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LORD ROBERTS' PLAN.

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Yesterday Lord Roberts announced

the appointment of Gen. Sir Henry

Colville, hitherto commander of the

Guards' Brigade, to the command of

the ninth division, which is being for-

med, and will consist probably to a

great extent of colonial troops. Gen.

Colville will be succeeded by Gen.

Lord Roberts tells the correspon-

dents that when he gets down to bust-

ness they shall have ample opportu-

in future all written communications

are to 30 unchecked. Only telegrams

will be censored. For the next few

days little news is likely to get

through, but later there will be more

freedom. Thus says the censor, and

the last clause may be interpreted to

Kimberley, twenty miles away from

the Modder River position, is in sore

straits. Details of the December death

rate show that in a repulation of 14,-

000 whites and 19,000 blacks the mor-

per thousand. The infantile death

rate was 671 per thousand among the

whites and 912 per thousand among

the blacks. Enteric fever was preva-

This frightful state of things in De-

cember cannot have improved much

if at all, since, and the fighting power

Meanwhile the bombardment by the

under the very eyes of Lord Roberts.

war office that he will move at once.

Scouts have approached to within a

thousand yards of the Boer intrench-

ments at Magersfontein. They have

found these strong, and ascertained

that they are used as dwelling places

Naval gunners are constantly watch-

ing the enemy's lines with strong

glasses, and they declare that there

is an appreciable diminution in the

In Natal the Boer commandoes south

of the Tugela occupy Bold's farm and

several mines west of Chieveley. Two

thousand Boers, with three guns, are

The war office is making prepara-

tions to continue the stream of troops

for South Africa. Four large steam-

ers have been chartered. Japan

put of four firms is 4,000,000 rounds.

PASSING THROUGH THE BOER

LINES.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Natal, Feb.

12.-News was received here yester-

day that Major Doveton is seriously

Gen. White, commander of the Brit-

ish forces at Ladysmith, obtained per-

neission from Gen. Joubert, the Boer

commender in chief, for Mrs. Dove-

ten to join her husband. She left last

night, and is passing through the Boer

THE SIGNAL FOR ACTION.

LONDON, Feb. 13.-Spence Wilkin-

son, discussing the military situation

which asserts that Lord Roberts will

allow no movement until the transport

"It is probable, therefore, that the

transport is now ready and that the arrival of Lord Roberts at Modder

River is the signal for action. It is

possible that, before beginning his move, he wishes to ascertain from

Lord Methuen how matters stand in

organization is complete, and says:

in the Morning Post today, refers to a Cape Town letter, dated Jan. 23

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Reginald Pole-Carew.

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ill at Ladysmith.

With Thirty-five Thousand Men He Will There was a heavy bombardment yea-terday, and today the fire of the Boer big gun at Kampersdam has been very Attempt to Turn the Boer Flank at Magersfontein,

Thus Compelling Cronje to Withdraw His -Forces from the Vicinity of Kimberley.

General Sir Henry Colville Selected to Command the Ninth Division New Arrangement of Press Censorship Kimberley in Sore Straits.

WAR SUMMARY.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.)
LONDON, Feb. 3.—All but conscription and that also, if other means fail, is Great Briss as new military policy, as announced in parliament today. An army which will number little short of 600, men, re-armed, with the most mo arn weapons, including huge incre le in artillery, is the force which the government declares is necessary for the land defence of the empire. Such is one startling sequel to the proclamation of peace in which all the nations joined a few short months ago at the Hagrie. There will be few in England to say the government nay, Englishmen as a whole, will applated the ministers' decision as only prudent and they will meet the emormous expanse of this call to arms shally, but resignedly. The century with military burdens resting on the old world so great that none can conjecture the next move in the gigantic game of arma-

The press views the proposals on the whole with satisfaction, and where there is dissatisfaction it is because too little, rather than too much, is contemplated. Thus the Daily News plans as marked chiefly by the moderation, and says it does not believe the proposed permanent increase of the regular army will be held by the country to endanger converting it into a military kingdom. It concludes its comments by appealing to the patriotism of the people to ensure the success

The Standard (conservative) calls the proposals emergency measures that are mainly to tide over the present difficulties. It hopes they will lay the foundation for reforms of a permanent character. It urges the government to strain every nerve and to tax its resources to the utmost to replace the obsolete artillery with which the volunteers have so long

been mocked. The Chronicle (liberal) generally approves the government proposals. It thinks the net result ought to be a large addition to the available forces,

with increased efficiency. The Telegraph says the country will be satisfied with the broad principle on which the scheme is based.

