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LOCAL BRIEFS G. W. Cornell

Wm. H. Brackin left this afternoon business trip to Detroit. The Sleeping City at the Grand to-

The King's Daughters will hold their annual meeting at the residence of Mrs. A. F. Falls on Friday afternoon. Miss Minnie E. Bedford has returned

to Detroit after spending a few days at her home in this city. Saturday will be excitement day at The 2 T's store. See to-morrow night's Planet for information.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Goodall entertained a few of their friends last evening

in a very pleasant manner at their home. Lorne avenue. The 2 T's will tell you in to-mor-row's Planet what they will sell at

A general rehearsal of the choruses for the patriotic concert will be held in the school room of the First Presbyterian church on Friday evening at 8 p. m. General invitation given to the vocalists of the city to be present. The 2 T's are getting ready for sale on Saturday. Prices will be interest-

The program of the patriotic con-The program of the patriotic con-cert to be given in the Grand Opera House, Friday, March 23, is being pre-pared to make it original in every way. It was requested to make this concert a popular price one, so it was decided to make the prices 25, 35 and

A city alderman, who serves upon board of works, this morning suggested to The Planet the propriety of advising the property owners on King street to attend the presentation of the Sleeping City at the Grand this evening. The title of the show alone should be sufficient to attract them

KENT BRIDGE DOES WELL. Mrs. George Heyward, treasurer of the local Red Cross fund, received a very acceptable contribution from Kent Bridge this morning per Mr. Langford, Miss Maggiel Scurrah, the popular teacher of the Kent Bridge school, and the scholars there, raised among them for the fund \$6.65 and this sum has now been turned in to help on the good work.

FOR RAILWAY EXTENSION. There will be a meeting of the Board of Trade in Thos. Scullard's office to morrow afternoon to consider making a motrow afternoon to consider making a proposition to the M. C. R. to extend their line from Petrolea to Dresden so as to give this section of the country direct communication with Petrolea. As it now is it takes two days for Maple City business men to go to Petrolea to transactiany business. Outside of the advantage to the Chatham business men such a line would prove advantage ous to the farmers, travellers and ous to the farmers, travellers and

LAID TO REST. The remains of the late Caleb Coate worth, sub-collector of customs and postmaster at Romney, were reverently laid to rest in the family burying ground in Shanks cemetery on the lake shore on Wednesday. The funeral was one of the largest that has been seen in that section of the country. The large family residence was crowd d and a ten foot walk that had been cleared through the snow scarcely accommodated the large number of mourning friends unable to gain admittan to the house.

There was a profusion of flowers the last tributes of sad friends to one of Kent's finest men. The services at the offsequies were conducted by the minister from Blenheim and the path-bearers were chosen from among the life-long friends and neighbors of Mr. Coats-worth. The funeral cortege was very long and the hearse had reached the burying ground before the last rig had left the house. Collector of Customs Rufus Steph poor, from this city, Dr. windsor, and a nephew of Mr. Coats sorts s from Chicago at-



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Watch The 2 T's store Saturday fo excitement-real, genuine old timer. Saturday being St. Patrick's Day, services will be held in St. Joseph's church at 9.30. Father Herman will officiate and the Rev. Father De Paul will preside in the pulpit.

Sunday is the teast of St. Joseph, atron saint of the Roman Catholic church here, and will be celebrated in accordance with the rites of the church. In the evening at vespers the Lepten sermon will be preached by the Reverend Father de Paul.

Levitical High Mass So emnly Celebrated for its Repose.

Rev. Father de Paul Feelingly Refers to the Late John A. Donegan And His Gallagt Comrades.

This morning solemn Levitical High Mass for the repose of the sou, of the late John A. Donegan, was celebra ed in St. Joseph's church, by the Rev. Father De Paul, assisted by Father Baubet, dencon, and Father He man, The attendance was quite large, as this was the mass arranged for by the committee of management of the patriotic concert. The altars were draped in black, and two large Union Jacks decorated the sanctuary.

Father De Paul delivered a most appropriate sermon. Speaking most eulogistic terms of Private Donegan, who had died the death of soldier in the field of battle, he said he had been one of the first to respond to the call of the mother country and also one of the first to fall in defense of the Empire. It was glorious to die for one's country. A call for help had come from the mother land and it had gone forth to all the colonies. .They had at once responded and the fair daughter of the Empire, Canada was amongst the number. From cities, towns, hamlets, and the country side, men left their positions and condi-tions of life to answer the summons. The young Canadian volunteers were seen as soldiers of the Queen setting out to carry the banners of England and unfurl them where the flag of Britain had ceased to be a shelter.

They faced death, and maintained their positions. It was truly a gal-lant deed, worthy of the colonials. It pleased everyone to see Canada show ing such bravery and loyalty, and al though some have lost their lives and would be seen no more, still their spirit would imbue the young of this country. The "Canadians had done their duty in the face of danger hardly less than certain death, and had stained with their heart's blood the far away land where runs one of the outermost boundaries of the Empire. The Canadians had been praised by their superiors for their bravery, de-votion and loyalty. The people at home, however, in their charity should remember not only the fallen heroes but should pray for those still on the ground that they might return un-harmed. All prayers should be direct-ed to Him who was the Father of Bat-

ed to Him who was the Father of Bat-tles as well as the God of Mercy.

The full choir, under the direction of Miss Nellie Rhody, sang a plain chant Requiem, with tenor solos by James Rhody and Prof. E. J. Forsythe, gave an exquisite rendering of the solo, "O Paradise," by Browne.

