

DE WET IN FULL FLIGHT.

Enemy Fleeing in Front of Kitchener's and Methuen's Forces.

Buller Occupied Amerspoort on Tuesday Last - Commander Marais and Three Field Cornets Surrender to General Rundle - Captured One Million Rounds of Ammunition.

TORONTO, Aug. 10.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: Some of the Canadian invalids will sail for home on Tuesday and others on the Thursday following. It seems impossible to induce the war office to move in the matter of shipping Canadians home. Many of the men are willing, if permitted, to pay their own passage, rather than remain here in idleness, but that permission they cannot get.

A Cape Town despatch to the war office says among those discharged from hospital are Capt. Nelles and Lt. Good. Capt. Nelles was adjutant of the Canadian Mounted Rifles. LONDON, Aug. 11.—It is persistently rumored in Lourenço Marquez, according to a despatch to the Daily Telegraph, dated yesterday, that Mr. Steyn has committed suicide.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—According to Lourenço Marquez correspondent of the Daily Express, President Kruger, in the course of an interview last Wednesday, said that the report that he intended to surrender was without foundation. He declared that the war would last long. A Boer bulletin continues the correspondent, "announces a big battle between Lydenburg and Middleburg, in which the British had 500 killed and wounded. It also announces the recapture of the burghers of Heilbron, Devilliersdorp and Frankfort."

PRETORIA, Aug. 10.—It is stated that Lord Methuen has arrested Gen. De Wet's march. All the Boers in the field credit a rumor circulated by their leaders that Lord Roberts is dying. Roberts, however, is now in excellent health, is displaying wonderful energy and rides daily long distances. LONDON, Aug. 12.—The war office today received the following message from Lord Roberts:

PRETORIA, Aug. 11.—The enemy is fleeing in front of Kitchener's and Methuen's forces. Early this morning he was trying to cross the railway at Volweren station, where he was engaged by Smith-Dorrien. "Methuen on Aug. 9 fought a rear guard action near Buffelskloof. He captured six wagons and two ambulances. In spite of the fact that Gen. Christian De Wet is in full flight, South African telegrams announce a hurried exodus of civilians from Mafeking and that Lord Edward Cecil is preparing to stand another siege. James G. Stowe, United States consul general at Cape Town, has left Johannesburg for that city. He received an enthusiastic send-off. LONDON, Aug. 13.—It has been decided, according to a despatch to the Times from Ottobsoop, dated Saturday, to concentrate Gen. Sir Frederick Carrington's force at Mafeking.

CABLES FROM LORD ROBERTS. LONDON, Aug. 11.—Lord Roberts under yesterday's date: "A plot to carry me off has been discovered. It was clumsily conceived. The ringleaders and all concerned are now under arrest." LONDON, Aug. 11.—The war office

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land with her hands full, and you will find the whole country aflame. For this reason I plead for examples. We should not be satisfied, as we are too often satisfied in our easy-going way, with the surrender of an old-fashioned rifle and twenty or even fifty rounds of ammunition. "There were enough Mausers in the 'vanual at the beginning of the war to supply every Boer in South Africa twice over. Our returns will soon prove that we have not received anything like half the number originally distributed."

ATTACK ON THE WAR OFFICE. LONDON, Aug. 4.—A. G. Hales, representative in South Africa of the Daily News, is the latest war correspondent to attack the methods and the red tape of the British war office. He says: "The men under Lieut. Gen. Sir Leslie Rundle have to hold a frontage line from 'Inburg, via Senekal, almost to the borders of Basutoland. This front, extending nearly a hundred miles, is constantly harassed by a determined enemy, who know the country. To hold this line intact Gen. Rundle has to march from point to point as his scouts warn him. "Gen. Rundle's task is a colossal one, and gigantic efforts should be made to keep him amply supplied with food for his soldiers. But the men are absolutely starving. Many of the infantrymen are so weak they can barely stagger along. They are worn to shadows, and move with weary, listless footsteps. This is what the soldiers have been getting to eat for a long time. One pound of raw flour, which the soldiers have to cook after a hard day's march, is served out to each man every alternate day. The following day he gets one pound of biscuits. There is no fuel except a little ox dung dried by the sun. If a soldier is lucky enough to pick up a little he can go to the nearest water, of which there is plenty, mix his cake without yeast or baking powder, and make some sort of wretched mouthful. He gets one pound of raw fresh meat daily, which is sent out of ten he cannot cook, and there his supplies end. "What has become of the rations of rum, of sugar, of tea, of cocoa, of groceries generally? Ask at the small little railway siding, where the goods are stacked—and forgotten. Ask in the big shops in Cape Town and other seaport towns. Ask in your own country where thousands of pounds' worth of foodstuff lie rotting in the warehouses, bound up and tied down with red tape bandages. Ask—yes, ask; but don't stop at asking—damn somebody else's business. Don't let some wretched underling be made the scapegoat of this criminal state of affairs, for the faint of this shameful thing rests upon every Briton whose home, privileges and property are being safeguarded by these famishing men. The folks in authority will probably tell you that Gen. Rundle and his splendid fellows are so isolated that food cannot be obtained for them. I say that is false. Two war correspondents traversed that country and through with water supplies for themselves. Why cannot the transport people manage to do the same? If we war correspondents could not manage transport business better than they do, most of us would willingly stand up and allow ourselves to be shot. "Our under the fields of war are famishing, whilst millions' worth of food lies rotting on our wharves and in our cities, food that ought with ordinary management to be within easy reach of our fighting generals. Rundle faces the work with men whose knees knock under them, whose hearts shake from weakness, from poverty of blood and muscle, brought about by continual hunger. "Yours be the shame if the empire's flag be lowered. You stand in your music halls and shout songs full of sentiments for your soldiers, and then, when the words are 'I have often seen him quarrel with a nigger for a handful of raw mealles on the march.' PRIVATE HOPKINS AND PEARSE DISCHARGED.