The Daily Mail is dissatisfied with the makeshift nature of the scheme. It says there is no radical reform or attempt to build up a sound scheme of military defence, nothing to demonstrate to Kruger and Great Britain's continental enemies that she is in

deadly earnest. A great deal of the criticism in the house of commons is directed at the absence of legislation as to how the cost of the permanent increase is to

Mr. Wyndham, under secretary for war, did not deal with this question in the house of commons, and the Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary for war, did not clear up the matter in the

The temporary portion of the scheme will, of course, be men by the supplementary estimate of 13,000,000 pounds sterling, as announced in the house last Friday, and any such emergency money will be given unhesitatingly, but the most far-seeing already predict a storm of protest against a permanent addition to the military bud-

There is meanwhile nothing new from South Africa, and it is improbable that enything will transpire just yet. Gen. Lord Roberts has sanctioned certain new press regulations, which, according to the Standard's Modder I iver correspondent, will allow mailed communications to pass unchecked. Telegrams only will be censored. The correspondent adds significantly: "During the next few days, however very little news will be permitted to

go through." There is nothing from the Natal side except Gen. Buller's explanation of his withdrawal from Vaal Krantz. Skirmisting is reported from Rens burg, with small losses on either side but there has been no forward move

Kimberley is suffering somewhat severely from the bombardment which is damaging the residential portion of the town more than hitherto The inhabitants are probably now severely pinched for supplies. Cape Town papers of date Jan. 1, which have arrived here, report that the canned meat in Kimberley was then consumed. Three-fourths of the available meat was horseflesh, the price of which the authorities had fixed at nine pence

per pound. During December the death rate of During December the death rate of his part of the theatre of war; and the whites rose to sixty per 1,000, and this would account for a pause of a of the blacks 138 per 1,000, as com- few days." pared with 21.7 per 1,000 among the whites and 53.6 among the blacks, in 1898. The infantile death rate reached

PREVENTED BOER MOVEMENT. KOODOESBURG, Feb. 10, via Modder River, Feb. 10, 4 p. m.—The Brit-ish buried 14 Boers yesterday who were dition to this place prevented a projected Boer attack upon the British communications between here and Enslin.

THE ARMY'S HERO. MODDER RIVER, Feb. 10, 4 p. m.of the Highlanders this morning and made a brief speech to each battalion. He recalled their association with him in India, and declared that they had helped to make him what he is. He added that he had never made a campaign without Highlanders, and siculd not be without them. He was glad that Gen. MacDonald reported well of them. He referred to an arduous march the Seaforth Highlanders the extraordinary height of 671.1 amhad made with him, and added that ong the whites and 912.7 among the the brigade would have a shorter march now. Though it would not be a walk-over, he did not have the LONDON, Feb. 13, 4.15 a. m.-Lord Roberts had gathered 25,000 men, with slightest doubt of its success.

The brigade gave three cheers for the commander-in-chief and another whom, according to the best military opinion in London, he purposes turning the left of the Magersfontein lines, three cheers for Lady Roberts. In response to the cheering for the latter, Lord Roberts said that Lady Roberts State, compelling Gen. Oronje to raise the siege of Kimberley, and thus makwas perhaps doing better work for ing his first step toward Bloemfontein. them at home in helping the welfare of their wives and children.

DR. LEYDS' VISIT POSTPONED. LONDON, Feb. 13.-The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, explains that the contemplated visit of Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal representative, has been postponed because the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and his family are the guests of the Czar, but he says it is certain that the visit to St. Petersburg will be made at an censor yesterday issued new rules, and

> SOCIALISTS ROUGHLY HANDLED. LONDON, Feb. 13.—The socialists tried to hold a pro-Boer meeting at Mile End, Lordon, last evening. A hostile crowd invaded the hall, shouting the national anthem. Henry Hyndeman, the

leader, and others attempted to speak, but they were roughly handled and scattered. The utmost violence prevalled, and the police were compelled tallity vas 60 whites and 138 blacks

railed, and the police were compelled to intervene and to clear the streets in the neighborhood of the hall.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The latest French theory in regard to the visit to San Remo, Italy, of the Rt. Hon. Sir E. J. Monson, the British ambassador to France, is that it was owing to the present condition of the Queen's health. It is said that her majesty is suffering from depression caused by the British reverses in South Africa, and it was thought that a trip to a wearmer climate would have beneficial results. of the garrison must have been greatly Beers has increased, and there is imminent danger of the town falling It is believed in circles close to the

Sinister reports were in circulation that the anarchists would attempt to assassinate the Queen, and for that reason Mr. Monson went personally to find out whether it would be safe for her majestly to make the trip.

