

SOUTH AFRICA.

Gen. Hamilton Defeated the Boers at Winburg on Sunday, Capturing Gen. Olivier.

Severe Engagements in the Vicinity of Dalmanutha—Canadian Regiment Now Guarding Lines of Communication—Germans Allege Cruel Treatment at Johannesburg.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The following despatch has been received at the war office from Lord Roberts:

PRETORIA, Thursday, Aug. 23.—Baden-Powell rescued one hundred British prisoners at Warm Baths Aug. 22 and captured twenty-five Boers and three German artillery officers.

While reconnoitering in the Komati valley Rundle found 140,000 rounds of ammunition buried. The columns pursuing DeWet made wonderful marches. Colonel McKinnon covered 224 miles in fourteen days.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A special despatch from Pretoria, dated today, says General Lord Roberts has confirmed the sentence of death imposed upon Lieut. Cordua, formerly of the Stants artillery, who was convicted of being a ringleader in the plot to abduct General Roberts and kill British officers.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A special despatch from Pretoria says that Lieut. Cordua was shot yesterday (Friday) afternoon.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Gen. Baden-Powell, according to a despatch to the Standard from Pretoria, dated Aug. 23, headed off Gen. DeWet, preventing his junction with the main body of the enemy.

DeWet abandoned his transport and took to the hills, his commando dispersing, some trekking south.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Telegram's special cable from London says it is possible that the Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry will soon be relieved from service in South Africa.

From several sources news has come that the Canadian first contingent would be kept but a short time longer in the field. A despatch from Cape Town goes to strengthen this report.

CAPT. MAYNARD ROGERS OF D. Co. was in Cape Town three weeks ago endeavoring to make arrangements for the early return to Canada of the regiment in which he serves.

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 26.—Lord Roberts arrived yesterday at Belfast, where he met Sir Redvers Buller, General French and Gen. Pole-Carew. Everything is now in readiness for the advance.

KRUGERSDORP, Aug. 25.—Commandant Delarey appeared yesterday before Bank station with a large force and summoned the garrison, commanded by Lord Albemarle, to surrender. The garrison refused.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Lord Roberts has left Pretoria and has fixed his headquarters at Wonderfontein, the second station west of Machadodorp, where the bulk of the Boers in arms are supposed to be. Wiring from there, Aug. 24th, he says:

"Buller reports the Boers laid a trap for his cavalry Aug. 23, opening with several guns at a short range. The English guns silenced the Boers, but when the firing ceased and the pickets were being placed for the night, by

Boers' position and the latter displaying great enterprise in handling their guns, which were strongly placed. The enemy evidently intends to contest stubbornly the ground between here and Machadodorp.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The following despatch was sent today by Lord Roberts:

"BELFAST, Aug. 26.—Engaged the enemy the greater part of the day over a perimeter of nearly 30 miles. Lyttelton's division and two brigades of cavalry led under Buller operated southwest of Dalmanutha. French, with two brigades of cavalry, moved northwest of Belfast, driving the enemy to Lekevery, on the Belfast-Lydenburg road.

"The Liverpool lost ten men killed and Capt. Plomer and fifty-five wounded. In addition they had thirty-two men missing. Gen. Buller's other casualties Aug. 23 were twenty men killed, wounded or missing. Lord Roberts also wires that General Pole-Carew occupied Belfast, near Machadodorp, Aug. 24, without opposition.

Gen. French, with four brigades of cavalry, is moving east of Machadodorp. The despatch of the British commander-in-chief in South Africa also says:

"There is a welcome green over the veldt, which, I hope, means that our riding and transport animals will get grazing shortly. They have fared badly of late."

CONCERNING CANADIANS. TORONTO, Aug. 25.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: "The unusual announcement was made at the war office today regarding members of the royal regiment of infantry who had been invalided to England from the battlefields of South Africa. It was to the effect that Pte. H. Andrews, formerly of the 5th Regiment Canadian Artillery, and a member of 'A' company, and Pte. W. C. S. Holland of 'C' company, formerly of the 7th Westworth Battalion, had returned to the scene of the conflict. Both soldiers, who have completely gained their health, will proceed north to rejoin their regiment in the vicinity of Pretoria. Andrews was one of the many Canadians wounded at Paardspoel last February.

