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ALL BURGHERS FIGHTING.

Every Farm Found to Be Deserted, Except by the Women and Children.

BOERS ESCAPE WITH GREAT EASE.

Six Wagons Were Only Five Miles Away When the British Entered Smaldeel.

London, May 9.—(4.10 a.m.)—Four thousand British cavalry watered their horses at Zand River Monday, 25 miles beyond Smaldeel, where Lord Roberts continues to date his despatches.

The scouts, who have been searching the country for miles along the stream, have found no Boers south of the river. The enemy are laagered in unknown force on the north bank. Thus the British advance guard is within 45 miles of Kroonstadt. The Free Staters, in the expectation that Kroonstadt will speedily become untenable, are, according to information from Lorenzo Marquez, preparing to transfer their Government to Heilbron, a little more than 50 miles northeast.

All the Burghers Are Fighting.

The proclamations of Lord Roberts appear to have little effect on the inhabitants of the invaded districts. Every farm is found deserted, except by the women and children. All the men are away fighting.

Occupation of Smaldeel.

Correspondents at headquarters are now wiring freely concerning the incidents connected with the occupation of Smaldeel.

Some exasperation is expressed at the ease with which the Boers escape with their troops before the very eyes of the British. When the British entered Smaldeel the Boer ox-wagons coolly outspanned only five miles away.

Lord Roberts is described as "rightly unwilling to sacrifice his horses for the sake of a comparatively minor advantage." Nevertheless the loss of horse flesh, in spite of all precautions, is enormous.

Smaldeel is a village of only a score of dwellings, but it expanded in one night to a vast canvas city, and the glow of the camp fires was like a scene in an iron smelting district. The city is likely to fade away in a day by the immediate progress of the infantry to Zand River.

Gloomy Tidings From Mafeking.

The tidings from Mafeking are gloomier than ever. Everybody there has an empty stomach, and a pinched face. The natives are no longer given even porridge, and the whites now have nothing but a quart of that substance and a pound of horseflesh really. Everything else eatable has gone. Insufficient food, wet trenches and cold nights are deadly to the health of the garrison. This information comes from reliable natives.

Boers Now Number 4500.

Lady Sarah Wilson under date of April 27, says:

"The Boers number 4500, including young Eloff, President Kruger's grandson, who has sent for six more guns."

A Mafeking correspondent of The Times who also emphasizes the extreme gravity of the situation, says:

"It is impossible to ignore the fatal significance of Col. Baden-Powell's reference to the hardships endured by the women and children, among whom many deaths have already occurred.

"The commissariat is holding a certain stock of food in reserve for use in the direst extremity."

The British column is reported to have reached Taungs, 30 miles north of Warrenton.

British Nearing Vryburg.

According to Pretoria advices, the British are nearing Vryburg, which is half way between Warrenton and Mafeking. Gen. Hunter is probably not in personal command of this relief column. His forces embrace 30,000 infantry and from 5000 to 6000 horsemen, an army far greater than has hitherto been supposed.

TO KILL LORD ROBERTS.

Plot on Foot, It is Alleged, to Assassinate the British Commander in South Africa.

London, May 8.—The Standard hears that information has been officially received of a plot to assassinate Lord Roberts. The latter was warned and telegrams are now passing between the Cape authorities, Lord Roberts and the home authorities on the subject.

War Office Knows Nothing.

The Parliamentary Secretary for the War Office, Mr. George Wyndham, informs the Associated Press that the War Office has no information to confirm the reports of an alleged plot to assassinate Lord Roberts.

DESTROYED THE BRIDGES.

Lord Roberts Wires That the Bridge Over the Vet is Hopelessly Damaged.

London, May 8.—The following despatch from Lord Roberts has been received at the War Office:

"Smaldeel, May 7.—The railway from Brandfort to this place has been considerably damaged, and the bridge over the Vet River has been hopelessly damaged. This delays supplies coming up. Every few yards charges of rackarock had been laid under the rails. This might have created loss of life, but was fortunately discovered by a West Australian infantryman.

"Winburg is occupied by the Highland Brigade."

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FOUR [illegible]

Two Were Members of [illegible] Co., Quebec, One New Brunswicker and One Nova Scotian.

Montreal, May 8.—The Star publishes the following special cable:

Bloemfontein, May 7.—The following Canadians have been missing since April 30: 7825, Pte. W. Cooper, 62nd Fusiliers, St. John, N.B.

7877, Pte. W. McIntosh, Royal Canadian Artillery.

Both of them were members of F Company (Quebec).

7946, Pte. G. Keswick, 73rd Northumberland Battalion, a member of G Company (New Brunswick).

8167, Pte. S. Tester, 2nd Regiment Canadian Artillery, belonging to H Company, (Nova Scotia).