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General Warren Ordered to Rejoin Him in an Attempt to Force the Drakensburg Passes.

London, March 15.-The next news of gighting will probably come from Natal, Gen Warren's division, which had reached Durban, has been ordered to rejoin Gen. Buller, indicating that the outflanking movement through the neck of Zululand referred to in these despatches March 10, is about to commence. It is reported at bloemfontein that Gen. Joubert is at Brandfort, but other reports locate him at Biggarsberg. BRITISH BRAVERY.

Pretoria, Wednesday, March 14.— State Secretary Reitz this morning posted the following announcement:'Yesterday, Bloemfontsin was occupied by the British after the burghers had retired in a northern direction The seat of the government of the Free State has been already transferred to Kroonstadt."

Before returning to the front yes-teaday Gen. Joubert said to a press representative:
"The courage of the British soldiers

is beyond question. They rushed the kopjes and entrenchments in a fearless manner, but were not a match for the Mausers, which simply mowed them down. JOIN FORCES.

Bethulie Bridge Camp, Wednesday, March 14.—Gen, Clements' brigade has March 14.—Gen. Clements brigade has effected a junction with Gen. Gat-acre's troops at Burgersdorp. A pa-trol left to-day for Aliwal North to join Gen. Brabant. DOES FRANCE MEAN WAR?

New York, March 15.-A despatch othe Journal from London says: A private cablegram from an unimpeachable source in Paris says that the French minister for the colonies, M. Decrais, sent cipher cables yesterday the governor of every French colony asking, almost in the words of Mr. Chamberlain to the British colonial

governors, how many soldiers were available for immediate service. M. Decrais asked for a detailed M. Decrais asked for a detailed statement from each governor of the number of reservists and colonial forces, lists of officers, non-commissioned officers and men. The minister's cables were long and in cipher, and were sent all over the world—to the colonies in Africa, to Martinique, French Guiana and every French col-

ony on earth.

It is also said that cables of a similar tenor were sent to French consuls asking for lists of French soldiers in foreign countries who could return to France in the event of their services

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becomes known. For Britain is watch-

ing with eyes of wonder the prepara tions that her neighbor is making for Coming as it does right after the announcement that the autumn manoeuvers will be a demonstration by 200,000 men on the English channel, it will cause the British war office and admiralty to bestir themselves in attaination of hostilities for it really. anticipation of hostilities, for it realls does begin to look as if France mean

France and Russia are working hand in hand and Salisbury's diplomacy may be called on for supreme efforts if he desires to avoid the greatest war the world has ever seen

LORD ROBERTS' ENTRY London, March 15.—At precisely 1.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon a union jack, specially made for this purpose by Lady Roberts, was hoisted over the persidency at Bloemfontein, amid the acclamations of the commander-inchief's battalions, in which, curiously enough, the Orange Free State bur-ghers appear to have joined with remarkable heartiness.

The opposition to the entry of the

British troops into the capital was insignificant. Boers were found occupying a few hills south of the place, but a few shells drove them off and as 10 in the morning some newspaper correspondents entering the town found Mr. Fraser and other officials and guided them, to where Lord Roberts stood on top of a hill, waiting for them. As spokesman, Mr. Frazer asked protection for life and property and

Lord Roberts, accompanied by his staff, rode at the head of a cavalcade a mile long to the presidency, receiving an ovation throughout the route, ing an ovation throughout the route, culminating in a remarkable demonstration at the market square. Reaching the government buildings, Lord Roberts took possession of the city in the name of the Queen and then repaired, to the presidency, where the ceremony of hoisting the Union Jack and of forever according to universely ended forever, according to universa opinion here, the Boer government of the Free State.

LOOTERS CHECKED. During the progress through the own Lord Roberts stopped and order ed the instant replacement of goods which were being looted from the ar-tillery barracks by Kaffirs, thus giving the populace an earnest assurance of the treatment they might expect

from the victors. President Steyn fled to Kroonstadt without replying to Lord Roberts' de-mand for his surrender, and the com-mander-in-chief remarked, afterward, during the course of conversation while breakfasting at the farm of President Steyn's brother, that the "ex-president" had "become a nonen-The British troops, with the exception of those necessary to police

he town, remain outside. The press despatches give most of tle the point raised about the cutting of the railway and telegraph north of Bloemfontein, showing it was a plucky act. Maj. Hunt Weston, of the Royal Engineers, accompanied by 10 men, traversed the Boer lines and succeeded in cutting the wires and

blowing up the tracks. Bloemfontein is now regarded there as a sort of half-way house and base of operations for the advance on Pre-

ON AN OCEAN VOYAGE. London, March 15. Rumors that Cronje and the Boer prisoners will be sent to St. Helena are officially confirmed. The first transports sailed this morning. The island will be reached after a five days' passage, and the prisoners will be more comfortable there than they have been at Cape Town. because they can be allowed more liberty.

GRAIN PROSPECTS.

Cincinnati Price Current says: Weather somewhat trying on wheat crop but the general position is maintained. Continued light marketing of grain partly from bad roads. In fly districts considerable wheat area will go to other crops. Ample moisture for active farm operations under set-

The Queen will leave for Ireland on April 4, and return on April 28. Mr. William Redmond has resigned his office in the Dublin corporation. presumably on account of the action of the corporation in connection with the projected visit of the Queen.

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