

Beaten!

Boers Retreat Under Shell Fire from the British.

Desultory Fighting on Sunday at Warrenton, North of Kimberley.

Boers Evidently Give Up Defense of the Free State—Mafeking Still Awaits Relief.

London, March 21.—The only news from South Africa showing activity on either side comes from Warrenton, north of Kimberley, where desultory fighting occurred all day Sunday, resulting in the retreat of the Boers towards Christiansburg under shell fire.

The movement of the column towards Mafeking has either almost entirely ceased or is forbidden to be mentioned in dispatches. Nothing new comes from Col. Plumer, and Mafeking apparently still awaits relief.

The Pretoria account of the skirmish at Fourteen Streams on March 16 says that a Boer commando was preparing to destroy a railroad bridge, and that the engagement lasted half an hour, with the result that one bugler was slightly wounded. The same dispatches announce the arrival at the Transvaal capital of Gen. Schalk Burger from Natal.

GIVE UP THE FREE STATE.
The second edition of the Times today publishes a dispatch from Bloemfontein, dated Monday, March 19, which says: "The blowing up of bridges by the Boers is an evident sign that the Transvaalers intend to abandon the defense of the Free State."

All is quiet in the south and west. A commando of young Boers from the farms surrounding Bloemfontein, under an Imperial officer, has been detailed for police work and to prevent the further looting of abandoned farms by the Kaffirs.

KRUGER CAUTIONED.
It is said that when President Kruger left Bloemfontein after his recent visit there, President Steyn's parting remark was: "Mind the British do not catch you, or you will get better quarters at St. Helena than I."

Rudyard Kipling has gone to Bloemfontein.

The Boers at Aliwal North are reported to be still holding a position in the big hills on the Free State side.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.
From a Pretoria dispatch it appears some misunderstanding regarding Lord Salisbury's reply to America's offer of mediation exists there. It has been quoted to the effect that Lord Salisbury said he could accept the intervention of no other power, which leads to the belief that the American representations would be listened to in the final settlement.

Private Cole, the Canadian whom the Queen visited at Netley Hospital, returned to South Africa today, fully recovered from his wounds.

From Near-By Places

Mr. Robert McConkey, Crumlin, has sold his farm to Mr. Creighton at a good figure.

Mr. Miller, the well-known Crumlin cheese-man, has purchased the North Branch cheese factory and purposes improving the factory and making direct shipments to the old country markets.

Mr. Joseph Stratford, Brantford, who has been instrumental in establishing a number of co-operative agricultural manufacturing institutions throughout Ontario, has been invited to address a gathering of citizens and farmers near Stratford, with the object of forming there a co-operative packing company.

The annual entertainment by the Foresters of Crumlin, Court No. 353, was a great success. Mr. John Clark was chairman, and the programme given was much appreciated by the large crowd present. The following numbers were given: Instrumental quartet, Mrs. Laurie and Miss Angus; quartet, solo, Mr. Kingsboro; recitation, Miss J. Gurvin; piano solo, Miss Angus; solo, "Her Majesty," Miss Angus; quartet, solo, "Absent-Minded Beggar," Miss Lettie; "A. B. C. Duet," Miss J. Gurvin and Mr. Kingsboro; recitation, Miss Clark; quartet, "Mortgage the Farm"; instrumental, Miss Angus; recitation, Miss Short; solo, Miss J. Gurvin; recitation, Miss Clark; solo, Mr. Kingsboro.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hodgins, age 87 years, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. McDermid, on the 14th concession of London township, on Feb. 8, and was buried at O'Neill's cemetery. Mrs. Hodgins came to Canada from Ireland in 1819, the voyage taking over thirteen weeks. Deceased's father, Mr. John Hodgins, took up his residence in Yarmouth township, and in the following year removed to the 13th concession of London. In 1833 deceased was married to Mr. George Hodgins, of the township of Biddulph, and lived almost up to the time of her death on

the old homestead a short distance from Clamdeboye, which is familiarly known as the "Stone House." Mrs. Hodgins, who had been a widow for nearly 50 years, was the mother of eight children, four of whom survive her: Mr. George W. Hodgins, of Lucan; Mr. James Hodgins, of Biddulph township; Mrs. George Hodgins, of Owen Sound, and Mrs. McDermid, of London township.

