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J. BLANCHARD. that after the show the mails for the own to pieces and kits were destroy-M. J. B. came another con-Capt. Blanchard's

er, June 19, 1900. -I enclose a letter son and my officer Blanchard. It is have to report to d away. I cannot ow as I feel like a now that poor Mr. on will see by the d to me and which he was as plucky was in great pain only say that the indred and fifty-two fferent regiments in lles north of Kroon sent in a messenger but Capt. Grant of Then they rst with one gun, e number to five. hem with our rifles, ortly after mid-day m.), and then sur-

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Kroonstad military ilitary honors, and

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return to Canada ve you any more demore information is Private E. N Royal Canadian Regi-Hughes, Winnipeg rather vague and ou consider I have he beginning of the till the finish. Most effects were taken few of his things I d over to our sto nant Kaye. Colonel arrange all his afur satisfaction, and

ORMAN HUGHES. NE RESIGNS.

the Times.) -The resignation of ctor of artillery, has claimed preced ne Canadian militia, he could not get. to his regiment in

A Brave Unequal Fight

Ex-Prisoners at Roring Spruit.

Armed Only With Martini Rifles, While Boers Had Mausers and Artillery.

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How Private Waldie Escaped From the Burghers-Shot Two Dead.

(From the Toronto Globe.)

dian Mounted Rifles.)—The Canadian Mounted Rifles are at the moment scattered along the failway track. Colonel

from the back of a galloping horse at a other two were captured. man who is also going at full speed.

A Desperate Pursuit. Fred Morden, of shot dead from his horse, never uttering a word. He was soon followed by Private Robert Kerr, also a Pincher Creek man. Lieut. Inglis was shot through the his horse. In the same volley or subse- back, that his horse was titterly exhausted. overtaking him at a hand-gallop. Well,

his wounded comrades into camp

fined for a long time in the hospital. He eventually joined his battalion, and remains a good enough man to perform the feat of Friday. Barry Boers Turn Tail. and sallied out to the assistance of their comrades, and a third Boer met his death from their fire. This is not the sort of game that Oom Paul's boys fled. They were not able even to carry away their dead, as is their custom. The Boer losses have generally to be guessed at. On their occasion the Canadians were enabled to be sure of three projectiles struck every note in the

at any rate, for they buried them. When noses were counted the following was found to be the casualty list: Killed—Corporal Morden, Pincher Creek; Pte. Kerr, Pincher Creek, and Sergt. Pattison, MacLeod. Wounded-Lieut, Inglis, Calgary, Corp. T. R. Miles, Pincher Creek, Pte. Aspinall and Pte. Burney. Missing-Pte. Vernon, Pte. Bell, Pte. Ermatinger and Pte. Hobbins.

enemy had killed of them.

The Honing Spruit Affair.

tered along the railway track. Colonel odd who had been prisoners for so many Lessard with B Squadron and what re-

Simultaneously with the blowing up of the bridge the telegraph wires along the and water tank all day, but failed to But the fact is their horses were done line came rattling down about our ears.

No Surrender. minutes thereafter a mounted Boer, car-

their saddles until their comrades could were sure to be armed with Mansers. He the game. A shrappel burst, in the air help them into camp. They had taken knew that we had no artillery, and that above them and they seperated. A litcould not get a shot at them. The Boers tion we had with our antique weapons, he knew that his pursuers were likely would bring us aid. No time had been opportunity, and they had to rise to aim circle on the east side of the track, the They blazed away, but that side from which attack was threatened. was the last shot they will ever fire, for The earth was as hard as South African Waldie shot both men dead as neatly as soil usually is, and not much progress partridges out of a covey. He remount- firing began. The hostile riflemen had ed his horse and was able to help two of posted themselves, both in front and on the left flank, so that trenches which had Waldie has had enough misfortunes been constructed either parallel to or at to kill two ordinary men, but he is still right angles to the track had soon to be alive to discuss them. He was one of abandoned, for no one could lie in them the unfortunates who made their way and live. But the rifle-fire was only the to the Klondike by the Edmonton route, prelude to a more stormy terror. By and got both feet badly frozen on the half-past eight the enemy had got their journey. He recovered from that and two 15-pounders in position and began joined this expedition. When the the liveliest shelling that anybody among Pomeranian arrived at Capetown he fell off the deck on the dock. He was an course of the war. Col. Bullock soon say conscious for six weeks and was con- the fatuity of firing the Martinis. They could reach neither the gunners nor the riflemen, and the black powder smoke only served to show the artillerists where we were. He accordingly issued an order that our men should only fire in case In the meantime the men in camp the enemy came to close quarters, in an were apprised of what was going on, attempt to rush the position. Indeed, some of the Martinis became practically useless. In many of them the shells had to be shoved out with the ramrod and like to play, and they turned tail and others jammed so that the breach would not close again. So there they lay, making no reply to the pinging bullets that

