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# MR. WHITNEY DEALS WITH THOSE ELECTION FRAUDS

## Says Ross' Commission Is an Outrage on the People of Ontario and Challenges an Appeal to Them.

### Commission Was Ordered After the Corpse Had Been Made Away With—The Government's Policy and Shortcomings Described.

Hon. J. P. Whitney spoke in the Legislature yesterday from the opening to the hour of adjournment, and continued when the House resumed in the evening. It was a good speech, particularly in its tone, but was overladen with quotations. The leader of the Opposition gave the impression that he was embalming matter for future reference rather than endeavoring to impress the House. He began: "Mr. Speaker, there are several reasons, some of which may not suggest themselves to the ordinary observer, why I am glad to rise in my place here to-day to deal with the replies to the address from the throne. One great reason is to give expression to the cordial satisfaction with which all members of the House met His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of this province. As representative of Her Majesty here he holds the respect and esteem of all in the honorable position which he so ably occupies and adorns with so much distinction. Therefore, I am sure all will agree with me in expressing the united satisfaction of the House in noticing the good health of the distinguished Lieutenant-Governor at the present time. [Applause.]

"One other think I think it would not be proper for me to pass over. Hon. gentlemen on both sides of this House will agree with me that the Province of Ontario has reason to be proud of its people. I know of no hon. gentleman in this House who has distinguished himself more than yourself, Mr. Speaker, by the expedition of business in the House and careful attention paid to everything with which we are here concerned. I must express my satisfaction at seeing you appear here again after the expiration of another year to exercise those duties which have given your record distinction in this province."

**Retirement of Mr. Hardy.**

Mr. Whitney at some length complimented the mover and seconder of the address, thanking the member for Haldimand particularly for his use of the description "pea jacket" Government. He corrected a statement of the member for Brant, who had in his speech quoted an allusion by the leader of the Opposition to the retirement of Hon. Mr. Hardy. Mr. Whitney observed: "What I said was only what should be said by every hon. gentleman who occupies a position like mine in reference to the leader of the other political party. I have been criticized for this by hon. gentlemen opposite because I chose to fittingly and properly express my opinion of a political opponent who had stepped off the political stage. For what, sir, is our political system in this country? It equally entitles us to the franchise. It entitles us to equal privileges, and, I am glad to say, to adjuncts to or consequences of this condition of equal citizenship.

**Government by Party.**

I hold that government by party is absolutely necessary amongst us. The British system of responsible government cannot be carried out in any other way than by party government. And party government is conducted by men who are right sometimes and often wrong. And under the blessing of Providence we have in this country nothing that we should be more thankful for than the evolution of our party Government. Why? For, sir, under that system we have in this country the equal of any in the world for liberty and the privileges we enjoy under the British flag. [Applause.] The leaders of the different parties in any British country are in the nature of things not always right, but certainly are not always wrong. There was a strong feeling during the short time Mr. Hardy occupied the Premiership that few of the things he did were for the public good. But, sir, that would be no reason to conclude Mr. Hardy an improper man or an unworthy man for the position he occupied.

**Mr. Hardy Socially.**

Mr. Hardy was an outspoken man; and as a social man he was just as ready to sit down and enjoy himself with a Conservative as with a Grit; and there are some people who cannot do that. [Applause.] So I am glad to have the opportunity of expressing my opinion of him; and one thing I would say, which,

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# HAVE THE BRITISH GOT CRONJE HOPELESSLY SURROUNDED?

## War Office is Said to Have Received a Message That Such is the Case, But Decisive Result is Awaited Before Official Announcement.

### Buller Achieves Success Against the Enemy in Natal by Capturing the Boer Position at Monte Cristo—Boers Captured 200 Wagons and 600 Tons of Stores at Riet River—Canadians at the Front.

London, Feb. 20.—(3.45 a.m.)—A member of the Cabinet told Mr. H. W. Luch tonight that the War Office had received a telegram announcing that Gen. Cronje was hopelessly surrounded.

