

SOUTH AFRICA.

De Wet's Last Gun Taken by the British - Kitchener's Latest Despatches.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 5.-Chester D. McLaren, aged 22, one of the heroes of Paardeburg, at which he was severely wounded, died today of pneumonia. McLaren never fully recovered from the effects of wounds received in that memorable fight.

LONDON, Feb. 5.-Lord Kitchener has sent the following message from Pretoria: "Major Leader's force surprised De la Rey's command, killing seven and capturing one hundred and thirty-one. The British casualties were slight. No British were killed."

LONDON, Feb. 5.-Major Arthur Lee, member of parliament for the south division of Hampshire, who announced in the house of commons on Monday night that the British army officers purchasing horses in the U. S. could have had the services of the "chief horse expert" of the U. S. army, said to a representative of the Associated Press today that Adj. Gen. Corbin was quite accurate in saying he (Major Lee) never had any communication with the adjutant general's department on the subject of horses. At the same time, said the major, he had nothing to withdraw in his statement, as cabled to the Associated Press.

LONDON, Feb. 5.-The British pursuit of General Dewet has been successful to the extent that his last gun has been captured and Commandant Wessels, one of his principal lieutenants, has been routed. Lord Kitchener says the news in a despatch from Pretoria dated Tuesday, Feb. 4, as follows: "Byrne's column, while proceeding towards Libenburgh, after a night march, attacked and routed a considerable force of the enemy under Commandant Wessels. We captured a fifteen pounder and a pompa, taken from Firmans' column, and also a Boer pompa that was the last gun Dewet had and three wagons of ammunition, 350 horses and 150 mules. The Boer casualties were five men killed, six wounded and 27 men captured."

"Among the killed was Field Cornet Wessels. Among the prisoners is Captain Muehrer, of the Staats artillery. The enemy was scattered. Our casualties were slight."

"The National Scouts, near Middleburg, Cape Colony, captured thirteen prisoners."

"Plumer, near Amersfoort, (Transvaal) captured seven prisoners and 500 mules of the enemy. General Hamilton captured 22 prisoners."

THE HAGUE, Feb. 6.-As an outcome of conferences held here, the Boer delegates have issued a communique thanking the Dutch government for its efforts towards bringing about peace in South Africa, and denying the British statement that they have had no instructions from South Africa since March, 1900.

LONDON, Feb. 6.-The war office this evening published a summary of the forces, from death or permanent disability, was 25,005 men. The total of the casualties, including the surviving wounded, was 5,240 officers and 100,701 men.

LONDON, Feb. 7.-The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Telegraph declares it to be absolutely certain that, owing to the attitude of the powers and the Boer leaders, the Dutch government is now firmly determined to abandon the Boer cause and any idea of fresh intervention.

LONDON, Feb. 4.-Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, said today in the commons that if the leaders of the Boer forces proposed to Lord Kitchener negotiations for a settlement, the proposal would be forwarded for the consideration of the government.

OTTAWA NOTES.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.-The militia department announces that the total strength of the Second Mounted Rifles was 997 officers and men and 942 horses. The regiment sailed 35 over strength.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick is making a big fight for the portfolio of justice, which will be vacant before Saturday, as Hon. Mr. Mills is to be appointed this week.

The smallpox outbreak has cost the city \$49,500.

The department of public works has

been asked to arrange for the installation of a wireless telegraph across the Straits of Northumberland.

A course of instruction in staff duties will take place under the direction of the commandant of the Royal Military College, Kingston, commencing 10th March and terminating on or about 10th June. Among the officers selected to undergo this course are Capt. T. W. Dunning, 62nd regiment, and Capt. T. W. Lawlor, 13th Field Battery. Officers authorized to undergo the staff course will be allowed transport to and from Kingston and a per diem allowance of \$2.50. The long course of instruction will commence at the Royal Military College on the 10th inst. instead of 1st March.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.-The new militia list for the quarter commencing January 1st was issued today.

An engineering corps, consisting of 50 officers and men, is to be organized in Ottawa.