A Trying Situation.

leaden pellets.

played such deadly tunes about them,

and the bursting bombs, whose varied

gamut, from the deep bass of the angular

segments to the whistle of the round-

It was certainly a situation to try the stoutest hearts, and it need not be concealed that when about noon the booming and cracking and blasting and ven- our saviours pursued the retreating

be in the hands of the enemy. eight months, fed on mealie pap, and him and he got away: Ermatinger is a son of Judge Ermat- broken with that deferred hope that inger of St. Thomas. The only satisfac- maketh the heart sick. Fifty per cent. being 400 men sent down under Colonel miles away, in answer to that message, Bullock of the Devons to guard Hon- flashed there almost as the wires were

already attacked by the enemy. The right, for Kroonstad had replied "O.K." through the wall during the afternoon, men under Colonel Bulleck were of vari- If he could even stand them off till dark ous regiments-the Lancash're Fusiliers, it would give the whole night for the the Northumberland Fusiliers, the West arrival of aid. Could we endure this Yorks, the 2nd Lancashire, the Con-mishandling till night. Those who saw naughts, the Royal Irish Rifles, the Colonel Bulock's face when he told the Wilts, the Gloucesters, the King's Roy hairy envoy with the white flag to tell for the cross. For bandages he tore up al Rifles, the Devons, the King's Own, the Commandant to "Go to Hades," saw the good woman's sheets. Two of the largest. In the pioneer days of '87 the low water at Caribon this year is due Kroonstad, June 28.—(With the Canadian Mounted Rifles.)—The Canadian Mounted Rifles at the moment scatlounted Rifles are at the momen The Colonel's Example.

have all got clear away, for even a Boer, as the Transvaar and Ottaled. The shrapnel, and men began to roll over in sharpshooter connet make good practice. Colony railways are now called. The their mortal agony. They had been payshrapnel, and men began to roll over in ing occasional attention to the engine

plant a shell on either, although one up and spur them as they would the siliers; Pte. Reeves, 2nd Lancashire Fu bright and early on the 9th of June we when we met our old friend, Mr. Bethes they drew close enough to their tween us and Kroonstad, and the teleas they drew close enough to their tween us and Kroonstad, and the teleas they drew close enough to their quarry half the burghers would dismount, and taking steady aim throw a mount, and taking steady aim throw a was able to send a message to that town, and taking steady aim throw a way, of what was going on at their favorite mark. Men began to count the first through train would be driven at White Horse that the last spike would be driven at White Horse that the last spike would be driven at White Horse that the last spike would be driven at White Horse that the last spike would be driven at White Horse that the last spike would be driven at White Horse that the last spike would be driven at White Horse that the last spike would be driven at White Horse that the last spike would be driven at White Horse that the last spike would be driven at White Horse that the last spike would be driven at White Horse that the last spike would be driven at White Horse that after.

Wounded—Lieut H. H. S. Shith, Glow the train would start at the last spike would be driven at White Horse that after minutes the first through train would start at the last spike would be driven at White Horse that the last spike would be driven at White Horse that the last spike would be driven at White Horse th No Surrender.

About this time it was perceived that formance. These tactics were unfortunately successful, and the little band soon telly successful, and the little band soon to have casualties. Corporal began to have casualties and said of the standard of the stan About 2:30 the exultant foe was slowl rying a white flag, was observed loping drawing the cordon tighter. They had along the railway track towards the sta- not crossed the railway line, keeping all tion. He was the bearer of a message day to the east of it, but there were indemanding surrender. Col. Bullock re- dications now that they were creeping thigh, but shut his jaws and clung to turned a decisive No, and the Boer loped round to the left. A few of our me who had been thrown out in that direct duent ones Corp. T. R. Miles, Private We were certainly in for it. Col. Bultion came in for a brisk fire from their and to
which a little white flag fluttered to the
have the advantage of the benefits that Aspinall and Private Burney were lock knew that the foe had one piece of riflemen. Two of them attempted to run blame for sending off these men, with breeze to indicate that here the 60th