Mr. Wyndham was beset by anxious members of the House, but would only reply that the Government's news was extremely satisfactory. The sole explanation of the Government withholding good news is that confirmation and more details are awaited.

**What the Situation is.**

The situation as disclosed by correspondents over the Free State border is tantalizing to the public expectation. The elementary facts are that the Boers are trekking eastward toward Bloemfontein, with slow moving baggage trains, and that they are pursued by Lord Kitchener with Gen. Kelly-Kenny's division. Gen. Macdonald with the Highlanders made a forced march to Koodoosrand Ford, and on Sunday pushed twenty miles eastward. Gen. French left Kimberley Saturday, going east along the Modder River. Lord Kitchener is trying to outmarch and to outflank the Boers, thus checking their retreat, if possible, and driving them back into the hands of Macdonald and French.

**Waiting for Decisive Results.**

The War Office message communicated to Mr. Luch seems to indicate that Lord Kitchener has either got ahead of the Boers or is about to realize his plan, and that the War Office waits to announce a decisive result.

**What Delarey is Doing.**

Meanwhile Commandant Delarey, with the Boers from Colesberg, is hanging on the right flank of the British pursuing column, seeking to delay their movements and so to assist the Boer wagon trains to escape.

Students of topography think the Boers will hardly risk a fight until they get into the rough country north of Bloemfontein.

**The British Convoy Captured.**

A Daily Mail correspondent, who was with the British convoy attacked by the Boers at Riet River ford, wires:

"Ultimately the British abandoned their convoy in order not to check the advance. Thus 200 wagons and 600 tons of stores fall into the hands of the Boers, tho it is doubtful if they will be able to carry them away."

**Buller Achieves Success.**

General Buller has achieved a real success seemingly in capturing the range of hills south of the Tugela. It makes more feasible another attempt to relieve Ladysmith.

**Queen Congratulates Roberts.**

The Queen has sent a direct message to Lord Roberts, congratulating him and his troops.

General French and Col. Kekewich have been acquainted with their promotions.

**Ladysmith Siege Lightens.**

Dr. Leyds at Brussels says the Free State troops who were besieging Ladysmith have withdrawn in order to defend their homes. In this way he accounts for General Buller's success against the weakened forces. He will forego his projected trip to Rome, he says, because of "decisive events now taking place in the theatre of war."

**Roberts Keeps His Own Ideas.**

Lord Roberts' generalship was conducted with such secrecy, says a telegram from Modder River, that even the senior officers who took the sixth division thru the preliminaries of the operation did not know what they would finally have to do.

## BULLER DRIVES THE BOERS BACK

**War Office Issues a Despatch From the General Showing His Movements.**

London, Feb. 19.—(3.20 p.m.)—The War Office has received the following despatch from General Buller:

Chieveley Camp, Feb. 19.—I yesterday moved around the enemy's flank. The Queen's, who bivouacked on the northern slope of Cingolo, crossed the Nek, and, supported by the rest of the second brigade, under Hildyard, assaulted and took the southern end of Monte Cristo.

The fourth brigade, on the left or western slope, and the Welsh Fusiliers, supported by the rest of the sixth brigade, assaulted the eastern flank of the enemy's position, while the second brigade cavalry, on the extreme right, watched the eastern slopes of Monte Cristo, and drove back those of the enemy attempting to escape there from our artillery fire.

**Drove the Boers Back.**

3.20 p.m.—Assaulted by heavy artillery fire on their front and flank and attacked on their flank and rear, the enemy made but slight resistance, and, abandoning their strong position, were driven across the Tugela. I have taken several camps, a wagon load of ammunition, several wagons of stores and supplies and a few prisoners.

**Weather Intensely Hot.**

The weather has been intensely hot, and the ground traversed was exceedingly difficult. But the energy and dash of the troops have been pleasant to see. They have all done splendidly. The work of the irregular cavalry, the Queen's, the Scots Fusiliers and the Rifle Brigade, was, perhaps, most noticeable, while the excellent practice of the artillery and naval guns and the steadiness of the gunners, under, at times, very accurate fire, was remarkable. The accurate fire of the naval guns from Chieveley was of great assistance.

