

It appears that Colonel Schiel bribed a boatman to take a letter to a Dutch cruiser. But the boatman, by mistake, took it to the British cruiser Niobe. A large knife was found in possession of one of the three.

London April 16.—There is but little news from the seat of war this morning. Lord Roberts is silent. In Bloemfontein and its immediate neighborhood the British army is enjoying a comparatively quiet existence. Preparation for a general advance are being actively pushed forward, and the indications are that Lord Roberts is now able to concentrate an overwhelming force against the Boers wherever they may elect to make their stand. In the south eastern corner of the Free State the severe fighting at Wepener east, is proved by the heavy casualties sustained by the little garrison—18 killed and one hundred and thirty two wounded. Colonel Dalgetty's colonials continue to hold their own. The Boers were surrounding them and had not, apparently, given up the siege on Saturday. Chermiside's division was still at Reddersburg on Saturday. Gen. Buller's command and all his men left Aliwal North Natal, the Boers, apparently having abandoned for the time being their intention to push southward.

A despatch from Bloemfontein dated April 16th says:—Sergeant A. Beattie, Toronto, and Private R. Harrison, of the Montreal Garrison Artillery died Saturday from enteric fever. Lieut. McDonald arrived here Saturday from Canada. He is posted with Quebec Co. The whole Canadian regiment is being outfitted with new clothing and accoutrements.

A Lorenzo Marquez despatch of the 16th says: Lieutenant Smith-Eman, a Rhodesian scout, who entered Mafeking through the Boer lines, has returned to Colonel Plumer's camp with despatches from Mafeking, saying that all was well there April 8th. Though there is no official news that the siege of Wepener has been raised by the Boers, a correspondent writing Bloemfontein yesterday declared that they abandoned the attack and trekked from the vicinity, the majority retreating north, while a body of six thousand strong is reported moving south towards Bethuel. This is apparently confirmed by a correspondent with Chermiside's division, who tells of the enemy's retreat to the southeast.

According to advices received yesterday Lord Roberts seems on the eve of making a forward move, and is expected to leave Bloemfontein before the end of this week. It is believed his advance will be with 75,000 men.

Minard's Liniment cures Garget in Cows.

Holy Week and Easter.

The offices of Holy Week and Easter were well carried out in St. Dunstan's Cathedral. On the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the office of Tenebrae took place at seven o'clock. The Bishop and clergy were assisted by the choir and professors and students from St. Dunstan's College. On Holy Thursday morning, his Lordship the Bishop officiated, in the celebration of Mass and the blessing of the holy oils. He was assisted by arch priest deacon and sub-deacon. After Mass the Blessed Sacrament was carried in solemn procession to a repository at the altar of the Sacred Heart. The morning office on Good Friday commenced at 8 o'clock. His Lordship, the Bishop, of flood, assisted by Rev. Dr. Morrison, as arch priest, Rev. Father Johnston as deacon and Rev. Father Campbell as sub-deacon. The passion was sung by three deacons, viz. Father Gauthier, who sang the narrative part, Rev. Dr. Curran, who took the part of our Saviour, and Rev. Dr. Morrison, who sang whatever was said by a third party. The choir sang the part of the Jews and the rabble. The offices of Holy Saturday commenced at 7.30 o'clock, by the blessing of the new fire. Rev. Father Campbell was celebrant, Rev. Father Gauthier was deacon and Rev. Father Johnston, and Rev. Father Campbell as sub-deacon. On Easter Sunday Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated by his Lordship, the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Father McLellan as high priest, Rev. Dr. Curran and Rev. Father Campbell as deacons and Rev. Father Gauthier and Dr. Morrison as deacon and sub-deacon of office. The ceremonies on this and previous days were directed by Rev. Dr. Morrison. The sermon, on Good Friday was preached by Rev. Father Connolly, and on Easter Sunday by Rev. Father Johnston. Solemn Pontifical Vespers took place at seven o'clock Easter Sunday evening, his Lordship the Bishop officiating, assisted by the same priests as in the morning service. This was followed by Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The high altar looked charming, adorned as it was with lights, plants and flowers.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret we chronicle today the demise of Archibald McCormack, of Selkirk, Lot 42, at the age of 72 years. The deceased up to a few days previous to his death enjoyed an interrupted but generally good health. He was being attacked by the insidious and fatal disease la grippe he rapidly sank despite untiring vigilance and skillful treatment. He appeared to be recovering from his first attack and finding himself strengthened, he went to Strathcona to transact some business, but when he returned he found himself gradually sinking. He was unable to receive assistance to get off the train. He was taken to his brother's place at Selkirk Station, where he died. During his short illness he was visited by his kind pastor Rev. Peter Curran, from whose hands he received the last sacraments of the Catholic Church. He suffered no pain but calmly awaited the end, and on Wednesday evening, April 11th he peacefully passed away to enjoy the reward of a life so guileless, true and virtuous. In his death the community has lost an intelligent, honest, truthful and good man. He was a man of excellent qualities and endeared himself to everyone. He was a grand violinist and up to a short time before his death could render most pleasing music. His home at all occasions was crowded to hear the enchanting strains of his violin. He shall be greatly missed by all who knew him. He leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters, one brother and one sister to mourn his loss. Events are very much sad for all his family are away from home but his remains followed by a large concourse of people were conveyed to St. Mary's Church where the last sad rites were performed by the Rev. Pastor, secretary, there to await till the night angel shall announce the last dread decree. That time shall be no more. R. I. P.—Cont. (Boston papers please copy)