the precaution from the very start to spread out, so as to present as diffuse a nothing but the obsolete Martini, with spread out, so as to present as diffuse a nothing but the obsolete Martini, with spread out, so as to present as diffuse a nothing but the obsolete Martini, with spread out, so as to present as diffuse a nothing but the obsolete Martini, with spread out, so as to present as diffuse a nothing but the obsolete Martini, with spread out, so as to present as diffuse a nothing but the obsolete Martini, with spread out, so as to present as diffuse a nothing but the obsolete Martini, with spread out, so as to present as diffuse a nothing but the obsolete Martini, with spread out, so as to present as diffuse a nothing but the obsolete Martini, with spread out, so as to present as diffuse a nothing but the obsolete Martini, with spread out, so as to present as diffuse a nothing but the obsolete Martini, with spread out, so as to present as diffuse a nothing but the obsolete Martini, with spread out, so as to present as diffuse a nothing but the obsolete Martini, with as great advantages as Selkirk. mark for the enemy as possible. As its limited range and black powder. Col. Just then his master fell and lay there, it was liable to be attacked again? I here on they are constantly at our elthey neared the camp therefore each Bullock's first idea was to bring the train. The puppy ran ap curiously and licked suppose that the answer is that in operman found himself pursued by a little down to the camp where the Canadians his face unrebuked. "They've done for ating this vast war machine a cog is group of the enemy. Private Waldie, and Shropshires were. These were with- him," we all exclaimed. His companion bound to slip occasionally. This was cowboy-hat and riding boots are omniold man Waldie, as he is called, saw out big guas, but they had a stronger po reached the veranda utterly blown and certainly one of the slips, and we doubtsition, and having been some time there mortal terror expressed in every feature. less owe it to Col. Bullock that another and that two bearded burghers were had entrenched their camp. The locomo- The gunner even trained on the house unpleasant paragraph has not to be civil government. At this point to overtaking him at a hand-gallop. Well, tive returned from a scouting expedition the had to die, he determined to do it search for alcohol is their constant down the life, however, it say that there battling. He is a noted shot, and trust be to his skill to see him through. 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Such moments make a many behind the multiple barb wires that have an inclination to lawlessness at odd the self flat on the ground he for its therefore but to defend the positions. ance company would think of their risk encloses his captive war-eagles. I have were in no hurry, but Waldie was, for and trust that the message to Kroonstad if they could see it now. In the battles already intimated that a few of the men the price of all commodities soar skywe had been through when the project were discouraged at the inequality of wards. A smokeable Havana is 50c. to be reinforced at any moment. He lost in throwing out a skirmish line and accordingly rose up to give them a good in digging a few shallow pits in a semi-spurs to horse and removed out of dan-ing victoriously with Lord Roberts's ger. Here we could imagine the feel- column, capturing town after town, and

ings of the rat when the housewife's trap seeing president and dopper alike take us, we found that the size of the glass closes down on him. There was no es- to their heels. They had not quaffed decreased in inverse proportion as the cape. Death was everywhere. If you the wine of success. They had been eata good sportsman picks out a couple of was made in trench digging before the felt that the thin board house was a ing mealie pap and reading The Standmark for the enemy it was useless to ard and Diggers' News, with its constep outside, for there were hundreds of stant accounts of battues of Britishers, rifles just yawning for a chance at a omitting to explain how it was that, in moving figure. Even those of us who in spite of these overwhelming disasters, ments were being completed we had the earlier part of the day had admired, the hated rooinek was rapidly advancing, time to go over and pay a visit to our the iron determination of the Colonel never, on the very town in which it was puber to surrender, began to waver. Could we lished, the last number announcing the er to surrender, began to waver. Could we endure this till dark, still three deathful surrender of the town to this astonishing

hours away? British Guns Heard. a Tommy fervently. It was not pro- didn't, and he ran like a yellow dog at easy riding; the last ten miles to hold lent medicine it is. Had I known it at fanity—it was a prayer. The enemy the first bark of that blessed old bull—on and keep upright was not an easy first it would have saved me a great deal had heard it as soon as we did and was dog from Kroonstad. Railway travel task. Of course this condition is only already busy in limbering up his two, in the Orange River Colony just now is temporary, and the division crews will never occurred to him for a minute to imitate our example. I have no doubt he thought we were the stupidest lot of rooineks he had ever come across to en-

reason that "not through us should England come to shame." The guns and their escort, the Mid- toria and Vancouver. dlesex Yeomanry and the 17th Lancers, Sergt. Pattison was first put among came in again there were hopes in many that unholy mixture which we call tim is a man 21 years of age.