Our casualties are not, I think, many.

## CAPTURED 100 PRISONERS.

**Bombardment of Hlangwana Hill Continued All Day Sunday and is Still Proceeding.**

Durban, Feb. 19.—The bombardment of the Boer position on Hlangwana Hill was continuous yesterday, and fighting is still proceeding at 6 o'clock this evening. It is said that the British have captured a hundred prisoners.

## TO REINFORCE FREE STATERS.

**Large Forces Are Being Sent From the Transvaal Under Prominent Generals.**

Cape Town, Feb. 19.—Despatches from Maseru say that large forces are being sent from the Transvaal to the Free State under prominent generals.

**To Face the British.**

It is also said the Free State is making desperate efforts to collect an army to face the British at Koffyfontein.

An official proclamation orders out all males between the ages of 16 and 60, and enthusiasts declare that everyone up to the age of 100 must go.

**Typhoid is at Work.**

Typhoid fever is said to be playing havoc among the Boers at Colesberg.

**Is Mafeking Relieved?**

At Kimberley a report is current that Mafeking has been relieved, but that the Boers are trying to conceal the information.

## BULLER IN GREAT LUCK.

**He Has Captured Several Camps, Boer Ammunition and Taken Some Prisoners.**

London, Feb. 19.—(3.08 p.m.)—It is officially announced that Gen. Buller reports that he has captured several camps, a quantity of ammunition and a number of prisoners.

## BOER LINE IS BROKEN.

**Buller Has Achieved Success in Capturing Enemy's Position at Monte Cristo.**

Chieveley, Monday morning, Feb. 19.—The Boer line of fortresses is broken. The British have achieved a decided success in capturing the enemy's position on Monte Cristo. The Boers, however, effectively executed a retreat, removing their guns and convoy wagons. The British had comparatively few casualties.

## BOER STORY OF THE SITUATION

**Expect a Big Battle on the Tugela—How the British Reached Kimberley.**

London, Feb. 20.—A despatch to The Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marquez, dated Monday, says: "According to advices from Pretoria, the Boers are expecting a big battle on the Tugela. They claim that 70 of the Wiltshires were killed at Colesberg and 30 wagons, with forage and provisions, were captured, but no ammunition. They further describe the fighting at Kimberley:

"The British came thru Blaun Bank and attacked in two columns. While the Boers were busily engaged with Lord Roberts, General French with 2000 cavalry and six guns, succeeded in breaking thru the Boer lines. The Boers did not seriously oppose General French's advance, but confined their efforts to preventing the provisions getting thru. In this they succeeded in capturing 2000 head of cattle and 100 wagons of provisions and 100 men."

## CANADIANS AT THE FRONT

**Are Showing Great Pluck and Their Enthusiasm Has Proved to Be Contagious.**

Montreal, Feb. 19.—The Star publishes the following from its special correspondent with the first contingent: (Delayed by the censor).

Modder River, Feb. 18.—The Royal Canadian Regiment is in the midst of the hard work involved in the advance of Lord Roberts' column. It may be because of the evidence given by our men during their stay at Belmont, but it seems as if we get our share of all the hard work that is going.

**A 30-Mile March.**

We left Gras Pan with the 19th Brigade of the Seventh Division on Tuesday last, and that day marched 30 miles to Wegerad Drift. There we were enabled to render invaluable services by hauling the naval 12-pounders across the difficult drift.

On Friday we marched on to Jacobsdal, and then on to Klipfontein, where we arrived on Saturday morning, after the drift had been captured.

As Commandant Cronje's army had retired up the Modder River on Friday night, the sixth division, followed by the Highland Brigade, marched across country to Kliprand Drift, where the Boers crossed the river.

**Following the Boers.**

The 19th Brigade, with the Canadians, left Klipfontein last night by forced march to catch up to the Highland Brigade, and the sixth division, which are trying to intercept the Boer army.