It has been reported to the war office from Natal's Point, that Pte. J. W. Duhemel, of the first Canadian contingent, died from enteric fever on June 27th. He formerly belonged to the 86th, Three Rivers Battalion, only 450 strong.

OTTAWA, Aug. 26.—The militia department received the following message yesterday: Johannesburg, Aug. 24. Battalion reached Krugersdorp on the twenty-second, after three weeks' marching, only 450 strong. Ordered to Pretoria. Capt. McDonnell released. (Sgd.).

OTTAWA, Aug. 27.—Sir Alfred Milner cables Lord Minto as follows: CAPE TOWN, Aug. 27.—402, Arnold, died of wounds at Standerton 11th Aug.; 152, Norris, reported missing. Greylingstone, 5th July, was killed that day. Both belonged to Lord Strathcona's corps. (Sgd.).

BELLEVEILLE, Ont., Aug. 27.—When the first contingent went to South Africa, Mrs. Fred Lingham of this city gave a siltken Union Jack into the keeping of Lieut. Glencoe Hulme of the Fifteenth A. L. I., present in Canada to the man of the Belleville squad who raised that flag over Pretoria jail. Lt. Hulme enlisted as a private in 'D' company and has since been promoted to sergeant. Col. Ponton on Sunday received a message that Sgt. Hulme had himself put up the flag on the jail. Sgt. Hulme's father is city surveyor and assessor of the city, and is receiving many congratulations today over his son's success.

BERLIN, Aug. 27.—A deputation of German subjects residing in the Transvaal, has arrived here to lodge a complaint with the German foreign office regarding alleged cruel treatment at Johannesburg. They assert that 400 German subjects, of both sexes, were arrested there and sent to a sea port from which point they were shipped to Fushing, where the British landed them penniless. They were arrested, according to the statement of the deputation, in shops and taverns and even in their beds and were hurried away barefooted and only half clothed, losing everything they had. They are now being taken to the foreign office to demand damages for the brutal treatment and the loss of property.

The Berliner Tageblatt, commenting upon Lord Roberts' latest measures, especially his most recent proclamation, says: "The course appears to have been dictated to him by England."

LONDON, Aug. 26.—During Gen. Buller's recent attack, according to the Daily Mail correspondent, the Boers lost heavily. Half the gunners of the Bethel commando were killed, as well as its commander, Commandant Von Dalwig, a cousin of Herr Krupp.

TORONTO, Aug. 27.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: It has been reported to the war office that Pte. J. Jordan, formerly of the Queen's

OTTAWA.

Hon. Mr. Sifton Makes Another Back-Down.

Premier Trying to Find a Way to Let Tarde Out Easy.

Cabinet Meetings Will Not be Resumed Until End of Next Week—Doubts the Report of the Findings of Andrea's Body.

OTTAWA, Aug. 22.—The ministers are gathering for Saturday's cabinet council. Hon. David Mills and the minister of customs returned today, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier is expected back tomorrow night from the coast. It will be the most important meeting of the cabinet since the famous convocation of last October, when Mr. Tarde held out against the sending of a Canadian contingent. He will figure again at Saturday's council, for, if report says truly, his resignation will be discussed and Mr. Tarde may be counted upon to make his own terms. It is reported that Mr. Tarde's successor in the cabinet will be Raymond Prefontaine of Montreal, member for the electoral district of Maisonneuve. Mr. Prefontaine was in the capital today. A prominent liberal, to whom your correspondent broached the subject of Mr. Prefontaine's entry into the cabinet, said, without admitting the truth of the report, that it would be an excellent party move to have him make the place of the present minister of public works. "It would strengthen us in Ontario, where Mr. Tarde's attitude in regard to the contingents and his unfortunate speeches in France has had a bad effect, I must admit, and you know that Mr. Prefontaine, on the other hand, most joyfully endorsed the policy of sending Canadian contingents to fight for the flag in South Africa." Mr. Prefontaine has been in parliament since 1887, when he was elected for Chambly, for which constituency he sat until 1896. He was re-elected in the new division of Maisonneuve. He is a lawyer and is mayor of Montreal for the third term, having been elected first in 1888 by acclamation.