the missing, but his body was subse- hearts that the Colonel would surrender. war. The Boers' horses are in better quently found on the kopje, his fall not The English spirit burned low in the condition than ours, he has unrivalled having been observed. Vernon and hearts of some of these lads. All of knowledge of the country he is operat-Hobbins, it is believed, got into Kroon- them had been months in the hands of ing in and he generally gets away. In stad. Bell and Ermatinger are believed the Boers, some of them as much as this case the shades of evening helped

tion our men had was that they had of them were fitter for the convalescent. In the meantime we had begun the Story of Gallant Stand Made by killed as many of the enemy as the ward than for the battlefield. The fight mournful duty of gathering up the dead Lake Bennett, the River and Adwas a pitiably unequal one there seem and wounded. By the merest chance ed nothing for it but to give up. Col- Dr. Cheatle, Lord Roberts's consulting But while this was enacting another onel Bullock was quite aware of the unsurgeon, was on the train. He is a drama was unfolding itself at Honing equalness of it. Indeed, he had made splendid fellow-young and active. As Spruit station, some three miles away. up his mind that there was to be a great soon as it was seen that an engagement A train left Pretoria on Wednesday killing, but he hoped that something was imminent he took up his quarters morning, June 20th, its chief passengers would come from Kroonstad, twenty in the house of a Jewish storekeeper within a few yards of the station. It was not a good place, for it was in the ing Spruit, a station which hed been being cut. It had been received all centre of the fire, and a shell did plunge but there was no choice. All the other buildings were subject to the same objection. He had no stores, but he made a Geneva flag out of a pillow slip, with fective assistance, and the Geneva cross is such a pleasant thing to be under that had been according to the hardships and tribulations of the passes over, new difficulties faced the staff of recruits. But he did not speak, argonauts; boats, rafts or scows had to be folled and argonauts; boats, rafts or scows had to be constructed trees had to be felled and argonauts; boats, rafts or scows had to be constructed trees had to be felled and argonauts. were indeed 400 of the three thousand control of the principles of the of th

A list of the dead and wounded may

not be uninteresting even to colonial readers: Killed-Major H. DeC. Hobbs, West menu for the whole trip.

Yorks: Pte. Levett, 2nd Lancashire Fu-

son, N. Pusiliers; Pte. Partington, K. O. L. Lancashires; Pte. Spencer, South down caused us to soon forget the ex-Lancashires; Pte. Sweeny, South Lan- tortionate drayman and our enforced decashires; Pte. Clelland, Middlesex; Pte. lay. We were soon filled with a delight-

Harrie, K.R.R. Who Was Responsible? Aspinali and Private Burney were lock and in for shelter and the big gun took up obsolete rifles, black powder, cart-degree of north latitude is reached, and ridges and no guns, without stretchers or medical supplies, to defend a point army, which was constantly advancing under course of construction, and a big in the fact of annihilation. Yet in spite of the fact that they were not in the What was that? A deep-mouthed best case to represent British valor, no double boom was heard away off to the one can deny that inspired by their comsouth. Were the enemy blowing up mander and his officers, they fought a other portions of the line? or was it discouragingly uphill fight, held the prothe British guns from Kroonstad? The perty of which they had been put in latter was too good to be true, and no charge by simply saying: "Yes, this is in an upright position for the whole of one allowed himself to believe it, ex-, the sort of game you like, Mr. Boer. You the journey. cept for one blissful moment. But why can stand off there peppering us to your readers has ever rid- hoea Remedy was highly recommended is the rifle fire slackening? Why, for heart's content. We can't reach you or den an a "first through train," and for and sent and got a bottle at once. It fully five minutes, has no bird of flame do you any hurt, but to take this train ten miles on a road on which the ties proved to be one of the very best mediand death lighted the air? Again you have got to come within range of and rails have only just been laid, they cines we ever had in the house. It saved that deep-mouthed double boom. "By these old blunderbusses, and we heartily will know what the sensation is like. my little daughter's life. I am anxious God, is it the British guns," exclaimed invite you to come and do it." But he The first twenty miles was comparatively

> the planet. The soothing and healing properties of "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasdure the death-storm that had beat on ant taste and prompt and permanent us for eight hours for the mere foolish cures, have made it a great favorite with the people everywhere. For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Vic-

Alarm has been occasioned in Gloucesomous humming ceased, and our friend burghers, and it was an amazingly ter county by the discovery of what is on the loping horse, with the white flag, pleasing sight to see our shells burst- thought to be a case of leprosy. The vic-

Bennett to White Horse

jacent Country Graphically Described.

The Ride on the First Train to White Horse-How a Lake Was Lowered.