WILL SAIL ON TWENTIETH. MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—Intercolonial Railway passenger officials here today were advised to provide transportation on or about the 20th instant for Strathcona's Horse. The order incidentally mentions Tuesday, Feb. 26th,

advancing through Zululand towards as the date of sailing of the Milwaukee from Halifax. THE RESERVED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE RE CANADIANS IN FAST COMPANY. TORONTO, Feb. 12.-The Globe's correspondent with the first continagrees to let the Armstrongs transfer to England four naval quick-firers gent cables his paper as follows: that were built for her, consenting to

"BELMONT, Cape Coloay, Feb. 10 .-The Canadians have been brigaded wait for the execution of her own order until the hostilities in South Africa with the Second Duke of Cornwall's are over. Several European powers, Light Infantry, Second Shropshire and First Gordon Highlanders, to form the by similar consents as to guns being constructed by Vickers Sons, and nineteenth brigade, and with the sec-Maxim, enable England to secure one ond brigade to constitute the ninth division. The other brigade of this Two thousand men are constantly division will be formed of the third employed at Woolwich arsenal, and (militia) battalion of Highland regiall the gun and ammunition factories ments. It is understood that Major are working night and day to execute General Smith Dorrien will command government orders. The weekly outthe brigade to which the Canadians are attached.

"FREDERICK HAMILTON." The Globe adds the following note to the despatch: Major General Smith Dorrien, mentioned as likely to command the brigade to which the Cana dians are attached, saw service in the Zulu war of 1879, Egyptian war in 1882, Nile campaign in 1885, Soudan in 1885-86, N. W. frontier (India) in 1897, end Khartoum in 1898. He holds the distinguished service order, many medals and clasps. The brigading of the Canadians, taken in conjunction with Roberts's arrival at Modder River, undoubtedly means that the Canadians will take an important part in the active operations pending on the western border. The Comwalls and Shropshires have been on the line of communication between Belmon and Modder River for several weeks The Gordons have been in action at Enslin and Magersfontein.

LIEUT. MCLEAN GETS A COMMIS-SION IN THE IMPERIAL ARMY. OTTAWA, Feb. 12. -The dominion government has decided to send four pecial officers to South Airica by the Milwaukee. They are to take the places of the officers who are there now and who will join their battalions HEAVY BOER FIRE.

Which they reach there. For instance, to win freedom for South Africa. The blood of these brave men is not shed in vain.

KIMBERLEY, Friday, Feb. 9.— Drury, who takes command of a bat- in vain.

tery division, and another will take the place of Lieut. Col. Lessard, who will command the 1st Battalion Mounted Rifles. Another will replace Major Poorester, and a fourth will take the place of Lieut. Weldon McLean of St. John, who has got a commission in the imperial army. Major Panet will also join the battery, and Capt. Mc-Kie of Pembroke was appointed some time ago to take his place in the infantry.

On Jan. 12 Ool. H. H. McLean recrived a cable from Lord Lansdowne secretary for war, offering Lieut. Mc-Lean a commission in the Cavalry.

Royal Field Artillery or Infantry. This

offer was communicated to Lieut. Mc
Lean and he has decided in favor of
the field artillery. To what detachment he will be gazetted is not known. but he will be gazetted as not known, but he will probably be placed with one of those now under arms in South Africa. Lieut. McLean has a certificate of competency from the Klingston Royal Military College and makes another one of its graduates who has entered the imperial service. Announcement is made elsewhere that an officer will be sent from Camada to take his place on the Canadian con-

cablegram from his son, dated at Bel mont, in which he states that he and all the members of "G" company are

FREDERICTON.

Elaborate Preparations Being Made for the Reception to Bishop Casey - One Hundreth Anniversary of the University.

