. 17 .- Spencer Wilkinson, discussing the military situation in the Morning Post, says:

"It may be necessary to wait a day or two in order to fill in the details of the first act of Lord Roberts' operations. Interest now centres in the attempt of the Boers to retreat, or, failing that, in the attempt to pursue them. Gen. Cronje has probably chosen to retreat, which, if success ful, would take him across the Vaal River

"The purpose of Lord Roberts' strategy undoubtedly was to surround Gen. Cronje's forces and to cut off his retreat. A few days will clear up the

"Heavy fighting has occurred at Raman (Ramdam?), in the Free State, not far from Hope Town, Cape Colony. The Boers say they held all the important positions, the British finally retiring."

WILL SAIL WEDNESDAY.

HALIFAX. Feb. 16 .- Wednesday. Feb. 21st, is now the time slated for the departure of the Milwaukee for South Africa. It may be that she will not sail till Thursday, but tonight it looks like Wednesday. Col. Irving says if he can do it this will be the day. The Kingston contingent will arrive here at six o'clock Saturday evening.

ON THE TUGELA.

HEAD LAAGER, near Ladysmith, Wednesday, Feb. 14.-The British from Chieveley have been bombarding the Boer forces at Blaauw Krantz, east of Colens), since yesterday afternoon, the bombardment continuing throughout the night. The Boers responded with rifle fire. Particulars are lacking. All is quiet

AT CAMP CHIEVELEY.

CHIEVELEY CAMP, Natal, Feb. 16, .25 a. m.-Major P. S. Marling, V. C., of the 18th Hussars, who has been seriously ill in the Intombi camp hospital, is now convalescent. Col. J. Burn Murdoch of the Royal Engineers has been appointed commander of the Imperial Cavalry brigade.

KIMBERLEY RELIEVED.

LONDON, Feb. 16, 9.15 a. m.-Lord Rob-erts has sent the following message to the war office : "JACOBSDAL, Feb. 16, 2 a. m.- General French, with a force of artillery, cavalry and mounted infantry, reached Kimberley on Thursday evening." and mounted infantry, reached Kimberley on Thursday evening." LONDON, Feb. 16.—Gen. Roberts also sent the following despatch: "JACOBSDAL, Feb. 16.—I have good rea-son to believe the Magersfinitein trenches have been abandoned, and that the Boers are endeavoring to escape. Gen. French is scouring the country north of Kimberley. One of Gen. Kelly-Kenny's brigades of in-fantry is in pursuit of a large Boer convoy moving towards Bloemfontein."

GENERAL FRENCH'S STATEMENT. LONDON, Feb. 16, 7.44 p. m.— The war office makes public a despatch from Field Marshal Lord Roborts, saying : "JACOBSDAL, Feb. 16.— The following from Gen. French was received this morn-

ing : "I have completely dispersed the enemy from the southern side of Kimberley from Alexander fontein and Oliphant's fontein, Alexander fontein the cocurv their sround. Alexander ionical and comparing ionical, and am now going to occupy their ground. Have captured the enemy's laager and store depot supplies and supplies of ammunition. Casualises about twenty of all ranks wound-ed. Kimberley cheerful.'

OUTSIDE JACOBSDAL.

OUTSIDE JACOBSDAL. OUTSIDE JACOBSDAL, Orange Free State, Thursday, Feb. 15.—The road be-tween Modder River and Jacobsdal is now open. The distance is only 9 miles. The road is available for sending reinforcements and supplies. When the Boers evacuated Jacobsdal they were obliged to pass over a ridge where they afforded a splendid mark for the British

MESSAGES FOR KIMBERLEY. MONTREAL, Feb. 16 .- The Canidian Pacific Railway's telegraph ancounce that messages for Kimberley, South Africa, can now be accepted, at senders' risk. Messages must not exceed 'twelve words.

ESCAPED THE CRUISER.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 16 .- The Argus prints a telegram from Lourenzo Marquez which states that the American ship Sea Witch has arrived there with 800 tons of flour. She succeeded in evading the British warships until she arrived within the three mile limit.

(According to Lloyds the American ship Sea Witch, Capt. Howes, sailed from Wallaroo on Dec. 3 for Delagoa Bay.)