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The Monterey lost 163 horses on the voyage to Cape Town.

The first fresh herring of the season were caught on Saturday by Capt. Gotell of Georgetown.

ADVICES received in Montreal yesterday state that the Strathcona Horse will remain at Cape Town for a fortnight.

The remaining company of the Leinster regiment sailed from Halifax for the S. S. Beba for the West Indies on Saturday afternoon.

ONE of the trucks of a first-class car on the train from Georgetown ran off the track Saturday morning, between Peak's Station and New Perth. Luckily, no one was hurt.

MAJOR DEER of the British Army remount service is in Toronto with Veterinary Inspector Phillips investigating the ability of Canada to furnish remounts for the Imperial service in Africa.

The body of Private William A. McDonald, who died at the Military Hospital, Halifax, last week, was brought to the City by the Minto last Wednesday and sent to the home of his relative in Covehead.

PRIVATE BRADSHAW, of Kingston, Ont., with "D" Company in South Africa, writes home that a mauler bullet received at the battle of Paardeberg, tore through his throat and destroyed the vocal chords, depriving him forever of the power of speech.

The Forty Hour's Devotion opening in the Cathedral on Thursday morning next at eight o'clock with the Solemn Mass of exposition. On Friday the Missa pro populo will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. The exercises will close on Saturday with the Mass of reposition at 8 o'clock.

The schooner Lady May, of Belle River, Capt. McDougall, was the first schooner to enter the port of Charlottetown this season. She brought a cargo of oats, pork, eggs, butter and tobacco cases. She arrived on Friday, and cleared on Sunday for Belle River with a general cargo.

The Minister of Militia has received a cable from Lord Strathcona asking that fifty additional men be sent to join the Strathcona Horse, to fill any possible vacancies caused by sickness or casualties. The men will be selected from British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and Manitoba. They will probably sail on the 25th from St. John, N.E., by the S. S. Lake Huron.

MAJOR DREUMOND, late Military secretary to his Excellency Lord Minto, has been appointed Commandant of the Canadian Militia. Major Dremmond is an officer of the Scotch Guards and was an officer of the South Africa as Colonel Otter's chief-of-staff, had seen active service in Egypt. He is now on his way to Canada. He will receive his promotion to Colonel in the Imperial Army, and held the local rank here as General.

The new Allan steamship Pantheon of 10,300 tons gross, arrived at Halifax Saturday afternoon from Liverpool, on her maiden voyage, and sailed at daylight for Portland. She had 1,600 passengers, the largest number ever landed at once at a Canadian port. A succession of bad weather were met on the passage out, and there were heavy seas on several days, but the steamer proved remarkably steady and a splendid sea boat. She made the voyage in eight days.

"SMILER" WALSH, a notorious "bold bad man," of Charlottetown, who only recently finished serving a twenty month term in jail, is once more in the toils. He was arrested at Pownal on Monday, charged with breaking into the house of an aged lady—Miss Christina McDonald, of Pownal—and beating her so unmercifully with a piece of iron, that it is doubtful if she will recover. It is said that if it had not been for Miss McDonald's dog, which rushed to her rescue, and succeeded in beating the ruffian off, she would have been killed.

There is trouble in Montreal between the cigar manufacturers and their employees which threatens the closing of almost all the factories in Canada. The trouble originated in the factories of J. Hirsch, Sons & Co., and L. O. Grothe, over non-payment of arrears. The union ordered a strike. The manufacturers have a strong association and have promised Messrs. Hirsch and Grothe assistance. Saturday night an evidence of this came when Harris, Youngheart & Co. and the Goetz Bros. looked out their men with such times as the union came to terms with the other firms. The statement is made that if a settlement is not speedily effected other large factories will also lock out their employees.