BOER FORCE AT ZAND RIVER.

Lord Roberts Says Hutton and Broadwood Reconnoitered the Place With the Same Result.

London, May 8.—The War Office has issued the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Smaldeel, May 8:

"General Hutton, with mounted infantry, reconnoitered yesterday to the Zand River and found the enemy in considerable force.

"General Broadwood's brigade of cavalry, with General Ian Hamilton's force, performed the same operation, with much the same result.

Boers Retired in a Hurry.

"General Hunter reports that he occupied Fourteen Streams yesterday without opposition, owing in a great measure to the able dispositions made by General Paget on the left bank of the Vaal River at Warrenton, where his artillery fire rendered the enemy's position practically untenable. A six-inch gun was found most useful. When the sixth and half of the fifth brigades of infantry advanced under cover of the artillery, the enemy retired precipitately, abandoning their clothing, ammunition and personal effects."

BOERS TO MAKE A BIG STAND

Near the Zand River—Where Gen. Hutton and the Advanced Camp of the Colonials Are.

Smaldeel, Orange Free State, Monday, May 7.—Gen. Hutton's advanced camp of the colonial regiments is to-night settled at Lodgelegen (Welgelegen?) Siding.

According to reports the Boers intend to make a big stand near the Zand River.

The railroad has been repaired to the south side of the Vet River, and the engineers are busy making a deviation across the bed.

British at Fourteen Streams.

Warrenton, Cape Colony, Monday, May 7.—A British camp is now being formed at Fourteen Streams. The old railroad bridge can be repaired in a week.

A Boer prisoner says the burghers, who number ten thousand men, are now on their way to Christiana.

BOERS STRONGER AT MAFEKING.

Their Strength Around the Beleaguered Town Now Said to Be 3600.

Lorenzo Marquez, May 6.—A despatch received here from Col. Plumer's camp, bearing date of April 26, states that the Boers around Mafeking have been gradually reinforced, and that their strength is estimated at 3000.

Col. Plumer has succeeded in communicating with Mafeking by means of carrier pigeons, and is endeavoring to communicate with the southern relief column.

WITH HORSE DINNERS.

How the 200th Day of the Siege of Mafeking Was Celebrated—Baden-Powell's Menage.

London, May 8.—The besieged are celebrating the two-hundredth day of the siege with horse dinners. Col. Baden-Powell sent a message to Lord Roberts, saying: "After two hundred days of siege I desire to bring to your Lordship's notice the exceptionally good spirit of loyalty which pervades all classes of the garrison and the patience with everybody. Mafeking is making the best of things under the long strain or anxiety, hardship and privation which is beyond all praise and a revelation to me. The men, many of whom are not accustomed to the use of arms, have adapted themselves to their duties with the greatest zeal and readiness. The pluck and devotion of the women have been remarkable. With such spirits our organization runs like clock work. I have every hope that it will pull us thru."

Rhodes Goes to Rhodesia.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes has arrived at Cape Town without any demonstration being made. He goes to Beira, Portuguese East Africa, and thence to Rhodesia, probably visiting Gen. Sir Frederic Carrington.

No More Boers for St. Helena.

It is announced that no more Boer prisoners will be sent to St. Helena.

SPEAKS HIGHLY OF RHODES.

Col. Kekewich's Report on the Siege of Kimberley Received at the War Office.

London, May 8.—The Gazette this evening contains a despatch from Lord Roberts, enclosing Col. Kekewich's report on the operations at Kimberley. Lord Roberts pays his tribute to the tact, judgment and resolution of Col. Kekewich and his forces, and adds that Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the Mayor and other citizens, rendered the most valuable assistance in helping to maintain order among the civil inhabitants encouraging them to hold out, attending to the sick and wounded, and generally co-operating with the military commander. He also says:

"By the active part which he took in raising the Kimberley Light Horse and providing horses for all the mounted troops at Kimberley, Mr. Rhodes, in particular, contributed materially to the successful defence of the place."

Col. Kekewich also paid a tribute to Mr. Rhodes and his zealous work.

TO CHECK CONSUMPTION.

Inaugural Meeting of the Toronto Association for Treatment of Tuberculosis.

The inaugural meeting of the Toronto Association for the Prevention and Treatment of Consumption and Other Forms of Tuberculosis, held in Association Hall last night, was a decided success. Business was combined with pleasure, and, besides acquiring a mass of information regarding the organization, its aims and its objects, the audience was treated to an excellent musical program, contributed to by some of the best-known local artists.