WASHINGTON SURPRISED. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.-Lord Rosebery's statement in parliament resterday that last December the British government made unsuccessful overtures to the United States and Germany for an alliance has caused the greatest surprise among the state department officials, and while they are not in a position to make an official denial they do not hesitate privately to assert their absolute ignorence of any overtures of the kind de-

scribed. COMPULSORY SERVICE PROJECT-ED. LONDON, Feb. 16 .- While the house of commons was in committee on the supplementury army estimates today, the liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, after re-affirming the intention of the liberals to do anything necessary for a successful prosecution of the war, said the one thing dominating the debate was the sus picion that compulsory service was projected. He did not believe the gov ernment intended this, but the inten ition of the premier was another matter. Conscription by ballot, he de clared, was a combination of press

gang and roulette, which was a very undignified way of increasing the strength which Great Britain had montgaged in the endeavor to be before her neighbors in every part of the world. She was now, he concluded reaping the fruits of this policy. The government leader, A. J. Bal four, replied that no amount of effort

could make Lord Salisbury's speech appear to favor conscription. Another speaker in the house of lords, he asserted, had referred to compulsory service, but he was a former colleague of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman Mr. Balfour, continuing, said he would gladly welcome some practical suggestion, but had waited vainly for Sir Henry to suggest a method of meeting the heavy military responsibilities The speaker congratulated Sir Henry on escaping the fault which had not

been avoided by some important people in the other house. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman had showed no panic and had not, in tones of trembling emotion, told them the country was endangered unless it mobilized the fleet. He had taken a saner view of the situation. Doubtless there was one great and expected difficulty which the government would endeavour to retrieve as rapidly as possible, but the position did not justify tones of

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t as you near life's eventide The shadows growing longer, Your love has with the gliding years Grown ever sweeter, stronger.

The little ones reared through the years With care so fond and tender, As men and women gather round And loving service render

heir infant steps you gently led; When yours begin to falter Twill be their joy to guide you then---As incense on Love's altar.

God guide you both for many a day And shield you from all sorrow; By His kind hand may you be led Through many a bright tomorrow. When twilight comes, and then the dark, When last good byes are spoken

When last good byes are spoken, May you all meet, when morning breaks, A loving band unbroken. FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

(Moncton Tinses.)

J. L. Stanley of the Times newsroom, has received a letter from his brother Dorsey, of the 39th U.S.A. Infantry, at Colamba, Philippine Islands, dated Jan. 2. Dorsey Stanley worked in Monoton about seven years ago in O'Neil & Crue's shoe factory. The letter reads as follows: I suppose

you will be surprised to hear from me. I have been here in this town about two weeks. We had a hot time when we captured this place. I am with the 39th U. S. Infantry, and they are a bot crowd. Eleven of our men were wounded yesterday in an engagement, and we burned two small towns and captured about 30 niggers. We are now on the firing line, and it is a snap to lie in the trenches and the sun boiling down on you, and sometimes up to your middle in mud and water, and plug those niggers with cold lead and hot apple sauce for dessert. Т have been in the Philippines for nearly two months, and have not been sick a day since I left Augusta, Me. I like the army first rate. This is a nice rich country, but the Americans have got to make the niggers stand round. We have four Chinamen with our regiment carrying an munition for us to the lines. I am about as black as any of the niggers here now-so much in the boiling sun. This is a fine fruit country. We can get cocoanuts and bananas in abundance.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—Hon. Dr. Borden passed through the city today en route to Halifax.

Halifax. A report is current here on very good au-thority that Hon. Mr. Tarte has resigned and will go to Paris for a year as Canadian bigh (com

NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

KINGSTON, Ja., Feb. 17.-The squadron of British warships commanded by Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick G. D. Bedford arrived here today and was greeted with enthus asm. A number of fetes have been ar ranged in honor of the officers and crews and the officers and crew of the U. S. auxili ary cruiser Scorpion have been invited to participate.

Cook's Cotton Root Compound

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Our "Advocate," which has now entered its sixth year of publication, is still sent to all policy-holders and to all applicants for it, besides being distributed in large numbers by our agents. It has been found to be our most useful literature, and during the past year has met with even greater

favor than it had previously done. As lin previous years, audits have been regularly made by the company's auditors, whose certificate is attached

to the financial statement. By section 9 of our act of incorporation, all the directors rettire, and you will be required to elect a board of di-

rectors for the current year. H. SUTHERLIAND, GEO. W. ROSS, Managing Director. President.

The report was unanimously adopted, and the former board of directors re-elected.

The residence of John P. Brennan, P. E. I., was burned, with all its contents, on Friday evening, at Alberton, P. E. I.



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