The Easter market on Saturday was not so largely attended as in former years, on account of the bad state of the roads. The display of beef and other meats, however, was in every way up to the standard of former years. Messrs. Blake Bros. showed three carcasses fed by D. McKinley, of North River, one of which, a steer, 1 year, 9 months, dressed over 800 lbs. of beef. A cow fed by R. Toombs, of North River, dressed 800 lbs. One heifer fed by themselves also dressed 800 lbs. choice beef. Messrs. Saunders & Newsome, Ball, Drake, Whalley, Thorne Bros. and others also showed a very choice display of beef and other meats. The display of hams from 8 to 14c, and lamb at 25c a quarter. The market was very poorly attended yesterday, and prices remained unchanged from last quotations. Fresh herring were selling for the first time this season at 20c a dozen.

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FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

FOUR MEN KILLED. Four men were killed in a riot at Johnston, Pa., on Saturday night which was the result of a drunken row.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT. By the spreading of the rails of the track near Bellefonte, Pa. last Thursday, the engine and cars were thrown over an embankment. Three men were instantly killed and one injured.

CHARGES AGAINST ROOSEVELT. Col. Bacon a well-known New York Republican and prominent officer of the National Guard in a pamphlet just issued accuses Governor Roosevelt with desiring to surrender at Santiago. Bacon also accuses him with shooting fleeing Spaniards.

FOR THE PATRIOTIC FUND. The steamer Equilmant, arrived at St. John's, Nfld., last Thursday with 2,000 seals. Her owner, Barclay Walker, of Liverpool, Eng., the well-known yachtsman, will give the profits of the cargo to the British patriotic fund.

A BUILDING COLLAPSES. A four story brick building collapsed the other day at Pittsburgh, Pa. while being remodelled. A number of people were buried beneath the ruins. Three were taken out dead. Six were badly hurt and several others were slightly injured.

A BATTLE IN THE PHILIPPINES. A Manila despatch of the 17th says: General Young reports that three hundred insurgent riflemen and 800 men attacked the American garrison at Bolo, province of North Luzon, yesterday, but were repulsed, losing a hundred and six. The Americans had no casualties.

SHOT BY A SENTRY. Lieut. Reginald Scott of the Royal Navy, was paying a night visit to the navy yard at Esquimaux, B. C., recently. The sentry posted outside the yard challenged—Scott did not answer and was shot and killed. The sentry was not court-martialed, as he was carrying out instructions.

GEN. WHITE IN LONDON. London gave General White a great reception on his arrival on Saturday. While he stood among the surging crowds after the relief of Ladysmith, bearing the Queen's message, etc. he said, "England is to be good to me and I have lost her two regiments." His simple pathos and readiness to accept blame, together with the pluck of his men have touched the hearts of the people as deep as if he had won a hundred battles.

THE POWERFUL ARRIVES HOME. H. M. S. Powerful, whose naval brigade contributed such splendid work in the defence of Ladysmith arrived at Portsmouth on Wednesday afternoon last, amid great enthusiasm. The wharves and every point of vantage along the waterfront were thronged with thousands of people waving flags and cheering. Portsmouth was handsomely decorated with bunting in honor of the occasion and from every ship in the harbor cheer after cheer went up as the Powerful sailed up the harbor. The babel of sounds called by bands, the cheering and the screaming of strains was deafening. The first lord of the admiralty, Geo. J. Goschen, Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, the commander in chief at Portsmouth, Lord Darham, and others welcomed Capt. Lambton, his officers and crew.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION. The Paris Exposition opened on Saturday. The preparations as yet are in a very incomplete state. President Loubet surrounded by members of the cabinet and his household opened the exposition with the words: "I declare the exposition of 1900 open. Shouts of 'Vive Loubet' and 'Vive la republique' arose from his 4,000 hearers and high hats were waved in the air. The crowds outside the hall took up the cheering, and the exposition was opened. General Horace Porter, the United States commissioner, after the inaugural ceremony said to a representative of the Associated Press: "The present French exposition will attract greater interest than any previous effort made in Paris to display before the world the products of the various nations. Every government of any importance will be represented, and in the way of sightseeing and the gathering of general information a visit to it will equal making a tour of the world."

The area of the exhibition, is so great that nowhere was there any crush. The visitors on the first two days were mainly composed of provincials and foreigners. Comparatively few Parisians were to be seen. Aware of the great importance of the exposition they remained away for the most part.

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