The chair was occupied by Rev. Prof. Clark, in the absence of the Lieutenant-Governor. Dr. E. J. Barrick, president of the association, in his inaugural address explained the great necessity there was for a sanatorium to be run on the lines proposed by the association. He wished it to be understood that this organization was not antagonistic to the one at Gravenhurst, and also that it had no connection whatever with Dr. Playter's institution in Deer Park.

Short speeches endorsing the project were delivered by Dr. Adam Wright, Thomas Crawford, M.L.A., Rev. Principal Caven, Mr. Eugene O'Keefe, Dr. Charles Sheard, Dr. Irving H. Cameron, President London, Rev. Dr. Eby and others.

Selections by the following artists were rendered: Miss Winnifred Skeath-Smith, Mrs. Leonora James-Kennedy, J. M. Sherlock, and also the orchestra of the Devercourt-road Baptist Church.

After the meeting quite a number signed cards, which had previously been handed out, thus signifying their intention of becoming members of the association.

The World at the Island

Commencing next Monday, May 14th, The World will be delivered to any address on the Island. Subscribers will kindly leave address at the office. Phone 1734.

BOER VISIT IS HOPELESS.

Intervention by the United States is Impossible Under Recent Treaty of The Hague.

WILL BE RECEIVED AS CITIZENS.

But the Transvaal Commissioners Will Have No Official Standing at Washington.

Washington, D.C., May 8.—According to newspaper reports the Boer peace commission is expected to arrive at New York on the German steamer Wednesday morning and will come direct to Washington, altho neither the State Department nor any other branch of the Government has received information, officially or otherwise, concerning the mission. They will be received in their unofficial capacity as citizens of the Transvaal, just as Montagu White has been received, and be treated with politeness. The Secretary of State will hear any appeal they have to make, but he will be compelled to tell them that the Government of the United States is powerless to intervene in behalf of the two South African republics, for the same reasons and on the same grounds that have already been given by the European powers. This same commission has appealed successively to Germany, France, Holland and Belgium, and has received a uniform reply from each.

Mediation Impossible.

No matter how much sympathy there may be for the South African republics, the very treaty of The Hague which they invoke makes mediation impossible. Article 3 of that treaty reads as follows:

"Powers, strangers to the dispute, have the right to offer good offices or mediation even during the course of hostilities. The exercise of this right can never be regarded by one or the other of the parties in conflict as an unfriendly act."

Article 5 of the same treaty reads as follows:

"The functions of the mediator are at an end when once it is declared, either by one of the parties to the dispute or by the mediator himself, that the means of reconciliation proposed by him are not accepted."

Britain Gave Notice.

On March 10 last the Boer Government applied to the United States, as well as to the European Governments mentioned, to exercise their good offices in mediation to secure a cessation of hostilities. The United States was the only power that complied with the request, and to our overtures Great Britain, as will be remembered, declined mediation, with a notification that she would not accept the intervention of any power. Germany and Holland, which, for reasons of race, are supposed to be in deep sympathy with the Boers, took no notice of the request. Thus, having offered mediation, and the offer having been declined, the United States can take no further action unless it proposes to back up intervention by force, but it should be remembered that only in July last our Government made the following declaration thru its plenipotentiaries, before they signed the arbitration treaty of The Hague:

Nothing contained in this convention shall be construed as to require the United States of America to depart from its traditional policy of not intruding upon, interfering with or entangling itself in the political questions or policy or internal administration of any foreign State; nor shall anything contained in the said convention be construed to imply a relinquishment by the United States of America of its traditional attitude toward purely American questions.

By accepting that stipulation the great powers of Europe for the first time in history acknowledged the existence of the Monroe doctrine, and accepted it as a part of international law.

The Boer delegation knows all this. It is fully aware of the position of the United States and knows that it can do nothing here but excite sympathy for its unfortunate countrymen and make political capital against the administration in this country. A great many Republicans believe that to be the reason why it has come.

BOERS WILL GET NOTHING.

London Standard Says the U. S. Will Do Nothing to Quarrel With Britain.

London, May 8.—The Standard, in an editorial predicting that the Boer peace delegation will achieve nothing in the United States, says: "Even in the excitement of a Presidential election, the American people are not likely to go to dangerous lengths, or to do anything which would commit their administration to an utterly unwarranted quarrel with Great Britain. If the Old World is expected to keep its hands of the New World, the obligation is reciprocal; and it is quite inconceivable that the American people would engage in such colossal folly as a crusade in favor of the Boers."

HAIL KNOCKED PEACH BUDS.

Kingsville, Essex County, Suffered Heavily at the Hands of the Storm King.

