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# BRILLIANT OPENING OF THE NEW CAMPAIGN... BRITISH CAPTURED FIVE BOER LAAGERS.

## General French Forces a Passage Across the Modder River at Clip Drift and Now Occupies the Hills to the North—Boer Army Barred From the Direct Route to Bloemfontein.

### Enemy's Supplies Were Captured—British Losses Were Small—The Times Says Lord Roberts is Now Executing, With His Old Skill, a Plan of Operations Carefully and Ably Thought Out—Boers in Natal in the Old British Camp—A Traitor at Ladysmith—Latest War News.

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Gen. French's performance is brilliant, considering the excessive heat and a blinding dust storm which raged during the latter part of the day.

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#### FRENCH SEIZES THE CROSSING

Of the Reit River at Kekil's Drift—British Camped on the East Bank.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—(6.20 p.m.)—It is officially announced that the British cavalry division under Gen. French, Monday, Feb. 12, seized the crossing of the Reit River at Kekil's Drift, on the east bank, on which the sixth and seventh divisions are now camped.

#### The Attack at Reinberg.

The general commanding at Reinberg reports that on Monday, Feb. 12, he was attacked in force by the Boers. Lieut. Col. Gubbins of the Worcester Regiment was wounded, and has since died. There were other casualties.

#### The Official Bulletin.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—(6.28 p.m.)—The following despatch has been received at the War Office from Gen. French, Monday, Feb. 13: "Reit River, Tuesday, Feb. 13.—Colonel Hume in command of a brigade of mounted infantry, marching from Orange River to Reinberg, had a slight engagement on Feb. 11, in which the Boers were driving the hills and threatening his right flank. With a detachment part of his force, Colonel Hume engaged the enemy while he pushed his baggage and main body thru to Reinberg. The object of the march was successfully carried out.

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LONDON, Feb. 14.—(6.30 a.m.)—Mr. Spence Wilkinson, in the Morning Post to-day, says: "There is good news to-day, for a new campaign has begun. The movements of Lord Roberts are a practical illustration of the principle of concentration of action in time and space. The unexpected presence of the sixth division makes Lord Roberts' strategy by 10,000 men in any one place has required to be, evidently he ordered General Mansel's division to Koodoosberg in order to draw the enemy's attention westward away from the contemplated movement thru the Free State."

#### The Boer Army Barred Now.

The Boer army is barred from the direct route to Bloemfontein, and even on the road by Boshoff it would be exposed to a flank attack during the march.

#### Gen. Cronje's Problem.

"General Cronje, on learning of Lord Roberts' dispositions on Tuesday and yesterday, must have had an interesting problem. He had to consider whether to hold on to his positions at Dorsbald and Magerfontein and to seize Kimberley, or to raise the siege and move off, and if so, in what direction, whether to Bloemfontein or northward across the river."

#### A Brilliant Opening.

What events form the brilliant opening of a new campaign, which is being marked by concentration of purpose, and by the enemy has been in the habit of visiting. The enemy evacuated it with the loss of two men after slight resistance. When the force retired, on the completion of reconnaissance, the enemy returned in considerable number, and sent up a heavy

#### GENERAL FRENCH.

The Famous Cavalry Officer Whose War Office Bulletin.



General French is late of the 19th Hussars, and he went out to South Africa with General Buller. He is a cavalry officer, pure and simple. It was his mastery of the operation that led Sir George White to leave him the undisputed control of the Blandsdrange fight, which was unquestionably a victory. He is an excellent specimen of the model school of real soldiers. His military aptitudes and sound judgment for soldierly service have long been noted.

#### Great Work Was Described in the Patriotic Fund.

General French was with the 19th Hussars when Lord Roberts' Nile expedition in 1884-5, and won unstinted approval. He was at Abu Klea when Burnaby's Hussars and other brave officers fell, and at Metemah when Sir Redvers Buller's forces arrived so opportunely. When the South African army corps was discussed, it was decided to give the cavalry command to General French, and General Buller was his greatest supporter for the post. General French made a hazardous escape from Ladysmith on the very eve of its investment. General Buller places great reliance upon him.

