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LONDON, CANADA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 81, 1900.

ATHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

MARRIED.

COLWELL-BERBRATH .- In New York, Mr. C. Victor Colwell, formerly of London, to Miss Maud B. Bergrath, of New York.

DAWSON .- At family residence, London, Ont., on Saturday, Dec. 29, 1900, Jennie, the beloved wife of Lieut-Cel. M. D. Dawson.

Funeral Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock; service, 2:30. Please do not send any flowers.

AMUSEMENTS.

Advertisements under this heading 10c per line, or 2c per word each insertion. LONDON - OPERA - HOUSE.

MONDAY, DEC. 31.

Winston Spencer Churchill, M.P.,
Warrior, writer and orator, in his famous illustrated lecture

"The War As I Saw It." Prices, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1 50. Plan opens Thursday, 27th.

New Year's day—Matinee and night.
Chas. E. Blaney's big laughing success,
"A FEMALE DRUMMER."
Handsome costumes—The greatest all-

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Matinee—250, 50c, 75c. Night—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Plan opens Saturday.

A PIGEON MATCH, LIVE BIRDS—Homister House, New Year's Day.
Sweepstakes. Commencing at 1 o'clock.

MALE CHORUS ST.JOHN'S ATHLETIC Club—At home to their friends at club house, New Year's night, 8 to 10 o'clock. Ladies especially invited. Members have choice programme prepared. 54u

DAISY RINK, CLARK'S BRIDGE—Skating afternoon and evening. 55u

REDLIGHT RINK, BLACKFRIARS street—Skating morning, afternoon and evening. Splendid ice. b

PRINCESS ICE PALACE—HAPPY NEW Year to all its patrons. Regimental Band New Year's afternoon and evening. Season books, ladies and children, \$3; gents, \$350. Skates to rent. b

1900-IN CLOSING HOURS OF OLD year I wish to thank those friends who purchased ocean or lake tickets from me during past season, assuring them that any business transacted in future will, as in past, receive my best attention. F. B. Clarke.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—PALACE ACAD-EMY—All classes adjourned until Jan. 2. Beginners' new term opens week Jan. 7. Dayton & McCormick.

FRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY R. B. Millard, 345 Princess venue. Special attention given to the waltz and two-step. Rapid teaching. Low rates. Lessons any hour.

MEETINGS.

RICHARD COEUR DE LION PRECEP-TORY, No.4, Knights Templar, will meet in Sherwood Hall, Richmond street, this (Monday, Dec. 31) evening at 10 o'clock to confer the K. T. degrees. A large meeting is desired. W. T. Stenberg, registrar.

THE TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL will meet on Wednesday instead of Tuesday evening, as Tuesday is a holiday.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

THERE WILL BE A UNION SERVICE tonight in St. Paul's Cathedral at 11 o'clock. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron will preach.

SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC b. RVICES every night this week at Dundas Center Church, commencing at 8 o'clock. cial singing. Bright services. All invited. are invited.

DUNDAS CENTER CHURCH—TWEN-TIETH Century Watch Night service tonight at 10:30. Special singing. Rev. Walter Russell, the celebrated evange-list, will speak. Come. b

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PATENT MEDICINE AGENTS-WE have a proposition to offer you; send postcard; write quick. The Dr. Roberts Madicine Company. London. Ont.

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All new patterns to select from; made and trimmed in first-class style.

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NICELY FURNISHED FRONT ROOM -Suitable for two; warm; all modern conveniences. Apply 461 Dundas street.

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NEW RIVER COAL-THE BEST IN the city; a good supply of the best quality of hard and soft coal, and the best hard and soft wood, at the lowest cash price. Yard, William street and Grand Trunk Railway. Green & Co. Phone

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F. B. LEYS' OFFICE WILL BE AT the London Hat, Cap and Mantle Manu-facturing Company, 355 and 357 Clar-ence street, for the present. 89tf

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST-BETWEEN 3 AND 5 O'CLOCK Saturday afternoon, either on the crossing of William and Dundas streets or on the street car, a lady's shopping bag, containing purse with bank bills and other money, with some other small matters. Finder will be rewarded by leaving it at Advertiser office.