After the Canadians left, the rear guard, with a convoy of wagons of food was attacked by a large force of the enemy with two guns. Our troops fought all morning, until they were ordered to abandon the wagons by Lord Roberts. The Canadians had only left the place a few hours when the attack was made, and so we escaped the surprise.

**Showing Great Pluck.**

Our men are standing the fatigue and the intense heat with great pluck, and their enthusiasm is most contagious. Our long marches are enlivened by Canadian songs in both French and English, and all are eager for a battle in which they can prove their mettle.

The heat and dust are dreadful, but we are all well.

(Sgd.) Richmond Smith.

## IS CRONJE SURROUNDED?

**A Rumor Abroad in the Lobbies of the British House of Commons.**

London, Feb. 20.—(12.30 a.m.)—The War Office at midnight announced that it had nothing further for publication from South Africa.

In the lobbies of the House of Commons last evening, however, it was remarked that General Cronje was surrounded, that General French had got between the Boer forces and Bloemfontein, and that he was only awaiting reinforcements to close in on the enemy. No confirmation of this rumor is obtainable, altho the general idea is that the Government has received important despatches.

## HOW THE WILTSHIRES SUFFERED

**Boers Captured 142 Men, of Whom 44 Were Wounded—Enemy Occupies Rensberg.**

Lorenzo Marquez, Feb. 19.—A correspondent with the Boer forces in the attack on Rensberg gives further particulars regarding the capture of the Wiltshires. He says: "Commandant Petter, who arrived first, found two companies of the Wiltshires, and began attacking in the open. Soon after he was joined by a body of Free Staters, and together they drove the British back from the neighboring kopjes, capturing all but three.

"It is impossible to say exactly how many of the British were killed and wounded, but of the 200 Wiltshires 142 were captured and of these 44 were wounded.

"The sufferings of the wounded from heat and thirst were intense. The burghers did their best to alleviate this, and many of the wounded were carried in blankets to Rensberg siding.

"At Rietsfontein the British rear guard began shelling, thus compelling the Federals to leave the wounded in order to repulse the attack. A Federal Krupp gun replied effectively to the British cannonade. The Boers lost 2 killed and 4 wounded.

"They now occupy all the Rensberg position formerly occupied by the British, whose rear guard is at Rietsfontein, with the Federals close up."

## METHUEN AT KIMBERLEY.

**His Force Got Thru From Magersfontein to Kimberley Without Fighting.**

London, Feb. 20.—The Cape Town correspondent of The Daily News, telegraphing Sunday, says: "Lord Methuen's force, I learn, has arrived at Kimberley, having got thru from Magersfontein without fighting."

**Good News From French.**

London, Feb. 19.—(7.10 p.m.)—It is said that the War Office has "received good news from Gen. French with reference to Gen. Cronje."

## BRABANT DOING GOOD WORK.

**His Mounted Men Have Driven Off the Boers and Entered Dordrecht.**

London, Feb. 19.—In Cape Colony General Brabant seems to be successfully clearing the road for the advance of Gen. Gatacre.

The only official news up to 2.45 p.m. is a despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Jacobsdal, 11.40 p.m. Sunday, confirming the press announcements regarding Gen. Brabant's movements.

**British Enter Dordrecht.**

Sterkstroom Camp, Sunday, Feb. 18.—The Boers are retiring and General Brabant's forces are now entering Dordrecht.

## CAPT. C. A. HENSLEY KILLED.

**Graduate of the R. M. C. Was Mortally Wounded at Venter's Spruit on Jan. 20.**

London, Feb. 19.—(Telegram Cable.)—In a letter from Trichard's Drift, where a portion of Buller's force crossed the Tugela River in the unsuccessful march to the relief of Ladysmith, and dated Jan. 23, a cor-

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# HUTTON MUST HAVE HAD HIS PECK OF TROUBLE.