(Special to the Sup.) FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 12.- Great preparations are being made for Bishop lasey's reception in this city tomorrow His lordship will arrive from St. John at 7.30 p. m. and will be met at the train by the reception committee and escorted to a barouche in waiting. A procession, headed by the 71st band, and made up by A. O. H. and C. M. B. A. cocieties will be formed and will march to his lord skip's residence. From there the party will proceed to St. Dunstan's church, where the reception will be held. Special music has been prepared by the choir, and as the OUGHLY HANDLED.

b. 13.—The socialists pro-Boer meeting at lon, last evening. A vaded the hall, shoutthe Boers," and sing-anthem. procession moves towards the sanctuary throne to be occupied by his lordship is being erected. About forty invitations to attend the reception have been issued to teading members of other city churches. The seats on the ground floor will be reserved for these guests and for ladies. The firm of service fer the occasion has been printed in Latin and English in booklet form for distribution among the congregation.

to operate between this city and Woodstock. For some time past there has been
great dissatisfaction among up-river residents over the steamboat service, and now
they are organizing a company to put on
a boat that will give better satisfaction.
The dimensions of the proposed boat will
be 100 feet in length and a 20-foot beam.
She will be a side-wheeler, flat bottom and
will draw about six inches of water. Her
capacity will be 200 passengers and 40 toms
of freight. Ex-Councillor Brown of Southampton is promoting the enterprise, and is
meeting with every encouragement. The
proposed capital stock is to be \$20,600, and
residents of Southampton and Dumfries difficulty is anticipated in disposing of the belance of the stock.

The late F. H. Risteen carried \$5,000 life At the regular quarterly meeting of the St. Andrew's Society, held tonight, \$25 was voted for the patriotic fund.

All the members of the government are here tonight. They are now in session.

THE LARGER PATRIOTISM.

(London Mail.) Australia now proposes to raise a regiment of bushmen, recruited from the back country, for service in Africa. Details of the scheme appear in another column. The idea is a splendid one; such a regiment would be composed of the finest type of men for warfare against the Boers. ready generous pecuniary contributions have been promised, and at the meeting to be held in London on Monday handsome donations are certain to be made. For the Australasian colonies have responded nobly to the call of patriotism. They are bearing their full share of the responsibilities of Empire, and they have given and are continuing to give living testimony to the strength of the ties of kinship which bind the great self-governing colonies to the mother land.

These words apply with equal force to Canada and to other sections of the Empire. The little crown colony of Ceylon, for instance, has raised a contingent of 125 men, and equipped them at its own cost. Never has this globe witnessed a larger and more spontaneous outburst of patriotic fervor. No mere frothy sentiment is this, but solid help, involving great self-sacri-fice. The mother country in the past has not always given generous treatment, sometimes perhaps not even just treatment, to her daughters beyond the seven seas. Of late she has tried to do better, and the fruit of her endeavors is being gathered in today. A new era is dawning. The British Empire marches forward shoulder to shoulder; sea and land will, as before, separate it, but never again will it be divided by jealousy, neglect or party

The latest casualty lists furnish further evidence of the heavy price in blood that our loyal fellow-subjects in Natal and Cape Colony are paying

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PARLIAMENT.

A Short and Unimportant Setting, Monday Afternoon.

Mr. Tarte Admits That He Had Slandered Residents of Fox Bay, Anticosti-The Motion Paper.

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Sir Louis Davies introduced two bills. One provides a method of regulating pilotage matters on the St. Lawrence. The other re-lates to the deckload law and is the same as the bill introduced last year, in extending the summer deckload period to steamships. The part of last year's bill which gave portwardens an authority to decide about deckloads is struck out this time. Sir Louis finds shipping men in the maritime provinces opposed to that provision,

Hon. Mr. Mulock introduced the gerrymander bill rejected by the senate last year. He explained that no change had been made in the measure, and he hoped that after another year's reflection both houses would give ef-fect to this righteous measure. Several new men had been called to the senate since last year, and he hoped they would be able to convince their colleagues that the measure should pass. Thus the government would thus have carried out the last of their promises. (Great opposition laughter).