LOST-GREAT DANE PUP, BRINDLE, 2 months old. Return, H. Raison, On-tario House, and receive reward. b

OST-ON CORNER DUNDAS AND Ridout streets, child's brown kid glove. Please return to 422 Colborne street.

FOUND-MONEY, IN TAX ROOM AT Fraser House, Dec. 22. Apply E. S. Hunt, collector. 55u

LOST-ON THURSDAY, ON BELT line car, an ear-ring, with three amethysts. Reward of \$2 at this office. THE PERSON WHO TOOK A GRAY Lambskin Collar from the Cronyn Hall at the children's entertainment on Thursday evening is requested to re-turn same to 474 William street. 53c

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I am deeply sensible of, and fully appreciate the honor bestowed upon me by my fellow-citizens one year ago, in electing me a member of the City Council. In the hope that I have proven myself.

worthy of the trust reposed in me, I beg to have your favor and confidence continued in future. Unable to call on all voters throughout the city, kindly accept this as a personal call, soliciting your good-will, VOTE AND INFLUENCE in re-electing me as alderman for 1901.

To Electors of City of London.

Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for C. W. SMITH

As Alderman for 1901. 65n To the Electors of City of London.

Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

WILLIAM GERRY for re-election as alderman

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To the Electors of the City of London.—Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

ALDERMAN FOR 1901. Electors of the City of London.

Respectfully solicits your vote and influence for re-election as

For the Year 1901.

BOERS CAPTURE HELVETIA POST!

British Lost 50 in Killed and Wounded and 200 Prisoners.

The Place Reoccupied by Reeves' Force--- In Spite of Boer Activity the British Press Take a Hopeful View of the Situation --- Kruger's Advice.

has received the following dispatch

from Lord Kitchener: "Pretoria, Dec. 30, 7:50 a.m.-General Lyttleton reports that our post at ish lasting four hours with the Boers Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About 50 were killed and wounded and 200 taken

"Col. Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy. Helvetia being reoccupied by Reeves, who has been reinforced from Belfast.

"Helvetia was a very strong posi-tion on the Machadodorp-Lydenburg railway, and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool Regiment. Am asking for further information.

"French has occupied Ventersdorp. 'Clements reports that he is opposed on the road to Rustenburg. "The eastern line was blown up near Pan, and a train was help up this morning on the Standerton line, near

Vaal station.
"White's column has arrived at Sen-"Knox's column and Boyes' brigade are holding Dewet from breaking

MORE RAIDERS. A correspondent at Burghersdorp, wiring Sunday, reports as 10.10ws: "Two fresh commandoes are entering One has already crossed the colony. near Knaapdaar, and the arrival of another is momentarily expected in the Steynsburg district. The Boers The Boers are said to have two or three horses each, though in bad condition. They have no guns or transport, but are well supplied with Lee-Metford rifles Gen. Dewet appears upon the scene

NOT DISCOURAGED. While Lord Kitchener sends rather gloomy news for England, the closing day of the year, the press continues to take a hopeful view of the situation and of revelations of an mously wide field of Boer activity. Gen. Dewet is still at large; Kimberley is isolated, while the Boers are in force enough to have captured a strong position at Helvetia, in the Ly-

denburg district. AT GREYLINGSTADT.

Details of the Greylingstadt affair show that, while Colville's column was pursuing the Boers, a second force of 400 of the enemy was seen moving toward the camp where the British transport was inspanned. The small British force made a plucky stand until reinforcements arrived with artillery, and after severe fighting the Boers were defeated. The British losses altogether are none killed and 63 wounded and missing. The Boers

are said to have 31 killed. Zeerust is practically besieged, but has provisions sufficient for five months. The garrison at Otto's Hoof has been withdrawn to Lichtenburg. The Boers admit that in their fight with Gen. Clement; at Nootitgedacht

they lost 130 men. FRENCH'S FORCE. London, Dec. 30 .- According to a Johannesburg dispatch of Friday's date. Gen. French reoccupied Ventersdorp that day without opposition. This place being a great telegraph

dorp, Richtenburg and Zeerust gives the British a strong hold upon this part of the country. KIMBERLEY ALMOST ISOLATED. According to a dispatch from Craddock, Kimberley, Cape Colony, is almost isolated by Boer raiders. No mails have reached

center, has been much used by the

Boers for the dissemination of infor-

mation. The possession of Venters-

VETERINARY SURGEONS.