Ottawa bakers will establish a co-operative bakery in Hull, Quebec, so that they can bake on Sundays and supply fresh bread to the Ottawa customers on Monday mornings. Ontario laws prohibit Sunday work.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.-In view of many complaints received from different parts of the country with reference to the inadequate electric pressure supplied to incandescent lamps, the department of inland revenue calls the attention of inspectors of electric light to the necessity for more strict compliance, on the part of electric lighting companies with the provisions of Sec. 4 of the Electric Light Inspection Act. Inspectors are requested to make weekly tests of the voltage in different parts of the system in which they reside, and as often as convenient in other parts of districts.

When the variation in voltage is found to exceed the limit allowed by law, inspectors are to notify the contractors in writing of the fact and request that the requirements of the act be complied with. A disregard of these requirements must be followed by imposition of the penalties provided by the act. For these weekly voltage tests plugging in of a voltmeter to the lamp socket at different points of the system will suffice, but when formal demands for voltage tests are made by either of the parties concerned, the instructions given in the regulations must be followed.

The weekly voltage tests must accompany the monthly returns.

OTTAWA, Feb. 6.-It is definitely settled that Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick will be the next minister of justice. He will be sworn in before parliament meets. The fact of his taking this position will not necessitate his seeking re-election, as the position of solicitor general was a salaried one. It is with some misgiving that the premier is admitting Mr. Fitzpatrick to the council board, and certain of the ministers would undoubtedly have preferred that some other gentleman had got the portfolio, but the influences brought to bear upon Sir Wilfrid in favor of Mr. Fitzpatrick were so powerful that he could not resist them. Mr. Blair, whose name was mentioned for the portfolio a few days ago, is steadily improving in health, and at the present rate of progress will be enabled to be present at the opening of the house.

The authorities of the Canada Atlantic deny that the purchase money for the line has been paid over by Vanderbilt interests. President Booth remarked today that no communication had been received from Dr. Webb since he left Ottawa.

It is proposed to fumigate the effects of all shipping arriving in Ottawa from the woods.

Lord Minto has issued an invitation to all Canadian officers who served in South Africa to dine with him on the anniversary of Paardeburg.

A delegation of cuttyrman saw the government today on tariff matters.

STORM IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Feb. 6.-Another severe storm here has tonight blocked the northern coast of the island. The northern coast of the island is blocked with ice and the mail steamer has been unable to make her trips. The revenue cutter Flona is also storm-bound here. The Allan line steamer Gresham, Captain Harrison, from Liverpool Jan. 5, which arrived here today, was detained 36 hours in the fog and ice of the harbor. If any ocean steamers are making the northern passage, there is danger that the fog, storm and currents may lure them to shipwreck on Cape Race.

The powers opposing the Manchurian

representations of the Chinese plenipotentiaries, that China is making the best terms possible for herself and that, for the equal rights of the other nations in China, and are sitting their protests to Russia as the responsible party. Paul Lesser, the Russian minister here, is endeavoring to maintain the transparent diplomatic relation that the Manchurian treaty and the Russo-Chinese bank agreement are that the Russian government has no official knowledge of the negotiations of the Russo-Chinese bank. The Russian agents are playing their parts with the greatest regard for appearances, while M. Lesser is arranging the treaty with China. The manager of the bank, M. Pocatillo, one of the most able and trusted of the Russian agents in the east, is negotiating the bank agreement with Wang Wen Shou. In the light of the statements of Chinese officials which were repeated yesterday, namely, that Russia insists upon the simultaneous signing of the Manchurian treaty and the bank treaty, the representations of M. Lesser fail to carry weight. The native newspapers are full of denunciations of the Russian agents to gain her ends by offers of heavy bribes.