Mr. Tarde is going down to St. Hyacinthe on Sunday to speak on the same platform with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and it is expected he will then formally announce his retirement from the cabinet. He and Mr. Prefontaine left together tonight for Montreal. A report to the marine department from Victoria indicates a good season for the British Columbia sealing fleet now in Behring Sea. The coast catch amounted to 15,438 skins, an increase of 5,967 over the number taken the previous year. There are 34 British Columbia vessels in the sealing business.

Dean Laurier, chaplain of the senate, is seriously ill in England. The year book for 1899, prepared under the direction of George Johnson, dominion statistician, was issued today.

OTTAWA, Aug. 23.—In connection with the seed grain competition it is announced that Prof. Robertson has decided to change the size of the seed grain plot from one acre to one quarter of an acre. Those who have completed the work on one acre for this year (1899) may select sufficient of the seed from the heads obtained to sow a measured plot of one quarter of an acre for next year. Competitors who have not completed the work for this year may yet select seed, the pick of large heads from unthreshed grain, and prepare a seed grain plot of one quarter of an acre for next year (1900). The prizes in yearly competition for 1900 will be awarded to those who have selected heads of grain for seed on their seed grain plot according to the regulations in the bulletin. Prizes in the main competition will be awarded on the result from the quarter acre plots during the two years of 1900 and 1901. Prof. Robertson is desirous that all those from whom entries were received and are in a position to go on with the work will follow the instructions faithfully with the quarter acre plot during the next two years.

An order in council has been passed authorizing the issue of the Northwest Medal of 1885 to all the mounted police actually on service that year. The original order granted the medal to every member of the active militia who went west of Port Arthur, but as far as the mounted police were concerned it applied only to those who were actually under fire. The latter restriction has now been removed.

Premier Laurier returned to the city today. Up to a late hour this afternoon notices for a council meeting had not been issued.

Hon. Mr. Mills will attend the Bothwell convention on Tuesday, but it is not likely that he will accept the nomination for the commons.

A proclamation was issued this afternoon forbidding the sale and exportation of munitions of war to China. This action has been taken at the request of the imperial authorities.

Another proclamation issued today forbids the landing of any criminals in Canada, and authorizing their arrest should they reach terra firma.

OTTAWA, Aug. 26.—A communication from the Anglican bishop of Mooseonee, whose See house is at Moose factory, James Bay, has been received in this city. He expressed the opinion that the story of the finding of Andrea and his companions on the northeast coast of James Bay is a very unlikely one. He heard a similar, only more probable, story from the Eskimos far north of Fort Churchill last winter, which story got into the Canadian and English newspapers. The bishop was inclined to believe it at first, but hardly does so now. He thinks the recent report is the only story revived by having travelled across or around James Bay

and found a fresh shape and local habitation on the east side.

Communications have been passing between the governments of Great Britain, acting for Canada, the United States and Russia, with regard to the proposed terms of reference to the arbitrator on claims arising out of the seizure of Canadian and United States vessels in the North Pacific by Russia in 1892. Russia asks for the inclusion of certain points in order of reference, to which neither the United States nor Canada can agree. It is felt, however, that the present disagreement can be bridged over, and that all parties will concur shortly as to the manner in which the case is to be laid before the arbitrator, Professor Meisner, of the University of Copenhagen.

Hon. Mr. Sifton finds it necessary to make another back-down. The system of retaining for the government alternate sessions of blocks along the creeks in the Yukon is being abandoned. This was the plan first proposed by the minister of the interior, when the country first attracted the notice of the outside world, but has proved a failure. Another step the minister of the interior is taking is to provide that on creeks which are worked mining by the placer system, the preference shall be given to placer miners over hydraulic concerns.