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WANTED-SITUATION BY BOOK-KEEPER, employed at present, six years' experience, \$\foatigma \text{a} \text{ week to start.} First-class references. Address Box 75, Advertiser.

WELLAND CANAL.

Tenders for Samplies for the year 1901. SEALED TENDERS for supplies, addressed to the Superintending Engineer, Welland Canal, St. Catharines, will be received until 20 o'clock on Wednesday, feceived until 20 o clock on Wednesday, 16th January, 1901, for the supply and delivery of various articles of Timber, Hardware, Castings, Fuel, Paints, Oil, etc., for use on the Welland Canal and its branches for the year 1901.

Specifications, forms of tender and other information can be obtained at the Sec. information can be obtained at the Su-perintending Engineer's Office, St. Cath-arines, on and after Monday, the 24th

December, 1900. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. L. K. JONES, Secretary. Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, December 20th, 1900.

London, Dec. 31.—The war office there from Dec. 19 to Dec. 25. Provisions are at famine prices. The milstary took charge of all the food stuffs Dec. 22. The Leinster Regiment, commanded by Major Earty, had a skirmat Drelfontein, Dec. 27, suffering slight losses. The Boers at Getuk cap-

tured a convoy of 25 wagons Christ-BOERS TURNED BACK.

A special from Naauwpoort dated Dec. 28, reports that Col. de Lisle defeated Hertzog, eighteen miles west of De Aar, capturing a number of wagons and releasing the prisoners captured at Philipstown. Lieut.-Col. Grenfeld forced back Kritzinger towards Venterstad. Both commandees are in desperate plight and will probably never recross the Orange River.

NOT MUCH CHANGE. London, Dec. 31.-Lord Kitchener, wiring from Pretoria, Saturday, Dec. 29, says: There is not much change in the situation in Cape Colony. The eastern force of the enemy appears to have broken up into small bands at Utrecht, and to be moving about rapidly in the same district, evidently waiting for support from the north. The last report states that the western force is moving to Carnaravon. De Lisle and Thorneycroft are in close

pursuit. A Standerton dispatch dated Dec. 28 says it is estimated that 2,000 Boers were engaged in the operations in North Natal, hoping to break the British lines of communication. This plan failed and the Boers were driven off in each case with more or less loss, their casualties in the past day or two numbering 50, while the British casualties were slight.

Horse is proceeding at the rate of 40 men daily. Five hundred troopers are being raised here. The prince recently gave special permission for the

RECRUITING RAPIDLY.

use of his name. The regiment promises to be among he most popular of the new corps that are being raised. KRUGER TO THE BOERS. London, Dec. 31.—It is creditably reported, according to a dispatch from Newcastle, dated Dec. 29, that Louis Botha has informed Commandant Spruight that Kruger has sent word

that the burghers must lay down their arms or continue fighting on their own account, as no support from Europe can be expected. All dispatches in London agree that the Cape Dutch have no inclination to rise, but, on the contrary, appear to be tired of the war, and desirous of peace. Many refuse to supply the Boers with food, and are willing to

give information to the British regarding Boer movements. HIGHLANDERS VS. BOERS.

London, Dec. 31. — A dispatch from Smithfield regarding the recent pursuit of Dewet gives an interesting account of the attempt of Dewet to capture the garrison at Commissie bridge, between Rouxville and Smithfield: The garrison consisted of about 40 Highland Light Infantry, under Lieut. Blair. Three hundred Boers were observed crossing a level stretch of country south of the The garrison promptly several volleys and forced them to retire. Soon afterwards, a parlementaire with a white flag arrived. On being blindfolded and brought into the British lines, he produced a note from the Boer commandant, calling upon the garrison to surrender within ten minutes. A sarcastic answer was re-

would not be sufficient. The Boers attacked next morning, when two guns were mounted on some rising ground south and southwest of the river, and 27 shells from one captured 15-pounder were sent into the works on either side of the bridge. The enemy also attempted to atthe post by working up and down the river, but the reception they met with from the little garrison was so warm that they desisted from the attack. They made another attempt, however, getting behind a rise 300

turned to the effect that ten minutes

yards off, but again our fire was too hot, and they retired. The Boer casualties were two killed and five wounded, while ours were nil. Give it a trial and be convinced. It was a creditable performance on the part of the little garrison to stop 2,000 0000000000000000

Boers for 24 hours. COLONIALS WANTED.