Kingsville, Ont., May 8.—The heaviest hailstorm ever witnessed by the oldest inhabitant passed over here last night. Hailstones as large as marbles came down in sheets and riddled the buds and blossoms from every tree in the town and vicinity. The peach orchards adjacent to the town suffered considerably, fully one-half of the buds being completely severed from the trees. Dozens of panes of glass in houses and over hothouses were smashed in less than five minutes' time. The G.N.W. Telegraph wires were down both sides of the town, and communication could not be established until noon to-day.

Tornado Damaged Colchester.

Harrow, Ont., May 8.—A heavy hailstorm passed over the southern part of Colchester South Township, taking in a strip of about one mile wide, last evening. It continued east along the shore of Lake Erie, about four miles south of here. Every peach tree which was out in bud was stripped. Again, about 1 o'clock this morning, a perfect hurricane, accompanied by hail and rain, swept over this place. The roofs were blown off two barns, and a large stable was moved clean off its foundation. Trees and fences were blown down and other minor damage done.

DUKE OF YORK'S HUSSARS

Will Train at Stanley Barracks for Nine Days This Month—Militia Notes.

Ottawa, May 8.—(Special.)—The Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars will perform annual training at local headquarters, Montreal three days, and Stanley Barracks nine days, from May 19 to 27, inclusive. The officers will be accommodated in tents, and allowed 25 cents a day in lieu of rations. They will also get 25 cents a day for servants. The N. C. officers and men will be accommodated in Stanley Barracks.

Permission to travel abroad has been given to Lieuts. J. P. McMillan and George F. McMillan, 77th Battalion, and to Lieut. A. P. Taylor, 48th Battalion.

Provisional Lieut. Kenneth Cameron has been attached to No. 3 Beaver Company for duty.

Lieuts. E. A. Britton, W. D. Denison, A. E. Taylor, all of the G.G.F.G., have passed the cadet course at the Royal School of Cavalry at Toronto.

A Peerage for Sir Richard.

London, May 8.—Sir Richard Webster, the Attorney-General, has resigned his seat in the House of Commons (the Isle of Wight Division of Hampshire), in consequence of his appointment as Master of the Rolls in succession to Sir Nathaniel Lindley, and Her Majesty has signified her intention of conferring a peerage on Sir Richard.

FROM DULUTH TO WINNIPEG

Railway Line Between Those Points Said to be the Project of Premier Macdonald.

THIS NEWS COMES FROM NEW YORK.

Manitoba Premier Said to Have Consulted Promoter McDonald When in Gotham.

Winnipeg, May 8.—(Special.)—A despatch published here to-night from New York says: Premier Macdonald of Manitoba has been here in conference with railway speculators and railway men. It is said he had a lengthy meeting with a New York promoter named McDonald, with whom is associated Mr. McNaught of Northern Pacific fame, but who for several years has had no connection with the company. A system of railways in Manitoba and also a line to Lake Superior are projected, the interest on the whole to be guaranteed by the Manitoba Government. Men said to be influential in Manitoba are said to be anxious to see the scheme with the New York capitalists pushed thru. Messrs. Charlie Allan of Winnipeg, a lawyer, and C. Chamberlain, contractor, are mentioned among the chief promoters in the Canadian province, and it is understood they claim to have a very prominent supporter of the new Government in the Legislature associated with them. Nothing seems to have come of the negotiations with President Mellin of the Northern Pacific Railway. The threat of the C.P.R. to destroy the value of the existing Northern Pacific lines, if further extension is attempted, seems to have had its effect. The McDonald-McNaught deal, if it goes thru, will, it is said, take in a line all the way from Duluth to Winnipeg, and some hundreds of miles in the province, in all over 700 miles. The proposal, it is understood, is to name a bond issue of $20,000 a mile thruout, the first issue of $10,000 to be guaranteed by the Manitoba Government.

The Budget Speech.

The Budget speech will be delivered in the Local Legislature to-morrow, when the Royal Commissioners' report will be presented.

Another Death From Smallpox.

Mrs. Lyon died from smallpox last night, making the third death. There are two or three additional suspects under surveillance. Another case has developed at Brandon.

THE BATTLEFORD COLUMN

Will Parade on Saturday to Decorate the Monument in the Queen's Park.

The Committee of the Battleford Column Association met last night in the Armouries, with Lieut.-Col. Mason in the chair, and made final arrangements for the decoration of the monument in Queen's Park on Saturday afternoon, to the memory of those who fell in the Northwest campaign.

The parade will take place at the Armouries at 3 o'clock, and proceed to the park. The Cadet Corps of Upper Canada College and the Collegiate Institutes, the Veterans of Volunteer Militia Army and Navy Veterans, Royal Canadian Dragoons, Royal Grenadiers, Governor-General's Body Guards and the Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry will take part.

After the decoration ceremony addresses will be delivered by Dr. Parkin, Hon. Mr. Mulock, Mayor Macdonald, E. F. Clarke, M.P., B. B. Osler, M.P. and J. Ross Robertson, M.P.