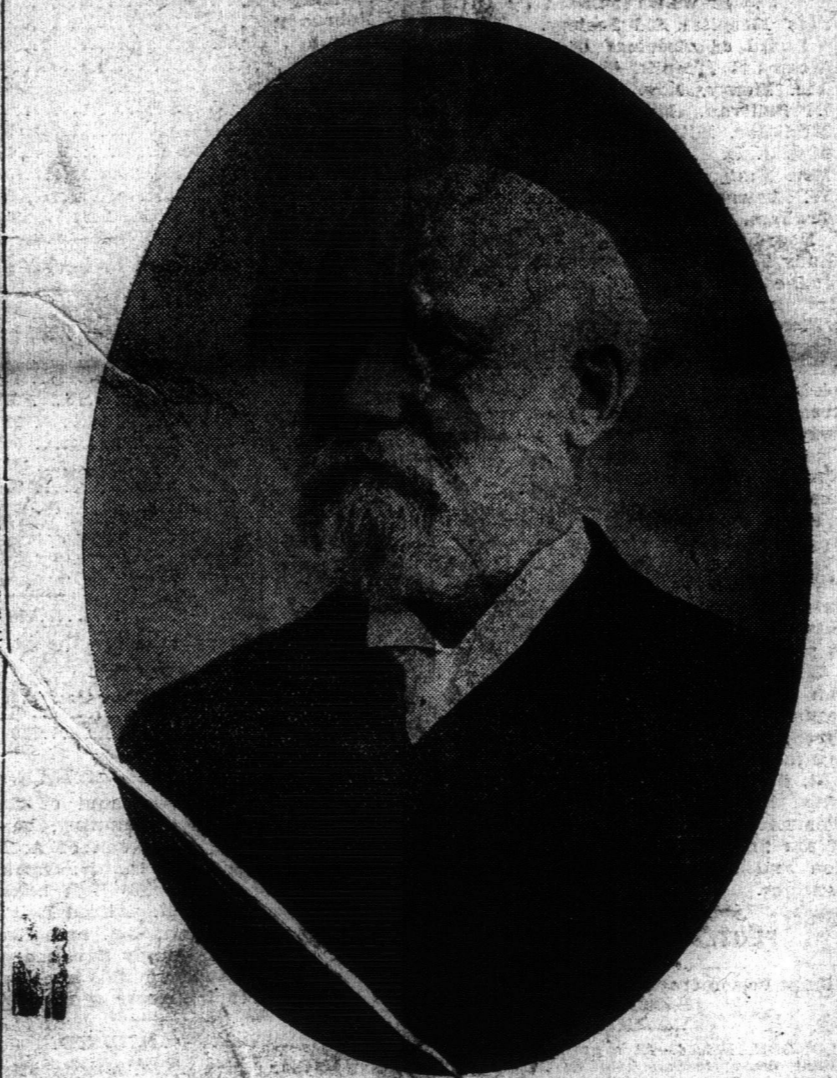
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HON. J. E. SNOWBALL

Sworn in Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick - The Ceremony Was Largely Attended.



LIEUT. GOVERNOR SNOWBALL.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 5.-Hon. James E. Snowball, arrived by the Canada Eastern Express at 1:30 this afternoon, accompanied by his secretary, Mr. Eddy. He was met on his arrival by Capt. J. J. Wynne and R. S. Barker, A. D. C. and private secretary respectively to Lieut. Governor McClellan, and accompanied by them and his own secretary, was driven to the Queen Hotel.

At 3 o'clock Mr. Snowball proceeded to the assembly chamber of parliament, building, entered the chamber accompanied by J. J. McGehe, clerk of the privy council, and was received by Lieut. Governor McClellan, who occupied the speaker's chair, attended by his A. D. C. and private secretary, Chief Justice Tuck, members of the executive council, mayor and aldermen of Fredericton, the sheriff, and other municipal officers, Deputy Provincial Secretary Tibbits and others.

Citizens viewed the proceedings from the galleries. Immediately after Mr. Snowball's entry, Mr. McGehe handed him his commission, which he in turn passed to Deputy Provincial Secretary Tibbits, who read it. The chief justice then administered the oath of allegiance and oath of office, which were read by Deputy Tibbits. He then subscribed to the oath, whereupon in turn sworn Governor McClellan was the first to congratulate his successor, followed by all others on the floor of the chamber and many others who came from the gallery to extend congratulations. A number of ladies viewed the proceedings from the gallery.

