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GENERAL BULLOCK'S REEFING GREAT BRITAIN'S FLEET

The Commanding Officer Keeps an Absolute Silence Over Affairs in South Africa and There is Painful Suspense.

It is Believed, However, That Gen. Lord Methuen Has Been Reinforced—Has the Natal Advance Been Delayed by the Necessity of Waiting for Supplies at Pietermaritzburg?

Absolute silence reigns over affairs in South Africa. There is no doubt that General Sir Redvers Buller is carrying out his duty to the best of his ability, but the fact that he would "cut" the wires when he reached the scene of war, which is being carried out. There are thousands of people in Britain living in suspense, but that fact, it appears, makes no difference to the War Office. All is in the dark. It is regarded as certain, however, that reinforcements have been sent to Lord Methuen.

THE RELIEF OF KIMBERLEY

May Be a Fact To-Day or To-Morrow—Boer Dutch Get Back to Their Homes.

London, Dec. 1.—(Afternoon).—While the rumors of the relief of Kimberley current on the stock exchange to-day may be premature in their literal sense, there seems no doubt that the pressure on the place must, seemingly, be a fact very shortly. A clue to the urgency reasons which dictated General Methuen's march may be found in Governor Milner's hint to the Relief Committee at Cape Town to prepare for the reception of 70,000 refugees, indicating that the garrison must have had reason to fear the reduction of Kimberley by starvation and disease. The recent news from Kimberley seems to show that Kimberley and Mafeking are acting in concert with General Methuen, for at the time the battle was being fought at the battle of Tlokoeng, which and Col. Baden-Powell were ordered to attack General Methuen's rear. But reinforcements have been pushed rapidly forward from Orange-Frederick's Drakensberg, and it is said they ought to circumvent such designs. From Lord Wolseley's announcement that it had been decided to call out one more division, it appears clear that the War Office does not look for a speedy collapse of Boer resistance. The brief telegram coming from the front and the central theatre of the war convey little information about the situation.

Have the Boer Dutch Returned? Naauwpoort reports that half the Olesburg Dutch who responded to the Boer summons for military service have now returned to their homes; and, perhaps, the serious civil troubles hampering General Methuen may be lessened, and the military operations under his direction will commence.

Ladysmith's Relief. So far as known, the Ladysmith relief force is still at Pietermaritzburg, though the force is, perhaps, sufficiently repaired to permit of its passage Nov. 30, in which case the opposing forces may already have commenced operations near Colenso, where, apparently, the Boers are entrenched on the north side of the river.

A Sortie at Mafeking. A special despatch from Pretoria, dated Sunday, Nov. 26, says there was another sortie from Mafeking, Saturday, Nov. 25, the morning of that day the chartered police attacked Elliot's Fort, and the garrison was driven back to the main camp. The fight was progressing when the despatch was sent.

Several ambulance trains left Mafeking Nov. 25 for the Free State, where heavy fighting was expected during the coming week, when the Boers would reach the advance of the British in the direction of Kimberley.

BRITISH DRIVE BOERS BACK. Enemy Tried to Blow Up a Bridge Over the River at Colenso, But Failed.

London, Dec. 1.—A special despatch received here to-day from Pretoria, dated Nov. 28, says that while attempting to blow up a 900-foot bridge over the river at Colenso, the Boers were driven back by British artillery and mounted infantry.

At Kimberley Probably To-Day. It is reported that General Methuen resumed his march northwards on Wednesday, and expected to form a junction with the Diamond on Saturday or Sunday. It is suggested in some quarters that the Boer forces have been withdrawn from the north of Cape Colony and may be hurrying to attack General Methuen's rear. But reinforcements have been pushed rapidly forward from Orange-Frederick's Drakensberg, and it is said they ought to circumvent such designs. From Lord Wolseley's announcement that it had been decided to call out one more division, it appears clear that the War Office does not look for a speedy collapse of Boer resistance.

Had a Meeting of Their Own. Conservatives Were Shut Out From Maebach Meeting, But Were Not Suppressed.

St. Thomas, Dec. 1.—The Conservatives, being refused the privilege of having a speaker at the Ross meeting to-night, held one in the interests of Friday night. The standard-bearer of the party in the bye-election in the new Grand Opera House. The building was comfortably filled. Mr. Thomas Arkell, ex-M.P., occupied the chair. Mr. A. B. Ingram, M.P., opened the meeting with a few well-chosen remarks. Mr. S. Price followed, severely scoring the Government officials for laxity in the Maebach election, and for not having fully law, but of offences punishable by the courts.

Mr. A. W. Wright spoke briefly about the election in the Province. The candidates, Mr. Findlay G. McDermid, was received with rousing cheers. He referred to the election in the Province, and to the policy of the Government, and closed with a strong denunciation of the carnival of corruption which the Liberal Government had carried on during the last two years.