## Sir Wilfrid Denies the Ex-General's Statement That There Was Political Interference With His Work.

### Also Proclaims That Officer as Insubordinate and Indiscreet—It Looks as if the Pacific Cable Scheme Would Fail Thru.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—This afternoon was presented the not glorious spectacle of a Government condemning an Imperial officer as insubordinate and indiscreet, in order to excuse itself for its own well-known policy of having politics creep into the Militia Department. Col. Prior brought up the question of General Hutton's dismissal.

**Premier Roasts Hutton.**

In reply the Premier said that no Order-in-Council had been issued for the dismissal of Gen. Hutton, but a communication regarding him, which he could not make public, had been sent by the Government to the Imperial authorities. The Government had not approved of Gen. Hutton's policy to create a national militia army to be placed on a plane above all possibility of party political interference as regards its discipline, its personnel, its military machinery. There had been differences of opinion between the Government and General Hutton.

**Says Hutton's Story in Untrue.**

General Hutton, in his speech, had insinuated that his differences with the Government are due to a desire on the part of the latter to exercise improper political influence on the militia organizations of the country. "I desire to say that there is absolutely no foundation for such a statement. The causes of difference between the Government and Gen. Hutton were not over any broad questions of general policy; the causes were that Gen. Hutton was insubordinate and indiscreet, and deliberately ignored the authority of the Minister in the administration of the department."

**General a Tool While Here.**

The Government was willing to give careful consideration to any representations which might be made by the G.O.C., yet any such officer on accepting the position in question becomes from that time an officer in the employment of and subject in all respects to the Government of Canada, and that he is to be regarded as the adviser, but not as entitled to control of the Department of Militia. It would be remissness on the part of the Government to permit any subordinate official under any circumstances to take upon himself to disregard the instructions he may receive from the constitutional chief of his department.

**That Pacific Cable.**

The Pacific cable was introduced by Mr. Casey, who read an extract from The London Times to the effect that the N.S.W. Government had agreed to accept the Eastern Extension Company's proposition regarding a cable. Mr. Casey asked the Government what was known of this, and pointed out the danger that this threatened to the Pacific cable scheme.

Sir Charles Tupper added his voice to the topic. His position was that it was not legitimate for one colony to change the status quo by any concession that would militate against the financial success of the cable scheme. The matter demanded prompt action.

**What the Government Knows.**

Mr. Mulock spoke for the Government. All the papers regarding the Pacific cable would be brought down to-morrow. It was correct that in July, 1899, the Eastern Extension Company had applied to the Australian colonies for concessions by which the company hoped to get a foothold in Australasia, where it could compete with the Pacific cable. The company proposed to reduce the rates at once from Australia to England from 4s 9d to 4s, to construct a cable from Cape Colony to Australia at once (it is now being built), and to adopt a sliding scale of rates to be adjusted every three years. In return for this the Australian Government was to enable the company to establish collecting offices and to acquire facilities for gathering business in the colony.

**The Scheme Was in Danger.**

Speaking of the Government's views, Mr. Mulock said that a policy like this endan-

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# WINTER CABINET DEFEATED.

## Newfoundland Opposition Moved a Vote of Want of Confidence in the Ministry

## AND THE DIVISION STOOD 15 TO 9

**It is Expected That the Cabinet Will Resign To-Day—Modus Vivendi Bill Passed.**

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 19.—The Colonial Legislature met to-day, and the Government laid upon the table a formal address thanking Governor Sir Hugh McCallum for the Speech from the Throne. The Opposition moved a vote of want of confidence in the Ministry, the division being 15 to 9 against the Ministry. This defeat involves the resignation of the Winter Cabinet, which is expected to-morrow.

**Modus Vivendi Passed.**

For the time being it imperilled the passage of the bill extending the modus vivendi on the French Shore, but the bill subsequently passed unanimously thru all the stages in the Assembly.

To-morrow it will go thru the council, and receive the assent of the Governor.

Mr. Bond will probably be called upon to-morrow to form a Cabinet.