#### General French is short and thick, and a somewhat ungainly figure. His mental calibre is undoubtedly high, and he is sound in judgment.

#### FIRE AT FAVELLE MILLS.

Chopping Department and Oatmeal Drying Kilns Burned—Flour Mill Saved.

#### THEY WILL ASK MORE WAGES.

Conductors and Motormen of the Toronto Railway Will Likely Demand 20 Cents an Hour.

#### BOERS ARE FOLLOWING BULLER.

Found Them on His Right Flank at Fustenberg—Dundonald in Action Again.

#### Boers Following Buller.

The despatch contained detailed accounts of what appears to have been important operations. They only tend to throw light on the situation by proving that the Boers are actively following Gen. Buller's every movement.

#### Making Can Hold Out.

A despatch from Mafeking all the garrison had to consider whether to hold on to his positions at Dorsbald and Magerfontein and to seize Kimberley, or to raise the siege and move off, and if so, in what direction, whether to Bloemfontein or northward across the river."

#### How Tricky the Boers Are.

The despatch then gives the casualties as already cable and contains: "Dundonald, Monday, Feb. 13, 1899. The Boers reconnoitered the high ground, which the enemy has been in the habit of visiting. The enemy evacuated it with the loss of two men after slight resistance. When the force retired, on the completion of reconnaissance, the enemy returned in considerable number, and sent up a heavy

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## BRITISH CASUALTIES TO DATE.

London, Feb. 14.—The total British casualty returns up to to-night officially reported from all sources in the South African war are as follows:

KILLED.	
Officers	152
Men	1,477
Total	1,629
WOUNDED.	
Officers	380
Men	5,050
Total	5,430
MISSING.	
Officers	112
Men	2,781
Total	2,893
Other fatalities reported	563
TOTAL CASUALTIES	10,515

## RUSSIA NOT TO BE TRUSTED

Has Been Sending Twenty Thousand Troops Over the Central Asian Railway.

HAS GIVEN OFFICIAL ASSURANCES Not to Embarrass England, But It is Believed She Intends to Take Herat.

London, Feb. 14.—The staff correspondent of The Times remarks that "it will not do to place over much reliance upon Russia's official assurances that nothing will be done to embarrass England in the present situation of affairs."

The Times' view of it. The Times, in an editorial upon the despatch, says: "This may not potent any further action, but can hardly be doubted that Russia has come to the conclusion that the psychological moment has arrived when pressure can be brought to bear on Great Britain."

## CANNOT GO TO AFRICA.

Several of the Troopers of Second Contingent Will Be Sent Home From Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 14.—Drs. Tobin, Jones and Cogswell, who were appointed a board to enquire into the cases of several troopers of the Second Contingent who were incapacitated, have handed in their report, which is as follows: "Sergeant Bryson, pneumonia, unfit for service; Trooper Price, rupture, unfit for service; Trooper Lamb, dislocation of shoulder, will be fit to go; Trooper Watson, scarlet fever, unfit for service."

## LIBERAL CAUCUS AT OTTAWA.

The Straightforward Member for Lisgar Was Not in Attendance—Others Absent.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—At the Liberal caucus to-day, Messrs. Richardson, Monet and Denville did not appear, although Mr. Bourassa was on hand. William (the son) will lead the Liberal caucus to-day. Frost and Calvert will look after Ontario matters. It is said that Mr. Richardson was not invited to the caucus.

## MILITARY SEND-OFF FOR HUTTON.

Salute of 11 Guns Will Be Fired From Nepean Point as the General Departs.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Major-General Hutton will be given a military send-off on Thursday afternoon. The Second Field Battery will fire a salute of 11 guns from Nepean Point at 4.15 p.m. The 43rd Battalion, O.H.C. Rifles, will furnish a guard of honor.