Hon. J. E. Snowball is a son of the late Rev. John Snowball. His family

is of German origin, but was for several generations resident in Yorkshire, England. The new lieutenant governor was born at Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, on September 24, 1837. He was educated at Mount Allison Wesleyan College at Sackville, N. B. He has been twice married; first to Margaret, daughter of John Macdonald, and second, to Maggie, daughter of Rev. Robert Archibald, of New Brunswick, Scotland. He has been very largely identified with railway interests in New Brunswick. He was president and in some measure manager of the Canadian Eastern railway. He has exported timber, and owns several fishing boats and tug boats. He has been president of St. George's Society of Fredericton, and is connected with the important enterprises of Northern New Brunswick. He has been for the house of commons in the House of Representatives since 1878. He was defeated in 1878. He ran again for that county and defeated Hon. Peter Mitchell. He continued to sit in the house of commons until 1882, when he retired. He was called to the senate by the conservative government in 1891.

Citizens will be pleased to learn that the Fredericton Gleamer, that Governor Snowball has decided to make Fredericton his place of residence during the winter months at least. Negotiations have been in progress for either the purchasing or leasing of a property which would be suitable for government house. Friends of the governor have visited and looked over several places, and offers will be made for either Elmscroft, the residence of Mrs. Kitchener, or Somersetville, the residence of Miss Fisher.

PERKIN.

British, American and Japanese Ministers Protest.

PERKIN, Feb. 6.-The British, American and Japanese ministers here have renewed their opposition to the Manchurian arrangements between China and Russia. It is probable that this action will result in the postponement of the consummation of this treaty.

The powers opposing the Manchurian treaty are the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United States. The Russian government has no official knowledge of the negotiations of the Russo-Chinese bank. The Russian agents are playing their parts with the greatest regard for appearances, while M. Lesser is arranging the treaty with China. The manager of the bank, M. Pocatillo, one of the most able and trusted of the Russian agents in the east, is negotiating the bank agreement with Wang Wen Shou. In the light of the statements of Chinese officials which were repeated yesterday, namely, that Russia insists upon the simultaneous signing of the Manchurian treaty and the bank treaty, the representations of M. Lesser fail to carry weight. The native newspapers are full of denunciations of the Russian agents to gain her ends by offers of heavy bribes.

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BRITAIN'S PREMIER

Sparks Out Plainly on Ireland's Present Attitude.

LONDON, Feb. 6.-Lord Salisbury, the premier, unveiled a life-sized marble statue of the late Queen Victoria at the Junior Constitutional Club tonight. Speaking at a dinner after the unveiling, the premier referred to the recent Dutch note in a tone, for him, unusual flippancy. Lord Salisbury said that doubtless some of his auditors thought it a bit of luck to catch a cabinet minister and extract from him some information concerning that abortive crisis which had lately filled columns in the newspapers. The speaker said he doubted, however, if they would extract much. For himself, he was unable to imagine the object of the Dutch government, for whose friendly feelings he had the greatest admiration, but he could not see the precise object they hoped to gain by this curious step. It was clear that the Dutch, continued Lord Salisbury, had no authorization from our enemies on the continent, since from the moment their action on the part of the Netherlands government was announced, these enemies vied with each other in declaring the Dutch action to be undesired.

There is no longer any question of sentimentality, continued Lord Salisbury. "We have entered upon a matter of business which we must push through. What we are now seeking is security. Any peace which recognizes fully the rights of the sovereign and gives us security for the empire we should accept, not only with willingness, but with delight."

"It is useless to tell us to behave so as to leave a pleasant recollection in the minds of those with whom we are fighting. The only result that can compensate for the sacrifice of blood and treasure is that, for the future, there shall be security in that part of the empire upon which the ambition of Mr. Kruger has showered this abundance of sorrow and desolation."

Lord Salisbury said he had no misgivings for the future and that he believed the war had made the country more confident in its external policy, more convinced that it would receive due consideration from the committee of nations. But when the present strain had passed away, continued the speaker, there would still remain duties which could not be shirked. The existence of hostile feelings in Ireland was a signal in no degree the glory and continuance of the empire, must not be relaxed.