Sir George Burton of Toronto, Fletcher B. Wade, Q. C., of Halifax, and Edmund J. Barbeau, director of the Montreal saving bank, have been appointed a commission to inquire into a claim of the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia against the Dominion of Canada. At the time the Intercolonial railway was built, the dominion took over the Eastern Extension, already constructed by the provinces, from New Glasgow to Canso. A lump sum was subsequently paid by the dominion, but the claim for the interest on it had been constantly pressed, and will now be considered by this commission.

The cabinet sat for four hours yesterday and in cognizance with its policy of procrastination, did not reach any conclusion respecting the appeal to the country. The English speaking ministers are determined that Mr. Tarde must go, but the trouble with the minister of public works is that he will not be squeezed out. Accordingly the announcement of the dissolution is withheld, and during the next few days the premier will bend his energies to find a way to let Mr. Tarde out easy. It is given out in the meantime that the maritime province ministers are going to feel the pulse of the constituencies.

Hon. Mr. Fielding left for Nova Scotia last night; Sir Louis Davies proceeded to Prince Edward Island this morning, while Mr. Blair goes to New Brunswick tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Mills also left for Western Ontario tonight, and Sir Wilfrid was in Montreal today consulting with the faithful. Cabinet meetings will not be resumed until the end of this week. A decision respecting the holding of the general election can hardly be expected for seven or ten days.

ST. ANDREWS. Undesirable Visitors from Across the Border. Successful Burglary—More Cottages to be Erected Next Spring—Sunday Services.

ST. ANDREWS, Aug. 27.—Saturday afternoon, during the absence of the inmates, John and Mrs. McDaid, Charles and Mrs. Gilman, thieves entered their residence, on the St. John road, in the suburbs of the town, broke open a trunk in McDaid's house, and took from it a twenty and ten dollar bill, a gold watch and chain, ear pendants, brooch and other articles of jewelry. Gilman's bed room was also entered and trunks opened. Two pairs of boots, owned by Mr. Mesherau, a coachman, were also stolen.

Friday night until the early hours of Saturday morning, a party of excursionists from Campbell and Eastport, principally from the latter place, held high revel in Stevenson hall, where they indulged in dancing. Many of them, male and female, wandered through the streets, making a night hideous by their yell, profanity and lewd and lascivious conduct, placing themselves below the level of the brute creation.

During the small hours of Sunday morning a party of drunken revellers had possession of Water street. Some of these rowdies from Robbinston, Me., others, we regret to say, young men residents of the town. Fights were freely indulged in.

It is time that steps were taken for the formation of a citizens' law and order league, or other organization to stamp out disorderly carryings on, else the strangers and tourists within our borders will think that it is a good town to keep away from.

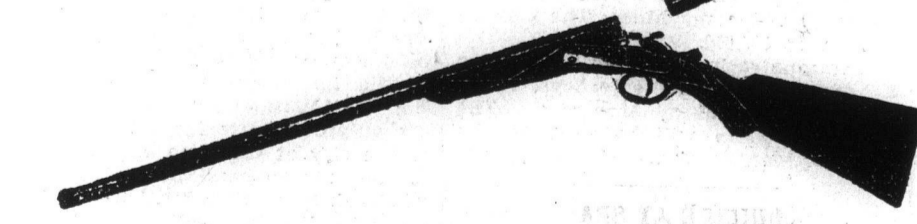
Rev. J. Desroves, rector of the Stone church, St. John, preached, assisted at the service in All Saints' church yesterday. He was a guest of Lady Tilly at Linden Grange.

Rev. A. Bowser of Wilmington, Delaware, who with his family are summering here, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church at the morning service. The rev. gentleman, his estimable wife and family, are made welcome visitors to the shire town. At the morning service in the Methodist church, yesterday, Miss May Berry sang, with great feeling and expression, Jesus, Lover of My Sins.

A number of buildings have been bargained for, and next spring will probably see a boom in the erection of cottages.

A rushing business is being done in the Kennedy Hotel. The resources of the house are taxed to its utmost capacity. Cots had to be placed in the corridors and parlors for the accommodation of the guests. Mr. Kennedy and his staff are kept on the jump all the time.

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