Mr. T. W. Crothers closed the meeting with a few remarks in his usual forcible style. The meeting was presented with a banner, which the Liberal Government had carried on during the last two years.

IS THIS A CASE OF SUICIDE?

H. A. Durman Supposed to Have Been Drowned, Because a Letter Written By Him, FOUND IN A COAT AT THE BAYSIDE

Asked That George Mason, a Fellow Workman, Be Notified if "Anything" Happened.

A party of workmen employed by Contractor Thomas Bryce in the construction of an extensive cribwork on the waterfront near the foot of Bay-street found a man's overcoat yesterday morning soon after commencing their day's work. The coat was found hanging on the piece of timber at the southeast corner of the cribwork. The men did nothing towards reporting the finding of the garment until two hours afterwards.

They took Coat to Station. They told Mr. J. P. Snook of 49 Shannon-street, the city's inspector on the work, and immediately notified the authorities at Police Headquarters by telephone. Nobody representing the officers of the law made enquiries about the matter, and about 3 o'clock, as Mr. Snook was going to the phone again to call them up, he met Freddy Clark, a well-known character about town. The inspector knew Clark because he appeared at the cribwork early in the spring and attempted to commit suicide by threatening to jump into the water. At that time Mr. Snook was compelled to have Clark arrested, and he has been in jail up to a few days ago, believing that Clark was about to attempt to take his own life again, the inspector called P. C. Armstrong (44) and he was

Money to Spend.

A DIRTY ROAD.



PREMIER ROSS (pushing the Government machine ahead of him): With such a badly punctured machine it doesn't look very promising, does it?

UNDIPLOMATIC FRANKNESS

Is What Lord Rosebery Calls Mr. Chamberlain's Remarks at Leicester the Other Night.

By the Ex-Premier, in Which He Depreciated the Biting Allusions to France.

London, Dec. 1.—Lord Rosebery, speaking at Edinburgh this evening, deprecated Mr. Chamberlain's reference to France in his speech at Leicester, and said: "We have no right to go into the gutters to fish up the derelict press of any country, and to hold it up to scorn, or as a matter of our policy, it is impossible that the Queen could be beset by such attacks, which only recall on the attackers, and, whatever the degraded outburst may mean, it does not represent the best or highest opinion of France."

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SURE OF SUCCESS.

One of the Leaders Gives Reasons for the Faith That is in Him.

MANY LIBERALS ARE SORE

And in a Number of Constituencies a Change of Only a Few Votes Will Turn the Scale.

OPPOSITION WELL ORGANIZED.

Greenway's Broken Promises and Laurier's Ditto Have Had Their Effect.

Winnipeg, Dec. 1.—(Special).—A Conservative, reviewing the prospects of the elections next week, says: As the campaign progresses, more and more encouraging become the prospects of Conservative success. Reports from various constituencies show the Conservative party to be thoroughly united, full of confidence and working hard for victory, while a number of old time Liberals in every county are on this occasion found working with the Conservatives to effect a change of government. It is only necessary to contrast the present with last provincial campaigns to realize how vastly different are the conditions, and how completely the changed circumstances bespeak Conservative triumph.

At the last election the Conservative party was disunited, leaderless and disheartened. It had no organization, the lists were merged in the revision of the franchise. Its opponents had a popular cry; whereas to-day they have no cry at all.

No Liberal Allies Then. There were then no Liberal allies fighting with the Conservative party, but on the contrary a large number from the ranks were supporting the Greenway Gov-

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CAUGHT AFTER A CHASE.

Four Young Men Arrested Early This Morning on a Charge of Burglary.

Constables Myles and Mackie, who are doing plain-clothes duty in the Agnes-street Division, after a hard chase early this morning, were successful in placing four young men behind the bars on a charge of burglary. They are: George Gordon, 222 East Queen-street; William Moulton, 204 Elizabeth-street; William Moulton, 193 Clinton-street; and Peter Barry, no home.

The prisoners were taken after George Anderson's confectionery store at 222 Young-street was entered and the cash box robbed of between \$2 and \$3 in coins. The money was found on the four prisoners. In making an investigation later, the constables discovered that the thieves had not by forcing the front door.

TO BAR THE MORMON.

Republicans Have Decided on a Plan to Test the Eligibility of the Polygamist.

Washington, Dec. 1.—At a conference of Republicans to-night, it was decided that the eligibility of Representative-elect Roberts of Utah, who is accused of practicing polygamy, to occupy a seat in the House should be tested by a resolution to be introduced in the House to the effect that if the House should investigate, he should not be permitted to take the oath of office. When Roberts appears in the House to-night, it is expected that the objection to be made upon the ground that he is ineligible, and a Committee of Investigation will be asked for.

TAKEN III AT HIS DECK.