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**Furs for This Week at Dineens'.**

The sale of over $15,000 worth of fur garments in Dineens' fur clearing sale during the past three weeks affords a signal proof both of the high class qualities and styles of the fur-wear offered and the decided reductions which were made in the prices—because these were the real factors that influenced buyers. Of the lines remaining there are a number of ladies' fur scarfs in a variety of different furs, and most fashionable designs, which are extremely attractive at Dineens' final clearing prices, and a few choice specials remain of ladies' raccoon, Bokhara and Astrachan jackets. The assortment of men's and ladies' fur caps and gauntlets is somewhat greater than it might be, but the reduced prices should clear these all this week.

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**Englishman Beat Elms.**

London, Feb. 19.—At the National Sporting Club this evening Ted Phillips of Birmingham defeated Joe Elms of New York in the sixth round of a 15-round contest for £100.

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**BIRTHS.**

BELL—At 114 Bloor-street west, on Feb. 18, the wife of Mr. Alex Bell of a son.

**DEATHS.**

ELDER—At his late residence, 275 Spadina-avenue, on Feb. 20, Robert Elder, in his 60th year.

Funeral Thursday at 3 o'clock.

Perthshire, Scotland, papers please copy.

## NOW IS GEN. BULLER'S CHANCE

**He Will Probably Defeat the Boers and Relieve Ladysmith, Wilkinson Says.**

London, Feb. 20.—Mr. Spenser Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in The Morning Post, dwells upon the importance of the operations of Sir Redvers Buller, and says: "Now is General Buller's chance. Now is the time to throw himself with all his might into the task before him and to hit hard, without counting losses too closely. He will then probably defeat the Boers and relieve Ladysmith this week. Failing that, he will at any rate prevent them from sending reinforcements to the Free State."

**A Successful Advance Expected.**

London, Feb. 20.—The Chieveley correspondent of The Daily News, telegraphing yesterday, says: "We now occupy all the hills to the right of Colenso, on this side of the Tugela, including Hlangwana, which the Boers evacuated last night (Sunday). A successful advance and the recapture of the railway may be expected."

## MR. SIFTON TO GO ABROAD.

**Minister of the Interior Leaves for Vienna on March 10 — His Hearing Defective.**

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Hon. Clifford Sifton will sail for Vienna, via England, on March 10. He goes to consult an eminent aurist about his hearing. He expects to be absent the greater part of the session.

**Sir Wilfrid May Be a Governor.**

"How do you interpret The Globe's panegyric on Laurier yesterday?" asked The World of a prominent Liberal member of the Ontario Legislature.

The reply was: "Perhaps he's going to take a Governorship in one of the colonies."

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**Fair and Milder.**

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 19.—(8 p.m.)—The eastern storm is passing seaward near Newfoundland, with diminishing energy. No further important movements are indicated by this evening's chart, and it is probable that a gradual change to milder weather will occur thruout the lake region.

Minimum and maximum temperatures—Victoria, 28—44; Kamloops, 14—30; Calgary, 8 below—6; Prince Albert, 10 below—2; Winnipeg, 2 below—14; Port Arthur, 10 below—12; Parry Sound, zero—18; Toronto, 6—22; Ottawa, zero—28; Montreal, 12—22; Quebec, 20—32; Halifax, 20—34.

**Probabilities.**

**Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Easterly and southerly winds; generally fair and a little milder.**

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—Fine; not much change in temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds; fair; not much change in temperature.

Maritime Provinces—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds; fair; not much change in temperature.

Lake Superior—Fine and moderately cold.

Manitoba—Fair and moderately cold.

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**STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.**

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| Albanian | Antwerp | Portland |

# THE ARMY TO BE INCREASED

## House of Commons Passed the Measure for Adding 120,000 Men by a Big Majority.

## THE IRISH MEMBERS OBJECTED

**John Redmond Declared That All Europe and the United States Were Anti-British.**

London, Feb. 19.—During the discussion in the Commons of the report of the committee of supply on the vote for the addition of 120,000 men to the army, Mr. William Redmond opposed the measure on the ground that Government proposals were largely of a permanent character. He denounced the scheme as a "miserable makeshift."