In the evening the annual banquet of the association will take place at Webb's, when the visiting soldiers will be entertained by their Toronto comrades. Citizens who wish to contribute flowers for the decoration ceremony are requested to send them to the Armouries on Saturday, in care of Sergt.-Major Hardman, or if a telephone message is sent to Sergt. Adam Taylor, No. 5002, they will be called for.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

Toronto Battalion Turned Out 800 Strong at the Pavilion Last Night—The Prize Winner.

The annual demonstration of the Toronto Battalion of the Boys' Brigade in Canada was held in the Pavilion last night, and was an unqualified success. The program contributed by the boys was ably carried out, and, judging from the applause, was heartily appreciated. The program embraced manual exercises, ambulance drill, flag drill, firing exercises, cavalry melee, gymnastic exercises, fancy drill, bayonet drill, physical drill with rifles, which were gone thru by the various companies. Privates George Crawford of 11th Co. and Bernie Rauntenberg of 8th Co. sang solos, and Rev. A. L. Geggie delivered an address on "Boys' Brigade." In the drill down competition, Pte. Harry Coleman of 11th Co. was awarded the prize. The judges were Sergt.-Major Cox, R.G., Sergt.-Instructor Wingate, Q.O.R., Sergt.-Instructor Hallinger, 48th Highlanders. Staff-Sergt. Charles E. Eggett of 11th Co. was the accompanist. Rev. J. C. Tibb, battalion president, presided. The boys turned out 800 strong.

PAYNE TO RESUME DIVIDENDS.

The President Said the Present Output Would Net $57 a Ton—Old Board Re-Elected.

Montreal, May 8.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the shareholders of the Payne mine, held here to-day, the president announced that the dividends would be resumed, but he did not specify the amount. It was explained that the present output of 1000 tons a month would net $57 a ton, or $57,000 per month, which takes $15,000 for working expenses, and leaves a net monthly profit of $42,000, or more than sufficient by $16,000 to pay a monthly dividend of 1 per cent. on the capital of $2,600,000. The old board was re-elected, Col. Henshaw being president.

ST. LOUIS STREET CARS TIED UP.

Over 3000 Employes of the Transit Company Went on Strike and Became Riotous.

St. Louis, May 8.—The employes of the St. Louis Transit Company struck yesterday, and all the street cars are tied up. The strikers placed rocks on the tracks where an effort was made to run cars; they jumped on board and hustled motormen and conductors off, and showed a good deal of violence. Trolleys were pulled down, ropes cut and car windows smashed. One boy was shot by a conductor and badly wounded. The conductor was arrested. The collection and delivery of the mails was interfered with, the postal cars being included in the tie-up.

FAMINE-STRICKEN INDIA.

Rains Have Helped Madras and Mysore, But Other Districts Are as Bad as Ever.

London, May 8.—The Secretary of State for India, Lord George Hamilton, has received the following message from the Viceroy of India, Baron Curzon of Kedleston:

"The conditions have materially improved in Madras and Mysore in consequence of the recent rains. In the remainder of the affected districts the distress is increasing in intensity, owing to the want of fodder and water and the increasing heat. The number of persons now in receipt of relief is 5,817,000."

Mr. G. A. Robinson, for some years with the Tangent Cycle Company and Humphrey Watch Case Company, has been appointed manager for Charles Stark & Co. of 222 Yonge-street. Mr. Robinson's thorough knowledge of the bicycle business should prove of great value in the handling of the famous "White" Bicycles, for which Messrs. Stark & Co. are the Canadian selling agents.

TEAMSTERS STRIKE FAILS.

When the Ranks Were Once Broken the Strikers Became Anxious, and When 50 Went Back

THERE WAS A GENERAL STAMPEDE.

Men Went Back Individually and Under Exactly the Conditions as Before the Strike.

Two weeks ago last Monday 216 teamsters employed by the Dominion Transport, Hendrie and Sheddem Companies went out on strike because the employers refused to grant them overtime after 6 o'clock. For the first few days the men had the better of the struggle, but before a week had passed the companies were able to send out a number of their wagons with non-union men for drivers. Each succeeding day saw more wagons on the streets, but the strikers never lost heart, and were hopeful of recognition.

Some of the Men Grew Anxious.

As all communication ceased, and the outlook for a settlement was dark, some of the men grew anxious and wanted to return. Last Thursday morning three broke the ranks and went back, being joined by three more the succeeding day. On Saturday 15 had found their way back, and on Monday morning 30 were driving the wagons again.

Nearly 60 Absentees.