EGMONDVILLE.

Edmondville, March 21.—Mrs. Joseph Wallace, who had been spending the winter here with her mother and other relatives, left for her home in Winnipeg on Tuesday of last week.

Miss Maggie McDougall has secured a good situation with a firm in Alliston as head milliner.

Masons and carpenters will have to move sharply during the coming summer to keep pace with the amount of work in view in this vicinity. Keruse Bros., masons, will give employment to eight or ten men during the season. The "dear little shanrock" was much in evidence on Saturday, but it was an evil day for it, as its bright green was quickly changed to a sickly yellow. May it be emblematic of the fusion of orange and green in one grand fraternal brotherhood in the not distant future.

Mrs. John Frank and her sister, Miss Maggie Waugh, of Bolesvau, Man., spent a few days with relatives and friends in the village last week.

Judging from the tenders asked for the new mail contract to Bayfield, we are threatened with the loss of direct communication with Brucefield. That will never do, as we would have to wait till nearly 4 p.m. for much of our mail which now comes at 11 a.m., and Seaforth would suffer similarly.

Mrs. Alex. McCartney spent a couple of days last week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Beattie, of this village. Mrs. R. Stewart was seriously ill several days last week, but is now somewhat better.

We believe there are several applicants already for the position of organist in the church here. They are surely not tempted by the munificent salary offered. Some higher motive must be the inducement.

Mrs. John Hannah and family left on Tuesday for their new home in Manitoba. They will locate near Portage la Prairie, where Mr. Hannah has been for some months.

Mrs. G. K. McLeod, of Exeter, is visiting relatives in this vicinity at present.

THE INJURED
Victims of Lord's Slippery Side-walks—Wrist Fractures Predominate.

Mr. Joseph O'Dell, cartage agent for the M. C. R., slipped while entering Masure's warehouse on Carling street, about 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon. He sustained a fracture of the wrist.

Mrs. W. M. Evans, of 679 William street, slipped on an icy sidewalk on Monday and fell, fracturing her right arm at the wrist.

A BULLET IN THE HEART.
Some Conditions That Induce Similar Consequences.

Toronto, March 21.—A bullet in a man's heart causes death. So does a grain of sand or anything else that should not be there. So with the other organs of the human body. Take the bladder, for instance. Thousands of persons suffer from the disease known as "Stone in the Bladder," while a lingering death ends the agony of thousands more.

That this need not be is proven by the following letter:

Toronto, Nov. 24, 1899.
Dear Sirs,—Five months ago, and for three years previous to that date, I have been suffering as severely as a man can bear. I endured tortures such as I cannot describe, or you cannot understand. My trouble was Stone in the Bladder. I used one kind of medicine after another, but without getting the slightest relief. I thought I could never be cured, and death would have been preferable to my agony. I was persuaded, however, to try Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills. Before I had used three boxes the stone was dissolved and expelled without the least pain. I am now thoroughly cured, thanks to Dr. Arnold's English Tonic Pills, which did what no other medicine in the market could do for me.

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LABOR MATTERS
Thirty Thousand Coal Miners Benefited by an Increase of Work.

Shenandoah, Pa., March 21.—The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company has announced that work at their numerous collieries in this vicinity will be increased to five and three-quarter days. Since January they have been working two and three-quarter days each week. Thirty thousand mine workers are affected.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 21.—As a result of the recent increase of wages granted the Massillon miners, the Massillon District Coal Operators' Association has decided to raise the price of coal 25 cents per ton. The increase in the wages of the miners, it is said, amounted to 20 per cent. The advance in the price of coal is to take place on April 1.

Winnipeg, March 21.—Negotiations are in progress between Mr. Hutchings, of the Great West Saddlery Company, and his locked-out leather workers. It is understood that Mr. Hutchings has consented to again take union men into his employ, but objects to certain workmen returning. A list of names has been submitted to the men, and this is now under consideration.

BIG RAISE IN WAGES.
Detroit, March 21.—Secretary H. C. Barter, of the International Longshoremen's Union, returned to Detroit yesterday from the conference between the union and dock managers at Cleveland. He states that this will be a banner year for longshoremen, an average raise of 33 per cent on all work has been promised, and the prospects for lake freight business are very bright. The ore and coal handlers have been granted the raise, and all the petty difficulties that arose last season have been amicably settled.