Other Irish members opposed the measure.

The report was finally adopted by 164 votes against 32.

Mr. Michael Joseph Flavin, Nationalist, member for North Kerry, moved to reduce the vote of £13,000,000 to £12,000,000.

Various other Irish members raised protests from different points of view against the war, Mr. John Dillon protesting against the threatened employment of natives in the hostilities.

Mr. Wyndham, replying, said: "The Government are doing their best in circumstances of great difficulty, to prevent any such horrible occurence. But if the Boers attack any other nation we are not going to prevent that nation from defending itself."

Mr. John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, declared that the principal European nations were against Great Britain in this war, and that the great mass of public opinion in the United States was in the same direction. [Ministerial cries of no, no.]

Mr. Flavin's motion was rejected by 235 votes against 31.

After further discussion, the debate was closured on the motion of Mr. Balfour, and the vote was carried by 207 against 31.

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**To-Day's Program.**

A.O.U.W. concert, Massey Hall, 8 p.m.
Annual meeting Industrial Exhibition Association, City Hall, 3 p.m.
Givens-street Old Boys' Association, West Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.
Meeting re third contingent, Pavilion, 8 p.m.
House of Industry Trustees meet, 4 p.m.
Mr. Smily's recital, Association Hall, 8 p.m.
Ladies' Committee Red Cross Society, Government House, 11.30 a.m.
"Old Curiosity Shop," at the Grand, 8 p.m.
Fine Vaudeville at Shea's, 2 and 8 p.m.
"The Charity Ball" and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Princess, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Humpty Dumpty" at the Toronto, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Miss New York Jr." at Bijou, 2 and 8 p.m.

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# MANY SHIPPING DISASTERS

## British Ship Annie Thomas is Long Overdue and the Underwriters Are Anxious.

## BARK ANDRINA GIVEN UP AS LOST.

**Steamer Lord Lansdowne Swept by a Heavy Sea—British Brig Abandoned.**

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—The Underwriters are anxious about the British ship Annie Thomas, now out 201 days from Cardiff for Acapulco. She was last spoken on October 11 last, and in consequence 25 per cent. re-insurance is being paid on her.

The American ship May Flint, now out 97 days from Hong Kong for Tacoma, is also a subject for uneasiness, and 12 per cent. re-insurance is being paid on her.

**Andrina Given Up as Lost.**

London, Feb. 19.—The British bark Andrina, Capt. Smith, from Antwerp for San Francisco, before reported wrecked on Aug. 10th last at Pollocarpo Cove, on the east coast of Terra Del Fuego, has been given up as a total loss. The salvaging of her cargo was made with great expense and difficulty.

**Vessel Sold Cheap.**

The Argentine bark Cordila, Capt. Jensen, from St. John's, Nfld., for Newry, arrived at Ramsay Bay, Isle of Man, for salvage, as before reported, was sold at auction on Feb. 12, to the underwriters of her cargo for £225.

**Swept by a Heavy Sea.**

The British steamer Lord Lansdowne, Capt. Harrison, which arrived at Belfast yesterday from Newport News, was swept by a heavy sea on Feb. 6, which carried off a lifeboat and damaged bridge rails.

**Brig J. C. Hamlon Abandoned.**

The British steamer Cambrian King, Capt. Galbraith, which arrived at Antwerp on Feb. 14, from Baltimore, spoke the British brig J. C. Hamlon Jr., Capt. Suttis, from Turk's Island for Portland, on Jan. 31st in latitude 38, longitude 38, nearly dismasted. She was not leaking, however, and her crew refused to leave her, preferring to wait for a west bound steamer.

The British steamer Bloomfield, from Cette, reported at Philadelphia on Feb. 16, having passed the brig J. C. Hamlon Jr., on Feb. 12, abandoned. She was apparently in good condition, excepting the loss of her bowsprit and foremast, but her after boat was gone and she showed no signs of life.