Yesterday morning those who were still out met as usual in Temperance Hall, but when the roll-call was made there were nearly 60 absentees. This was too much, and at the afternoon session, about 4 o'clock, by a vote, the strike was declared off. Immediately, there was a rush made for the cartage offices to get their old positions, but the companies engaged the men individually, and they went to work for $88 a month, and on the same conditions as existed before the strike. It is said that about 50 of the strikers will not go back, but will secure employment elsewhere. Twelve of them have been engaged by firms, and more have been promised work.

Machinists Still Out.

The machinists are still out, and there are no prospects of a settlement. They met in Cameron Hall, as usual, yesterday.

WHY MR. ERB GOT ANGRY.

The Postmaster-General Asked for His Opinion, and Then Finally Threw Him Down

IN APPOINTING A POSTMASTER.

When Asked a Second Time Mr Erb Told the P. M. G. to Go to Halifax.

Ottawa, May 8.—(Special.)—Hon. William Mulock, as P.M.G., and Acting-Minister of Public Works, is not winning golden praise from the rank and file of the Liberal party. They think he is too uppish, and not sufficiently considerate of their rights in the premises. Here is a case: Dilman Kinsey Erb, M.P., represents the south riding of Perth. A few weeks ago a postmastership fell vacant in his riding. He was requested by the P.M.G. to nominate a man to fill the vacancy. Mr. Erb did so. Shortly after a deputation from the riding waited upon the P.G.M., and urged the claim of a second man, regardless of Mr. Erb. The result was that, to the chagrin of Mr. Erb, the second man got the position. It happened that shortly afterwards another P.O. vacancy occurred, and, pro forma, Mr. Erb was asked to name a man. But Mr. Erb was annoyed and wrote to the P.M.G. setting out the above facts and metaphorically telling him to go to Halifax. So disgusted has Mr. Erb become with the manners of the P.M.G. that he has determined not to run for the House next election.

Other instances could be cited to show that the P.M.G. will soon be wearing a crown of thorns.

MORE BUNGLING AT OTTAWA.

Pte. Pake of Picton Fighting for Britain, But His Name Was Not on the List.

Ottawa, May 8.—(Special.)—The irregularities of the Militia Department are being shown up day by day. The wife of Pte. Frank Pake of Picton, who went to South Africa with the second contingent, has been seeking a separation allowance, but could have nothing done for her for her husband's name was not on the list. Inquiry, however, revealed the fact that the his name was not on the printed list, yet it was on the adjutants' roll. The wife of Pake will now get her separation allowance.

IS TURKEY GOING TO WAR?

Contracts Ordered to Be Given Out for Renovating Eight of the Old Ironclads.

Constantinople, May 8.—An important irade, just issued, orders contracts to be signed with foreign shipbuilders for renovating eight antiquated ironclads.

STATUE OF THE QUEEN IN DUBLIN.

Committee Appointed to See That Work is Carried Out—It Will Be in Front of Leinster House.

Dublin, May 8.—At an enthusiastic meeting held in Dublin to-day, a committee, including the Duke of Abercorn and the Lord Lieutenant, was appointed to erect a statue of Queen Victoria in front of Leinster House, on Kildare-street. Hitherto there has been no statue of the Queen in Dublin.

"Arden Massiter," the new Italian novel, by Dr. Barry, will be issued by The Publishers' Syndicate, 51 Yonge-St., to-day.

DEADLOCK IN P. E. ISLAND.

The Legislature of Prince Edward Island met yesterday and there was a deadlock on the first vote. The Opposition had 14 to the Government's 13, but on a technicality the vote of Mr. Wise, an Oppositionist, was disallowed. The House adjourned with the matter still in dispute.

The Chocolate of the future. Try it. Watson's fresh made Bicycle Chocolate. Invigorating, sustaining, delicious, in 5c bars. 135

Col. Tyrwhitt Ill.

Ottawa, May 8.—(Special.)—Col. Tyrwhitt, M.P. for South Simcoe, was seized with a fainting spell to-day, but nothing serious is expected to result. The colonel has not been well for some time, and his indisposition is a matter of deep concern to his friends.

Harry Love handles Stearns Bicycles.

Cook's Turkish Baths—204 King W.

Expect to Come Home in June.
Kingston, Ont., May 8.—Sergt. W. Bruce Carruthers, writing from Bloemfontein, says the Canadians are expecting to start for home in June.

W. H. Stone, undertaker, 348 Yonge Street Phone 982. 136

Cure a Cold in a few hours. Dr. Evans' Laxative Grip Capsules do not gripe. Money refunded. 25 cents. Bingham's Pharmacy, 100 Yonge-street. ed

RELIEVING THE DESTITUTE.

The Ottawa-Hull Relief Committee Say They Now Have the Sum of $725,000 in Sight.