OTTAWA, Aug. 12.—Privates Hopkins and Pearse of a Squadron, R. C. D. having been sentenced to ten years penal servitude in South Africa for collecting arms from burghers without authority and selling them again to enemy, are struck off the strength of the Canadian militia. OTTAWA, Aug. 13.—Col. Otter, reporting from The Springs 6th July, gives the strength of the regiment as follows: Effectives, 433; sick and at various rest camps, 383; convalescent camp in Cape Town, 81; out of present in South Africa. There have been sent to England 143; killed in action, 38; died of disease, 35; transfer, 13. This accounts for 1,183 men of the first contingent, of whom 1,039 went out with the regiment last October; 5 were since enlisted and 109 added as reinforcements. Col. Otter adds: "You will see by the parade statement that 80 N. C. officers and men (convalescents) are sufficiently fit for garrison duty. Our list of sick and unfit for regular duty has been thus sensibly diminished. Barker has again reported for duty."

In reference to the reported home coming of Chaplain Lane of the second Canadian contingent, the militia authorities state that nothing is known of it at Ottawa. Twenty-three invalid Canadians sail tomorrow from Liverpool by the Lake Ontario. In connection with his report of the previous week of Lieut. Blanchard's death, Col. Otter says: "I yesterday received a memo, stating that he died in an ambulance on the 14th of June when en route to Kroonstad."

OTTAWA, Aug. 13.—A cablegram has been received by the militia department stating that Lieut. Col. Otter on the 11th inst. was with the forces operating against De Wet. Sir Alfred Milner cables as follows: CAPE TOWN, Aug. 13.—The following are dangerously ill at Cape Town:

2400, Wilson; 7915, Corp. Coombs, 2604, Canadian Regiment of Infantry. At Bloemfontein, 339, Standard, Artillery; 3188, Smith, Canadian Regiment of Infantry. At Kroonstad, 7556, Turner, Second Canadian Regiment of Infantry. (Signed) MILNER. Lord Roberts cables as follows: ERMELA, Aug. 12.—403, Trooper G. Arnold, Strathcona corps, died from wounds, 11th August. Arnold is from Cookstown, Ontario. OTTAWA, Aug. 13.—Among those invalided home from South Africa are: G Company—Corp. J. Pringle, 71st; H. L. Wannamaker, 14th; W. J. Raymond, 1st; A. J. B. Pascoe, 82nd; Corp. H. Miller, R. C. R.; Pte. Percival Simpson, R. C. R. H Company—Corp. J. Stevenson, 1st Leinesters; Sergt. F. Dooley, 62nd; J. Ryan, 60th; W. E. Trueman, 78th; D. Pearce, 60th; W. A. Walker, 68th; D. McCallum, 3rd; W. A. Walker, 68th; D. Woods, 63rd; S. Brown, 3rd; J. J. Wilson, A. Murray, D. Y. R. C. H.; Sergt. D. G. Eustace, 3rd.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The Boers have left Mafeking. According to the Daily Mail, and occupied Watervalvonder in force. A considerable portion of Commandant General Louis Botha's camp and stores at Dalmanthua was destroyed by fire on Sunday. According to another special despatch, Barberton has been proclaimed the new seat of the Transvaal government.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Touching a despatch from Pretoria and printed in London under date of Aug. 10th, in which it was stated that President Kruger is contributing between \$250,000 and \$375,000 to the election of Wm. J. Bryan; and also that Webster Davis had received \$125,000 from the same source, as a contribution for the Democratic campaign fund, Charles D. Pearce, congressional treasurer of the Boer relief fund, and E. Lauter Wessels, special commissioner of South African Republic of this city, today gave out a denial of both statements, adding to the denial the following:

"The Boers have other and better use for their funds. England is in desperate straits for the 'shew's of war, when she will resort to such despicable means to influence the American people against the Boer cause, when fully 95 per cent. of the American citizens are in our favor." MONTREAL, Aug. 13.—The Star's special cable from London says: The war office reports 788, Pte. Coggins, and 7,965, Pte. McMullen, are fit for duty and have joined a provisional battalion at Shorncliffe. Pte. A. E. Coggins belonged to "C" Co., first contingent, formerly of R. C. Dragoons. Pte. Wm. McMullen belonged to "G" Co., first contingent, formerly of Eighth Hussars.

SUSSEX.

Dr Langstroth Complimented on His Splendid Shooting at Bisleby—Chureh News.

SUSSEX, Aug. 13.—Dr. Lee Langstroth of the 74th batt., who attended the Bisleby team in England, returned home on Tuesday last and is receiving the warmest congratulations of his many friends, both civil and military, on the success he achieved. While at Bisleby he captured over \$200 for his superior marksmanship. He got the 21st place in the Queen's match, the Queen's badge, of which he is justly proud, and the third place which went to Bisleby from Canada, being only six points from the top. He also captured the bronze box for the grand aggregate. In the Alexander match he gained the sixth place, making 69 points out of a possible 70. He speaks of the weather being exceedingly hot at Bisleby during the shooting. Mr. Langstroth says the passage out in the Lake Megantic was very rough. Several large bergs were seen. Extensive improvements are being made to the Baptist parsonage on Church Avenue. Rev. Mr. Fullerton, rector of the Episcopal church of Petticoat, conducted the services in Trinity church, Sussex, yesterday. R. W. W. Frink of St. John was in Sussex, the guest of Major T. E. Arnold, on Saturday. A case of assault was up for hearing before the stipendiary on Saturday, but was adjourned until Saturday next, owing to the absence of witnesses. Harry Partee, law student in the office of W. Fowler, appeared for informant and Fred L. Fairweather, barrister, for the defence. Councillor Moore of Waterford was in Sussex today. There was frost here last night in several places. No damage. The ladies of the Reform Episcopal church are to hold a pie social on the grounds of John Markham at Upper Corner tomorrow evening. Large numbers of people drove over to the scene of the Central railway accident yesterday.

FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Aug. 13.—Two boys, aged about 14 years, entered the store of Wm. Embleton, near the C. P. R. station, York street, at five o'clock Saturday afternoon, and while the proprietor's back was turned extracted \$10 from the till and decamped. They boarded the C. P. R. express and went as far as Salamanca station, where they jumped off and took to the woods. Later in the evening they were found by their parents, who induced them to hand over the money. On having his cash restored, Mr. Embleton decided not to prosecute the boys. A young man named Edward Craig had two of the fingers of his left hand taken off while at work in Hale & Furdie's mill this morning. He is now at Victoria hospital. Advertise in SEMI-WEEKLY SUN.

SITUATION DESPERATE.

British Minister Wired from Peking, August Sixth, that Food Supply Would Last But a Few Days.

And that Unless Relief Came a General Massacre was Probable—Over Two Hundred European Women and Children in the Legation.

LONDON, Aug. 13, 3.50 a. m.—The British consul at Canton, says the Daily Telegraph's correspondent there, has received the following message, dated Aug. 6, from Sir Claude MacDonald, British minister in Peking: "Our situation here is desperate. In ten days our food supply will be at an end. Unless we are relieved a general massacre is probable. "The Chinese offer to escort us to Tien Tsin, but remembering Canton, we refuse the offer. There are over 200 European women and children in this legation. "The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, writing yesterday, says: "The allies, at noon Saturday, were within twenty miles of Peking." As General Chaffee's report, which is the only authentic news received here regarding the advance, located the international forces about 40 miles from Peking on Friday, it seems probable that this Shanghai report is optimistic. It is scarcely likely that the allies could advance twenty miles in as many hours. A Yang Tsun despatch, dated Aug. 7, giving details of the capture of that place, says: "The Russians and French held the left, the British the left centre, the Americans the right centre and the Japanese the extreme right. The British and Americans advanced on the village at a rapid rate for 5,000 yards under a severe shell and rifle fire. The Russians opened and the British-American advance became a race for positions, culminating in a brilliant charge."