Mr. Vernon Southwick, aged 22 years, a bookkeeper in J. D. King's boot manufactory, while seated at his desk yesterday afternoon, was taken by a burglar, who was found in an unconscious condition by some of the employees, and medical aid was summoned. In the ambulance he was removed to the Emergency Hospital. At an early hour this morning he was in a comatose condition.

Cooler Weather.

(S.P.M.).—The weather, which was developing over Illinois yesterday is now central over the Upper Ottawa valley. It is causing strong winds and moderate rains in the lake district, but is now likely to decrease in energy. The general outlook is for showery weather in the Eastern Provinces in the lake district, and in the Northwest fair, cool weather.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: New Westminster, 36-46; Kamloops, 32-40; Calgary, 24-35; Winnipeg, 18-28; Port Arthur, 30-38; Pelly, 30-48; Toronto, 42-52; Ottawa, 32-48; Montreal, 34-46; Quebec, 28-34; Halifax, 30-42.

Lower Lakes Westerly Winds;

fair; lower temperature. Georgian Bay—Fresh westerly winds; mostly fair; light local falls of sleet or snow; lower temperature. Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Westerly winds; fair; lower temperature. Lower St. Lawrence—Showery at first, then clearing; not much change in temperature.

Gulf—Fresh to strong southeast to south-westerly winds; light snow or rainfalls; not much change in temperature.

Maritime—Mostly cloudy, with local showers and fresh to strong southeast to south-westerly winds; fair and a little lower temperature.

Probabilities.

Every boy under 15 years of age has a chance to get a valuable case for New Year's. Oak Hill advertisement on page 2 tells all about it.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 1.	At.	From.
Vancouver	Halifax	Liverpool
Paris	New York	Marseilles
London	Bremen	New York
Toronto	Queenstown	Boston
Ryanland	Queenstown	Philadelphia
La Rochelle	Havre	New York
Stamand	Rotterdam	New York
Trelin Head	Belfast	New York
Kilmain	London	Eastern Provinces
Dominion	Liverpool	Montreal

W. J. Siddall, architect, 75 Yonge, Toronto

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WHERE MACHINE WORKED.

Premier Ross and the Newest Minister Up in Elgin to Help Mr. Donald Macnisch.

London, Dec. 1.—(Special).—The Premier, Mr. Ross, and the newest Minister, Mr. Donald Macnisch, were seen to-day in Elgin, where they were engaged in a long and interesting discussion with the local members of the Conservative party.

WOULD NOT HAVE A CONSERVATIVE

So the Opposition Men Held a Meeting of Their Own—New Points Came Out.

St. Thomas, Dec. 1.—At the Latchford-Ross meeting in the interests of Mr. Macnisch here to-night the Duncombe Opera House was crowded to its utmost capacity. Peter C. Stewart, conductor, of the city, filled the chair after a short address. Introduced Mr. Macnisch, the Liberal candidate. The latter gentleman professed ignorance of the gang which infested the riding at the last bye-election, and claimed they were not friends of the great Liberal party.

After asking the audience to consider the new policy of the reorganized Administration, led by the former Minister of Education, the Hon. George W. Ross, and, if they saw fit, to support that policy, he resumed his seat amid great applause.

Casey on Corruption. Mr. Casey, member of the Commons for the west riding of Elgin, followed. His remarks were confined to corruption, saying the Conservatives were at their old tricks, but failed to mention any names.

Hon. Mr. Latchford. Hon. Frank R. Latchford, the new Minister of Public Works, introduced and received a fairly good reception. He claimed his majority in South Renfrew was larger than that of any former member who represented that constituency, with the exception of Mr. Campbell, the late member. After expounding the new Government's policy very strenuously, he took his seat amid cheers.

The Premier Well Received. The speaker of the evening, the new Premier, on being introduced, was presented with an address, delivered by Mr. G. Montgomerie, and a handsome bouquet by a little girl, who in turn was presented with a kiss.

Mr. Ross commenced his address by thanking the Liberals of Elgin for their kind remarks, and said if receiving flowers and kissing pretty little girls were the only duties of a Prime Minister, he would like very much to occupy that position for many years, but it was also proposed that the more arduous duties connected with his position should be performed by the people upon the irregularities. He then touched upon the recent bye-elections, saying it was extremely unfortunate, and the Reformers regretted that such a thing should have occurred. He then reviewed at some length the alleged corrupt electioneering conducted by the Conservatives in Manitoba and other provinces.

He then branched out into the new policy of the Government, laying great stress upon the fact that the Ontario should be developed, and in their power to carry out that policy. He reviewed at some length the history of the Mowat Government, saying that it had spent over one hundred millions being mispent.

After briefly touching upon the splendid educational system that the Ontario possessed, he then turned to the manufacturing of pulp woods, and the new railroads the Government intended subsidizing, the speaker gentleman wound up his speech with

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