"The maintenance of our position in Ireland is the most vital object the Empire has, and it can only be attained by strenuous exertions," said the premier. "The premier asked if the Irish people loved the government better than they did formerly, and replied himself that they did not. He said the feeling of hostility which had been expressed was more uncompromising than any expressions which had ever issued from the lips of Parnell or O'Connell. An Irish government, with power to acquire arms and ammunition, would constitute a more serious threat to the Empire than the present orthodox leader of the party, whose utterances were pledged himself to abstain from violence. He would avoid any pledge from which the contrary might be inferred. The premier concluded by saying that the conspicuous and permanent unionists was to maintain a good understanding between England and Ireland, and that it was his duty to maintain the greatness of the constitution and the splendor of the British Empire."

LAURIE'S SUGGESTIONS.

MELBOURNE, Feb. 5.-Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, has written to the Right Hon. E. Barton, prime minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, suggesting the discussion of the following four subjects at the colonial conference to be held in London next June:

Trade relations between Canada and Australia; a fast mail service and a better steam service between Australia and Vancouver; the establishment of a line of steamers from Australia to Africa; and the effect on the Pacific company project of the concessions granted to the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company by the Australian states.

Premier Barton says he will be delighted to discuss these subjects with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but that the federal government will not delay the settlement of the cable question until after the colonial conference.

There are now more than 100 pulp and paper mills in the United States, and about 1,000,000,000 feet of lumber a year. The saw mills consume 20 times as much

LONDON CABLE.

Dealing With Colonial Matters in General and Canadian Questions in Particular.

MONTREAL, Feb. 6.-The Star's London cable says: The Australasia ministers clearly mean business at the coronation conference regarding trade. Mr. Wise, the attorney general of New South Wales, suggests an Australian rebate of customs duties on all goods, British and foreign, imported in British bottoms. The idea of including foreign goods in the preference is to avoid the contravention of the most favored nations clause. Mr. Barton, federal premier of Australia, approves this suggestion, and Mr. Seddon, premier of New Zealand, is willing to give a customs rebate on British and not on foreign goods imported to New Zealand in British bottoms.

It is thought that these early colonial advances are made in the hope of strengthening that section of the British cabinet which would welcome some measure of British reciprocity with the colonies, as part of the forthcoming British budget. In budget matters, however, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has hitherto been supreme, and he has always favored the preferential idea.

Though the Canadian government is not known in the best informed circles here to be taking any fresh step in regard to the fast mail service, the subject was much discussed at last night's dinner of the Canada Club. The impression seemed to prevail that nothing adequate or effective can be done until the Canadian Pacific Railway is invited by the Canadian government to undertake the project, with an increase of subsidy beyond the \$500 already expected by the Canadian parliament. No doubt is felt that the British government would assent to co-operate in any increased subsidy if the Canadian Pacific Railway were directly concerned. Sydney has suggested that financial friends lately at the terminal port. Its adoption in place of Quebec would necessitate only three instead of four steamers. It is suggested that the Intercolonial Railway would possibly be transferred to the Canadian Pacific Railway as part of the deal.

ASSASSINATION AND SUICIDE.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 6.-M. Kamitcheff, the minister of public instruction, was assassinated today in his study by a Macedonian who pretended he wanted to present a petition. The assassin subsequently committed suicide by shooting himself.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 6.-M. Kamitcheff's assassin, who had been a student at the University of Sofia, was appointed to a professorship in a provincial town. Disappointed at not being assigned to a position of honor, he had threatened to murder Kamitcheff. The police knew of the man's threats and were also aware that there was no doubt as to his sanity, but they allowed him to secure a private audience of M. Kamitcheff and the murder followed.

ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, Feb. 6.-The correspondent of the Daily Mail at St. Petersburg says in a despatch he believes that important developments are pending in Northern China, that Great Britain has taken a strong line with respect to the Manchurian convention and that Russia and Great Britain are likely to arrive at a sort of self-denying ordinance to foster the commerce of Northern China to the exclusion of a ruinous military rivalry. Nothing is yet definitely decided, says this correspondent, but it is known that Great Britain intends strong efforts to foster and protect her Chinese trade.