MEN REFUSE OFFERS OF WORK.

Say Their Plan Just Now is to Stand by the Base of Supplies—Some of the Incidents.

Ottawa, May 8.—(Special.—On with the work of relief! Never for a moment do the members of the Citizens' Relief Committee relax their efforts, and good results are coming in daily.

The Bank of Ottawa has now over $358,000 in its vaults, or a little less than one-half the total amount subscribed to date.

The Dominion Government grant of $100,000 has been endorsed by the Commons and Senate, and will be soon available.

The City of Ottawa's $100,000 must be raised by debentures, and as yet no move has been made in that direction. The other large grants will doubtless be along in good time. The various relief movements started in England are progressing nicely, and there is no doubt now but that between seven and eight hundred thousand dollars is in sight.

Subscriptions to Date.

Up to noon to-day the money in the bank and the other large subscriptions were as follows:

Relief fund in Bank of Ottawa	$358,493
Dominion Government	100,000
City of Ottawa	100,000
Ontario Government	25,000
City of Toronto	25,000
City of Montreal	15,000
Journal Fund	17,230
Citizen fund	26,980
New Zealand	25,000
Cape Town	10,000
Total	$694,713

The committee declare to-night that they have $725,000 in sight, yet will not be satisfied with less than $2,000,000.

Everybody interested in the work of relief is grateful for the spontaneous and generous charity of people from all over the world.

Sir Wilfrid's Thanks.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has cabled Lord Strathcona, Canada's High Commissioner in England, as follows:

"Ottawa, May 8, 1900.—The generous contributions for relief of the Ottawa and Hull fire sufferers which have been poured in by the people of Great Britain, headed by Her Majesty, have evoked a deep feeling of gratitude in the hearts of Her Queen's Canadian subjects. I am confident that I am anticipating their wishes in asking you to give public expression to their heartfelt thanks.—(Signed) Wilfrid Laurier."

Supply is Enormous.

The supply of clothing at Rideau Rink is enormous. There are supplies for thousands, of clothing and of groceries. A whole army could be clothed and provisioned for months out of the gifts received. Since distribution began 860 families, averaging seven members, have been given garments, but there is still enough left to make it appear that there had been no diminution. To-day there were 500 cases of goods unopened, tho 50 clerks have been busy all day long.

Size of the Families.

The number of members in a family averages about seven, but one family consisted of 20, and there were many of 18.

Five hundred and forty-eight families have been given provisions daily, but there is plenty on hand still. Furniture, bedding and stoves are beginning to arrive at the rink, and it is expected that by Thursday the committee will be able to give out these articles. It is expected that orders for bedding will have to be issued upon various merchants in the city, and the committee will pay for what is given on to clothes.

Goods from Chicago and Halifax and hundreds of intermediate places have been received, and in the majority of cases there is nothing to indicate who sent the cases. They came addressed "Relief Committee, Ottawa," and, while the committee appreciate the goods, they would like to be able to thank the donors.

A Toronto Tailor's Mix.

Other strange happenings are told by the committee. A Toronto tailor is in a fix because of his generosity to the fire sufferers. Members of the King's Daughters in the Queen City asked him for a contribution, and he gave them all the misfit clothes he had in his establishment, along with a number of unclaimed garments. When his clerks made up the case a new female tweed suit was put in by mistake, and, after the clothing was shipped, the mistake was discovered. Then the customer came and wanted the suit at once. The tailor had telegraphed and written to Sheriff Sweetland, telling the circumstances, and asking him to have the case looked up and the suit returned. The tailor says he has no more of the cloth, and his customer will not be happy till he gets his suit. A watch will be kept for the suit.

Two Little Woodstock Girls.

Two little girls in Woodstock took a good deal of care in packing up a case of their old clothing. It came addressed to the Relief Committee, from Amy Mackenzie and a friend. All the clothing was but little worn, clean, neatly arranged, and consisted of every article a little girl would need. Enough clothing for several children was in the box, and among the many cases received at the rink it was noted that it was among the most neatly arranged.

Contractors Can't Get Men.

A peculiar condition of affairs among the destitute has been made evident. Contractors are having a hard time to get men, and yet every day at Rideau Rink scores of idle men wait for admittance to the store rooms of the Relief Committee. To-day a contractor who wanted six men to saw wood, asked about 50 who were standing outside the rink, and in every case he was told that work was not wanted.

Staying With the Main Chance.

One man told The World that he lived in Rochesterville at the time of the fire, but had been visiting Stittsville when his home was destroyed, and the only thing that was saved for him was a wagon. He is a laborer and has a family to support. "I can get work," he said, "but I have to get my family settled and supplied again, and if I go away from here I run chances of not getting anything."