OTTAWA. Will Establish Street Boxes for Newspapers. Prof. Robertson to Visit the Maritime Provinces—Will Apply for Divorce. OTTAWA, Aug. 10.—The postmaster general has decided upon the establishment throughout the cities of Canada of a system of boxes for newspapers such as are now in use for letters. The scheme has been in contemplation for some time and will be inaugurated as soon as the boxes can be turned out. The patriotic fund now amounts to \$318,142. OTTAWA, Aug. 12.—George Isidore Barthe, ex-M. P. for Richelieu and French translator of the house of commons, died Saturday of heat prostration, aged 64. Hon. Charles Russell, son of the late chief justice, spent Saturday quietly in Ottawa and left this morning for the Pacific coast.

WOODSTOCK. The Hay Crop—A Prosperous Concern—Trouble Between Capital and Labor. WOODSTOCK, Aug. 13.—Quite a large number of tourists have visited Woodstock this summer, several coming as guests of old Woodstockers who have made their homes in other parts. The town and vicinity seems to have made a favorable impression, and it may well be said that Woodstock will shortly join the procession of tourist attracting towns. Among those old Carleton county men who have been home or are now at their old home may be mentioned Robert Caldwell, Dr. Charles Hay, Philadelphia; Wm. Raymond, Providence, R. I.; Walter Everett and Herbert Clark, Boston. Rev. Scovill Neales, rector of Sussex, took duty yesterday for Archdeacon Neales, who is on a vacation in the old country. Haying is not by any means yet finished throughout the county, and the grain is coming on faster. Though the weather has been unsettled, there are no great complaints of rust, which was very much dreaded earlier in the season. The large house on Grover street for several years past occupied by John S. Leighton, has been sold to Alex. Dunbar. This house was built by the late James Grover. John Gallagher, senior partner of the stone cutting firm of J. Gallagher & Son, who broke his leg one day last week, is getting on quite comfortably, although the fracture was a severe one. At a special meeting of the board of Trade H. Paxton Baird and Williamson Fisher were named delegates to the annual meeting of the maritime board to be held in Kentville this week. Each of these gentlemen has filled the position of president of the Woodstock board.

It was a surprise to Woodstockers to note in yesterday's Sun that Lieut. W. C. Good has been discharged from the hospital at Cape Town, as it was not known outside the circle of his own relatives, if it was known by them, that Mr. Good had been discharged. At the annual meeting of the Maritime Wrapper Co. on Friday it was stated that the business from the beginning of the year in April to the present time was between six and seven thousand dollars of an increase over the business of the preceding year in the same period. Fifty-one girls are employed in the factory, and the wages paid in a year are \$10,000. The following were elected directors: Chas. Dickenson, John Dickenson, Wm. Peters, J. C. Hartley and Wm. Le Page.

There is said to be a difficulty between several of the manufacturers in town and their employees. The latter are agitating for a nine hour Saturday, and a petition signed by a number of them was presented to the heads of the concerns interested. The suggestion is not favorably received by several of the manufacturers, anyway, who contend that the demands of the men are unreasonable and ill-timed, and that if the concession is granted it must mean a severe loss of business to the concern which was cannot afford to sustain. There was some talk of the employees going out on strike yesterday if their terms were not acceded to, but it would appear that wiser counsel than such a suggestion prevailed. Skiff Lake is becoming more popular each summer, and people go from Woodstock by the dozens to spend a week or two at this pretty resort. Several new cottages are going up, and more are in contemplation.

MILLTOWN NOTES.

MILLTOWN, Aug. 10.—The remains of Martha Sinclair were brought on from Methuen, Mass., today and were carried to her sister's, Mrs. Logan, at Union. Miss Sinclair was 68 years of age, and died on Wednesday after a few hours' illness of paralysis of the brain. The financial district meeting of the St. Stephen Methodist district was held at Castalia, Grand Manan, yesterday, and all the ministers of the circuits were present with the exception of Rev. H. Harrison, who was detained by family affliction. The financial outlook was a little ahead of last year. Arrangements were made for the educational, missionary and sustentation anniversaries on the various charges, and the president, Rev. Geo. Steel, gave an interesting address to ministers and laymen on the evangelistic campaign to be inaugurated this fall. A young girl named Minnie Dugan was taken violently insane on Wednesday and had to be removed to the asylum at St. John yesterday. Haying is about completed. The rain of today is very welcome to the gardens and for the aftergrass.