It is understood that Lord Kitchener cannot ask the colonies officially to send troops, says a Durban dispatch, known in Australasia and Canada that Australians and Canadians arriving in Natal will be eligible for immediate enlistment in a regular corps, which is proceeding to Johannesburg for five months' service.

BUGLE BLASTS. Judging from Lord Kitchener's very recent advices no progress is being made against the Boer invaders in

Cape Colony.

A dispatch from Carnarvon reports that the Boers who have been threatening that point were driven off and are being pursued.

In view of the prolongation of the

war, the London Daily Telegraph has again dispatched Mr. Bennett Burleigh, its well-known war correspondent, to South Africa.
Sir A. Milner has called Lord Minto
that Sergt Wood, of the Canadian

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CAIRNCROSS & LAWRENCE,

scouts, was severely wounded on Dec. 19 at Kekroot.

The residents of Kingsville, Ont., are preparing a fitting reception for the seven men belonging to the Kingsville cavalry who enlisted in the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and who are expected to arrive home early in January. The seven are Major A. H. King, Lieut. Mortimer Wigle, Sergt. Tilley, Angus McDonald, Ed Tripp and Wm. May-

THE CHINESE ASTONISHED!

cock. Each will receive a gold watch

Princes Ching and Chang Will Sign the Joint Note.

The Imperial Instructions Create Genuine Surprise-Gourt Preparing to Return to Pekin.

Pekin, Dec. 30.-The Chinese plenipotentiaries have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note, and have notified the foreign envoys to that effect. The Chinese themselves are greatly astonished at re-ceiving the imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung Chang nor Prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under ten days.

THE EMPEROR'S INSTRUCTIONS. The emperor's instructions are to agree fully to the note, but to endeavor to get the best terms possible, particularly in the matter of limiting the number of the legation guards, and also to the places where these are to be located. The plenipotentiaries are instructed to endeavor to limit the number of railway posts along line of railway to as few as possible, Naauwpoort, Dec. 31. — Recruiting and finally to request the powers not here for the Prince of Wales' Light to des.roy the forts but merely to dis-

arm them. Li Hung Chang's health is bad, and it is doubtful whether he will be able to do more than affix his signature to any instrument, delegating his powers to Prince Ching until another plenipotentiary has been appointed. He was dressed this morning and carried in a chair to the residence of Prince Ching, with whom he had a long consultation. Prince Ching then called upon the doyen of the diplomatic corps this afternoon, Minister Senor Declogan, and requested him to notify the other envoys that instructions had been received from the emperor to sign the

note. RETURN TO PEKIN. Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang say that Emperor Kwang Su has expressed a desire that the court should

return to Pekin at the end of Febru-Shanghai, Dec. 30 .- There are persistent reports in circulation here that the imperial court is preparing to re-turn to Pekin. Chinese advices from the capital say that 90 carts, mules and horses have been dispatched to Tai Yuen Fu to meet and bring back the imperial personages and their entourage. It is also asserted that Emperor Kwang Su has summoned Hu Ping Chih, former governor of the Province of Shan Si, to Sian Fu, to accompany him to Pekin.

ASKED. Paris, Dec. 30.-The Havas Agency has received this dispatch from Pekin: "Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang have communicated to the foreign envoys an imperial edict in which the

emperor declares that China accepts

the joint note and suspension of hos-

SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES

tilities." TO BE BEHEADED. It is asserted that the emperor has ordered the immediate decapitation of

Yu Hsien, formerly governor of Shan

Si, who was previously degraded and

The Mohammedan rising in the Pro-

vince of Kan Su is spreading, and the

troops of the viceroy of the Province

banished.

of Hu Nan are alone able to hold their own against the rebels. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator does not require the help of any purgative medicine to complete the cure

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