On April 2 the only remaining body of longshoremen still waiting for a uniform schedule, the package freight handlers, will meet at Erie, Pa., when it is hoped a like satisfactory rate of wages may be established.

RUNAWAY TRAIN!

On the G. T. R. Just West of Brantford.

Several Freight Cars Smashed and Two Men Hurt.

Wideawake Switchman Prevents a Double Disaster.

[Special to The Advertiser per G.N.W.]

Brantford, Ont., March 21.—About 10 last night the citizens along the G. T. R. on the west side of Brantford were aroused by the terrible whistling of an engine. A double-headed freight train coming to Brantford, when on top of the high grade about four miles west of Brantford, was discovered to be broken in two and

A RUNAWAY.
The engineer discovering the train was divided and coming down a very steep grade, made for Brantford with all possible speed to get out of the road of the runaway cars, in doing which he caused terrible shrieks with the whistle.

A WIDEAWAKE SWITCHMAN.
Fred Barche, switchman, with great presence of mind, ran to the switch, and turning it succeeded in switching the engines and cars into a siding clear.

ANOTHER DANGER.
At the same time a freight train was coming from Buffalo direction which he switched into another siding. The train from the east was nearly clear of the main line when the runaway cars came along at a rate of 35 or 40 miles an hour and struck the last few cars of the freight train from Buffalo as it was going out on the siding, and there was a

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of freight and cars about 300 yards east of Brantford station. Some six or eight cars were badly smashed.

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Late Sporting.

HOCKEY.

Through the courtesy of Mr. R. C. Brown, senior member of J. S. Brown & Co., shoe dealers, two silver hockey championship cups have been placed in the firm's windows. The handsome cup awarded by the Ontario Hockey Association for the intermediate championship of Ontario, adorns the west window, which has been tastefully decorated with the club's colors. In the east window is the city championship cup, won by the Jubilees. This cup is a beauty. It was presented by Mr. C. W. Smith, of the Jubilee rink, and was held by the collegiate champions boys last year. The window is so arranged as to show the cup to advantage. Both trophies are attracting a great deal of attention. The first mentioned cup was held last year by the Frontenacs, of Kingston, who, in turning over the cup to London's champions, send the following inscription on a card: "We have our eyes on this cup for 1901. All western teams take warning." Also the following wish in rhyme:

"In dear old London on the Thames
May this hockey cup remain,
Till the Frontenacs of Kingston
Shall win it back again."

The Carling cup, won by the locals from the Aberdeens, will arrive in a couple of days, and will be placed on exhibition in the same firm's window. Mr. J. S. Sutherland, manager of the Frontenacs, sends hearty congratulations to the present champions, and says: "Good-bye, old cup, until 1901. Your next home will be back in Kingston."

The London boys, however, think they will keep the cup for awhile, now they have landed it.

PARKHILL WON.

Parkhill, March 21.—The official report of the game played at Alisa Craig last night between the Parkhill team and the home team resulted as follows: At half time the score stood 4 to 3 in Parkhill's favor. In the second half each team scored 3 goals, leaving Parkhill the winner by 7 goals to 6. Parkhill claims that Alisa Craig played six ringers, four from London, one from Windsor and one from Montreal. The Londoners were Gauthier, Tierney, Kerrigan and Glover. J. T. Graham refereed.

[Note.—Alisa Craig claims to have won the game by a score of 6 to 5, and claims that Parkhill played Snel, of Guelph, and three Sarnia men. They also claim that Referee Graham is manager of the Parkhill team, and was not a competent referee. The Craig team (the same as last night) state they are willing to play the Parkhills at any time.

Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles and feel the results in loss of appetite, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, run-down feeling, "Electric Bitters" are just the thing for a man," writes J. W. Gardner, of Ida-ville, Ind., "when he is all run-down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything else I could take. I can now eat anything, and have a new lease on life." Only 50c. Every bottle guaranteed by W. T. Strong & Co.

At the Conservative caucus at Ottawa it was decided that the senate majority should again defeat the redistribution bill.

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