(Special correspondence of the Times.) Lake Bennett is a magnificent sheet of

charming afternoon, the delightful trip ful expectancy of continued pleasant experiences in the journey ahead of us. we cross from British Columbia to the

As soon as the dividing line is crossed now, and as we hunted the steward to satisfy a longing for a little "Special and soda" that had unconsciously crept over needless to say we are prejudiced against liquor permits.

After a pleasant run we reached Caribon-a sandy tract. Whilst train arrangeold friend, Mr. M. King, whom we found "busy as a bee," his sawmill working overtime and a large number of scows summer's work ahead of him.

To get a seat in the train was next and after that a scramble for the reavoirdupois counts; the lack of it compelled me to take all the comfort I could

on and keep upright was not an easy first it would have saved me a great deal war dogs, getting ready to trek. It one of the most exhibitating sports on soon make a perfect roadbed of it. JOHN A. EWAN. Pioneers must expect to get a jolt occa- Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Vicsionally. From Caribou to White Horse, toria and Vancouver. 40 miles, the line runs in a straight line and through a level country, thickly tim-

months ago a magnificent sheet of water covering a very large area, was to-day a large area of sand and gravel; here and there narrow streams have cut deep channels through the sand and gravel, gradually reducing in velocity as the water level of the outlet is reached. To drain a body of water covering thousands of acres in extent, and in some spots 75 feet deep, would seem almost impossible. This was accidental rather than intentional. The builders of the road in order to avoid an expensive detour around the lake determined to lower the lake three feet, if possible, but so soon as the capacity of the outlet was increased the sand and gravel offered very little resistance to the everincreasing volume of water, and in an incredibly short space of time the lake was gone. A man who had seen the whole thing told me that towards the end it was a wonderful sight to see the millions of Arctic trout rushing hither water 28 miles long; it drains a very and thither to keep in deep water, and the brilliant red of a Kaffir's blanket large area of country and is fed by nuwater route to Dawson commenced here. in any way to this rush of sand and

some of these voyagents provide the solution of these to administer to their personal comforts are interesting and instructive.

To "live well" on the trip was evident town make a jump upwards.

To "live well" on the trip was evident, in many cases, whilst in others "pork and beans" and coffee would be the and beans" and coffee would be the new city. We were most fortunate for new city. We were most fortunate for the steamer

shipping point for all steamers down the river, the terminus of the railway from Skagway. With all this in its favor, it should be a good point, providing always that the railway does not go farther and far enough to avoid the delays in the early spring at Lake Lebarge, the dan-Half way down the lake is an island on gers of the Thirty-Mile river, and to would accrue at a point where navigation opens earlier than at White Horse. Selkirk is the limit to where the road Yukon Territory. We are now in the can be extended under its present char-

We walked up the river for two miles and saw White Horse rapids and two every landing place the scarlet tunic, scows piloted through. The whole thing was done so quickly that it nearly took present. The manifold duties in which our breath away. One thing is certain, they are engaged covers every branch of sit takes consummate skill and cool judg

> Since that date Capt. McMaster has piloted the steamers Bailey, Clifford. Sifton, Nora and Zelandion (late Reaper) restely The latter had a slight mishap. not very great. Capt. McMaster seems to charm every steamer when he takes control; he is the swift water steamboat captain par excellence on the Yukon. The railway on the west shore on Lake

Bennett was graded in many places and very little work remained to be done excepting to tie and iron the road, and to construct the bridge at Caribou. The 15th of August ought to see the train running through from Skagway to White

How much further it will be sunning on August 15th, 1901, I would give a great deal to know. CHARLIE VARDEN.

A MOTHER TELLS HOW SHE SAV-ED HER LITTLE DAUGH-TER'S LIFE.

I am the mother of eight children and have had a great deal of experience with to impossible; the ladies had first choice medicines. Last summer my little daughter had the dysentery in its worst form. mainder. It is on such occasions that We thought she would die. I tried everything I could think of, but nothing seemed to do her any good. I saw by an advertisement in our paper that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrfor every mother to know what an excelof anxiety and my little daughter much suffering. Yours truly, Mrs. Geo. F. Burdick, Liberty, R. I. For sale by

Lord and Lady Mount Stephen go to hered in places, sandy stretches here and | Bombay in October to visit the Norththere, but for miles through an undulat- cotes. They will then make an extensive

ing, park-like country. The speed averaged eight miles an hour; twelve months from date it will be run in one and a half hours.

About midway between Caribou and White Horse you come to a spot which is of very great interest. The lake tkat was, as a co-traveller called it, twelve