After a short discussion the bill was read a first time. Hon. Dr. Borden, in reply to Mr. Mc-Neill, stated that the government had decided to offer the imperial government a garrison for Halifax in case the imperial garrison were withdrawn. This announcement was received with cheers from both sides, and Mr. McNeill expressed his gratification that the course he had urged upon the government had been adopted. would, however, rrge on both sides that the house should now consider what further could be done to help the empire in the present grave condition of affairs. He recommended that the leaders of both sides should consult over the matter and try to arrive at scmething adequate to the present

urgency. Mr. Charlton refused to believe that the British empire was in danger. There was no occasion for the ministers and the opposition to consult. They had better sit down and allow British generals to work the matter out, which he was sure they would do successfully. He commended the ministers for not acting too hastily and in advance of public opinion. "No great leader will attempt to lead public sentiment." was Mr. Charlton's as-

tonishing declaration. Mr. Davin took exception to this distirction, expressing the view that a leader who did not lead was not a leader. He pointed out that undue security and over confidence had been the greatest source of British reverses and checks in Africa. He believed this mistake would not be made again,

this mistake would not be made again, but that the men and the resources of the empire would be used freely, and he hoped that Canada would in this mood do something worthy of her position and the patriotism of her people.

Sir Adolph Caron said that the loyalty of the French-Canadians ought not to be discussed in parliament. It was beyond question.

Replying to Col. Prior, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the dominion government would accept the offer of troops from British Columbia on the same terms as in the case of Strathcona's furce.

Col. Prior—Does this mean that the British Columbia government is expected to pay transportation not only to Halifax but also to South Africa?

Laurier—Yes.

As the government had no business ready, the debate was resumed on Mr. Davin's motion in favor of the organization of rifle corps in the west.

Hon. Mr. Borden admitted that late developments had established the fact that mounted men were the troops of the future, especially in large and sparsely populated countries. The government had in view the establishment of several corps of mounted rifles in the Northwest and British Columbia. Arrangements would go on as fast as possible. He hoped that in view of this assurance Mr. Davin did so, whereupon Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved the adjourn—Mrs. Youngling (going cut)—John, Mrs. Youngling (going cut)—John,

Mr. Davin did so, whereupon Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved the adjournment of the house, though it was not yet six o'clock and a government day. THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.— The senate newspaper)—I dunno; I hope not.

stands adjourned till Thursday, March

Senator Power today applied for stating that Sir Charles Tupper's de-spatch from Halifax to the premier, asking him to send a second contin-gent to South Africa, was sent to the Montreal Star the same time as to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He had since learned that the Star did not contain the despatch until after Sir Charles had referred to it in Yarmouth.

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—Hon. Mr. Sifton, replying to Mr. Davin, stated that since January, 1897, 7,424 Doukhobers and 16,787 Gallicians had come into the country. The average cost to the government was \$7.48 per head for Doukhobors and \$4.80 for Gallicians.

Hon. Mr. Tarte explained that the cost of the telegraph line from Bennett to Dawson was \$146,937, or \$222

Hon. Mr. Fisher said that the Sherbrooke campaign literature was not printed in the government bureau, but that some of them were franked

by clerks in the public offices. Hon. Mr. Fielding told Mr. Martin of P. E. I. that the government of Newfoundland had made no proposals for reciprocity with Canada, but that the Canadilan government was considering the whole question of reciprocity

with other colonies. Mr. Taylor put his question concerning a demand made on the minister by the Montreal Methodist conference for an apology and retraction of Mr. Tarte's statement that the residents of Flox Bay, Anticosti, were profes-sional wreckers and thieves.

Hon. Mr. Tarte replied that the misunderstanding had been cleared up. He had ascertained that he had unwittingly done an injustice to the Fox Bay settlers and had written to that effect to the representative of these

A number of unopposed motions for returns were carried, and after a short discussion the house endorsed a proposition of Mr. Davin concerning the half breed claims.

Other motions were passed over on account of the absence of the ministers concerned in them, and the house

adjourned at 5.30 p. m.
Before adjournment Sir Charles Tupper enquired whether the government oculd give any additional informertion concerning the Nicaragua canal treaty.

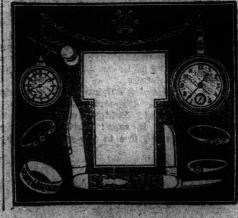
Sir Willfrid Laurier said he could explain nothing now, and did not think he could say anything until the United States senate had disposed of the

Mr. McInerny will ask from what electoral districts in New Brunswick have the original lists of 1899 been received at Ottawa, and whether such lists are being printed. He also will ask about the dates when lobster fishing will begin in the various districts this year.

HALIFAX.

Str. Lake Superior Made a Good Run-A Military Precident - Miners Demand an Increase in Wages.

Mrs. Youngling (going out)-John, do you suppose you can hear the baby from where you are if he wakes up and cries? John (who is reading the



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