Another man said: "I have worked for Mr. Booth for eleven years, and I am going back to work to-morrow. I had to get some things for my place, and that's why I'm here."

A number of others were spoken to, and they all told the same tale.

Until they get their families settled they declare it is necessary for them to stay near the base of supplies.

No Clothing Needed.

The Relief Committee has to-night announced that it has all the clothing necessary for supplying the victims of the fire and conveys thanks to all donors.

The third edition of "Ryerson Embury" will be issued without fail this week.

Grand & Toy's Snaps.
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To-Day's Program.

District Council, C.O.F., banquet, St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.

Royal Arcanum Grand Council, St. George's Hall.

Queen's Own Rifles, parade, Armouries, 8 p.m.

Presbyterian Synod of Toronto and Kingston, College-street Church, 8 p.m.

Toronto Opera House, "What Happened to Jones," 8 p.m.

Princess Theatre, Strakosch Opera Company, in "Carmen," 2 and 8 p.m.

Shea's Theatre, "The Girl With the Auburn Hair," etc., 2 and 8 p.m.

Darling & Pearson have removed to Imperial Bank Bldg., Leader Lane.

THE FIGHT AGAINST USURY.

Senator Dandurand Moves Second Reading of His Bill to Prevent Levying of Undue Interest.

CITES CASES OF EXTORTION

Object of the Bill is to Give a Poor Man a Chance for His Life.

Ottawa, May 8. — (Special.) — In the Senate this afternoon the bill to incorporate the Holiness Movement Church in Canada was read a third time.

Mr. Dandurand on Usury.

Hon. Mr. Dandurand moved the second reading of his act respecting usury. He said last year the Senate passed a bill limiting the rate of interest on loans to the rate of 20 per cent. He remembered that some Senators were frightened at the high rate, but he explained that to restrict money lenders to 20 per cent. was doing a great deal, as they were running riot at four to five hundred per cent. The money lenders were disturbed, but had twelve months' respite.

Cases of Extortion.

Case after case of extortion had come to light during the year. At the same time he was trying to get the penal clauses included in the Criminal Code Amendment Act. He referred to the bill enacted in England, in which on sums below $10 25 per cent. is allowed, from $10 to $50, 20 per cent., above $50, 15 per cent. He had struck the medium. It was the poor who had nothing to mortgage and not a very solvent name to give, who mostly wanted small sums. He would have no objection to a higher rate on sums of 100 or more dollars for thirty days, provided that at every renewal the same extortion was not practised.

Premium Charged, Too.

Generally, however, at each renewal a premium was charged on a loan already made. Twenty per cent. was still above the rate in many countries.

Hon. Mr. DeBoucherville asked what was to prevent the lender giving a receipt and taking a new note.

Hon. Mr. Dandurand said the provisions of the bill would cover these two transactions and leave them as one.

Passed the House of Lords.

Hon. Mr. Wood asked if a similar bill had passed the English House.

Hon. Mr. Dandurand: It has passed the Lords and is introduced in the Commons; practically it was the English bill of last year. The chief difference between the English bill and his was that the English bill provided for the registration of money lenders.

Sir Mackenzie's Queries.

Sir M. Bowell said the question asked by Mr. DeBoucherville was not answered. What was to prevent the renewal of a note for $100 for principal and interest, making a note of $100? In mortgages it was customary for unpaid interest to draw interest. Then he would like to ask: "Did this bill provide the rate of interest on sums over $5000? He thought 20 per cent. too high. If they were to have an act to restrict money they should have a reasonable amount. The danger only existed in large cities, Montreal, and especially Ottawa, where clerks were fleeced. He would like to see the criminal clauses passed.

Law Minister's View.

Hon. David Mills thought Sir Mackenzie Bowell had misinterpreted the act. It prohibited compound interest. There were cases where a man wanted to borrow one or two hundred dollars for a short time, when the interest was not a feature. In this measure Mr. Dandurand wanted to protect those who were forced to borrow, and limited the rate of interest to 20 per cent. Mr. Dandurand had given instances where rates amounting to three and four hundred per cent. had been charged. The bill aimed at protecting the impecunious.

Hon. Mr. McMillan thought the rate of interest should be changeable with the life of the note. On a few hundred dollars for a few days 20 per cent. did not amount to much, but this rate might be charged for three months. He thought premiums might be charged on renewals, and suggested a time limit for limited amounts. He thought 20 per cent two high for a long period. The bill was read a second time.

Squabbling Over the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Dandurand said last year the Committee on Banking and Commerce reduced the rate of interest to 10 per cent. Afterwards the committee of the whole House altered it to 20 per cent. He moved that the bill be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson pressed for it to be sent to the Committee on Banking and Commerce.