AN OLD VIOLIN.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Feb. 6.-A genuine Stradivari violin was found today at the Sullivan township. The instrument, which bears the name of Stradivari and date 1727 burned on its interior. Mr. Stambill found it in an attic at a farm house in Sullivan township, and purchased it for a small sum. He did not know its value at the time.

ROBB ENGINEERING CO.

HALIFAX, Feb. 6.-John F. Stairs and M. C. Grant of the city have been added to the directorate of the Robb Engineering Co. The company are now issuing the balance of the debentures and stock remaining in the treasury. That is to say, \$70,000 debentures and \$30,000 stock.

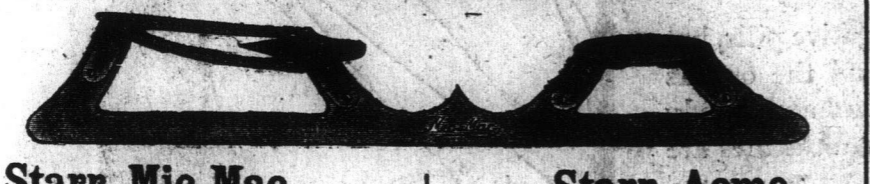
KINGSTON, Ja., Feb. 4.-At the opening of the colonial legislature, the governor of Jamaica, Sir Augustus Hamilton, announced, for the first time in many years, a slight surplus in the transactions of the year. The improvement is due, in a great measure to the growth of the fruit trade between Jamaica and the United States and England.

HOME FOR INCURABLES.

The February meeting of the Home for Incurables was held yesterday afternoon. Orders were passed for the admission of three applicants, and a fourth will probably be admitted in a few days. A strong new application was one from a lady of ninety-seven years of age. There are now fifteen patients in the home. A number of donations were received in January. This happens every month, showing that the patients in the institution are always remembered by the public.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.-A premature explosion of nitro-glycerine at the Cerberus Mfg. Co.'s plant at Ardwick, Md., this morning killed Richard J. Martin, the superintendent, and slightly injured two workmen.

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PROBABLE SITES

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will shortly appoint a committee to secure information re the building. It is generally believed that the building should be erected on various sites and the location of the building at present, utilizing M. C. A. is mentioned as a possibility. It could be obtained on a new building project on the way of placing the building on the expense of \$12,000, and it is doubtful if the lot could be obtained. Then there is the expenditure of tearing down the building, and the site suggested is the vacant south eastern corner of old German. It belongs to estate and is but 100 yards from the quarters of the library at the question yesterday, the Market most suitable of all localities desired to reserve that a new city hall should be the city's need of a library the attention of Mr. Carr's structure will be erected effectively add to the architecture of the city. A site on North End and may be able to secure the amalgamation there with the new investment \$600 a year is as a maintenance of the North End. The new building on the King Square are also suggested is pointed out that this excellent location and a building would be a desirable the charms of the square.

THEAMPTON, N. S.

THEAMPTON, N. S., Jan. 31.-At the slim prospects of a siding, lumbermen are concentrating output to stations by immense quantities of timber chopped and yarded

ms and Mrs. Reynolds, who under Dr. Cameron's case, BAKER of Athol died yesterday internal cancer. The decease was a daughter of Luther was a person of unusually

ter. She leaves a husband, being from a chronic rheumatism and a daughter, another elsewhere.

is in fine condition and is used these fine evenings. Ice being stocked with the supply.

for a few weeks.

place took place recently of the Fulmer, Five Islands, by Dickinson, the happy turning from their wedding groom's home on Thursday.

son is receiving this week.

woman belonging to a tribe near Tipton, Ind., told of Warren Warrington, among other things she mentioned that there was a treasure on his farm. A few days ago he was driving through a gateway, his wagon struck

making it down and uncovering a chest which contained \$1,000

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