## Of Interest to Smokers.

One might call it "Humid Air" for the air within the cabinets which G. W. Muller is selling is kept at the proper degree of humidity by means of an absorbent pad. The "Humidifier" is a patented cigar and keeps both tobacco and cigars in perfect smoking condition. Once used, they are admittedly indispensable.

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## Deaths.

POISON—Accidentally killed at Meers, Jones & Laughlin's Steel Works, Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 11th, Arthur Pennicott, 20 years of age, son of William Pennicott, 1250 Broad-st., Toronto.

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## CANADA'S BIG GRAIN ROUTE FROM WEST

Is Brought Up by Mr. Bennett for Discussion in the House of Commons.

## DEFINITE LINE OF ACTION.

The Mover Says, Should be Settled to Centre the Route in Canadian Channels.

## Routes by Rail and by Water

Fault Found With the Deal Made With the Conners Syndicate at Montreal.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Four bills were introduced in the House to-day. Mr. Reid's bill relates to the regulation of freight and passenger rates on railways. Its purpose is to appoint a commission to deal with all grievances complained of. It is his 37th introduced two years ago.

## Charlton's Annual Move.

The morality department of the House, in the person of Mr. Charlton, introduced a bill to amend the Criminal Code as to make the clauses relating to seduction and abduction more effective. The age of consent is to be fixed at 18, and illicit intercourse among stepfather, stepmother and stepdaughter is placed under the ban.

## The Civil Service Fund.

Many questions were on the orders, but the civil service superannuation fund amounted last year to \$25,550.

## What Mr. Mulock Said.

Mr. Mulock said that the report of his speech at Collingwood should have been this: "We felt that something should be done towards the improvement of transportation accommodation to the seaboard. We tore up old contracts and re-estimated the whole situation, thus giving a uniform depth of 14 feet."

## Soldiers in the Yukon.

Dr. Borden said the soldiers in the Yukon now amounted to about 150. A confidential report containing charges against the Lee-Edwards rifle has been sent to the Imperial War Office. Each man in the First Contingent got two blankets, and each man in the Second Contingent got four blankets, and a reserve of 400 blankets was given to the First Contingent.

## 10,000 Claimants.

The Fenian Relief medals have caused an expenditure of \$15,000, and 10,000 claimants have been located.

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## RUMORS ABOUT REPUBLIC.

Straightforward Statement About the Affairs of the Nine Made a Good Impression.

Montreal, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—As ill-informed people had set a good many stories afloat re Republic, the straightforward statement issued by the straightforward member for Lisgar, who has created a most favorable impression, and the stock fell the influence this afternoon. It is said on all sides that Mr. Goddard had taken his shareholders into his confidence, as the War Expenditure bill, a great deal of the War Expenditure bill would have been avoided.

## Finest Office Furniture, desks and cabinets. Office Specialty Co., 77 Bay St.

## Colder Weather Promised.

Metropolitan Office, Toronto, Feb. 14, 8 p.m.—The storm centre has passed to the eastward of Newfoundland, but a cold westerly gale is still blowing in the Maritime Provinces. The high area continues over the Northwest Territories, accompanied by very low temperatures, and it is probable that after a light snowfall caused by the passage eastward of a shallow area over the Mississippi Valley, lower weather will spread over the lake region.

## Lower Lakes—Moderately cold, with a light snowfall.

Ontario Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderately cold; fair at first, followed by a light snowfall.

## Lake Superior and Manitoba fair and decidedly cold.

Okla. Hall Clothiers have a lot of winter overcoats to clear out before March. They are daily cut close prices will make it worth your while to buy now and save money for next season.

## Er. Harold Jarvis to-morrow evening at College St. Presbyterian Church.

## STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Feb. 14.	At	From
Oceanic	New York	New York
Northland	New York	Antwerp
Parade	New York	London
Marquette	New York	Bremen
Lahn	New York	Bremen
London	New York	London
Southwest	New York	Bremen
Colonial	New York	Bremen
Glen Head	New York	New York
Chatham	New York	New York
Portland	New York	Portland
St. Paul	New York	Portland
Coran	New York	Portland
Ytzenes	New York	Portland