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#### THE SECOND CONTINGENT.

Arrangements for Enrolling amended. The Laurentian will leave "A" and "B" Squadrons

OF THE MOUNTED RIFLES

Two Battalions of a Total Strength left to-day for Toronto. They belong

FILLING UP THE RANKS.

Notes of Interest from the Various Points of Enrollment-Dates of Salling of the Transports Changed.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.-A militia order, issued to-day, under yesterday's date, shows that no officer has yet been appointed to take the place of Lieut. Libiere, of Quebec, who has resigned from the contingent. Capt. Van Luven, of the 40th Hussars, King-D. Johnston, of the Prince of Wales rive before the end of the week. John Dragoons. Belleville, who declined to Carson has volunteered to supply the ston, will take the place of Capt. W. serve. The order also provides that the batteries will proceed to Halifax cept the offer, the contract to be at complete, with harness and gun \$150 a head. Friends of Fred. Metgives particulars regarding ammunition, equipment, supplies, etc.

The Canadian Mounted Rifles will be divided into two battalions-first and second. The first will be "A" and "B" squadrons and the second "C" and "D" squadrons. Both battalions will have strength of 742, with 750 horses. The enrollment of "A" and "B" squadrons have been changed to as follows:

First Battalion Mounted Rifles-"A" squadron-First troop-To be enrolled and concentrated at Toronto. Second troop-To be enrolled at Toronto and St. Catharines and concentrated at Toronto. Third troop-To be enrolled at Peterborough, Ottawa and Montreal and concentrated at Mon-Fourth troop-To be enrolled at London and Kingston and concen-

trated at Toronto. "B" squadron-First troop-To be enrolled and concentrated at Winnipeg. Second troop-To be enrolled at Portage La Prairie, Virden, Brandon, Yorkton and Winnipeg and concentrated at Winnipeg. Third troop-To be en-rolled at Montreal, Quebec and Cookshire and concentrated at Quebec. Fourth troop—To be enrolled at Sussex, N. B., St. John. N. B., and Canning, N. S., and concentrated at Hail-

Second Battalion Mounted Rifles-"C" and "D" squadrons, Second Bat-talion Mounted Rifles, will be enrulled

to be made by the commissioner of the North-west mounted police.

THE DATES ARE CHANGED.

The dates of sailing of the vessels which will carry the second Canadian contingent to South Africa have been on the 15th, the Montezuma on the 21st and the Pomeranian probably a couple of days later. The Minister of Militia stated this morning that he thought it extremely probable that Herchmer and Steele would be first and second in command of the mounted police squadron. But no word from Herchmer either by way of acceptance or refusal has been received yet. LEFT KINGSTON FOR TORONTO. Kingston, Dec. 30.-Eight or nine men to the mounted infantry detachment and will undergo a week's instruction by the dragoons to test their efficiency before proceeding to Halifax for mobilization.

UNABLE TO ACCEPT. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—It is understood that Lieut. Edward LaLiberte, of Quebec, has been unable to accept a position as lieutenant on the tingent.

FITTING UP THE TRANSPORT. Halifax, Dec. 30.—The transport Laurentian arrived early this morning, and will be fitted up at once. She wil take 10 officers, 16 staff sergeants and sergeants, 314 troops and 315 horses. Hugh Allen says she will make faster time to the Cape than did the Sar-

NOTES FROM KINGSTON. Kingston, Ont., Dec. 30.—Ten of Capt. Arthur Cunningham's company, 14th Batt., are in the Canadian war contingents. "C" Battery will mobilize at Kingston on Tuesday next. The contingent with fifty horses within a week. Lt.-Col. Stone will likely acequipment and horses. The order calfe have raised sufficient money to pay the premium for one year of \$5,000 insurance on his life. The policy was made payable to his mother. This afternoon the first detachment of the Mounted Infantry, four in number, left for Toronto. They were Jas. Harper, of Brockville; Chas. R. Nor-webb, of Nottingham, Eng.; John Sparks and F. F. Metcalfe, of King-

AT TORONTO.

Toronto. Dec. 30.-At the armories to-day the artillery who were sworn in yesterday were all put through a rigid and careful instruction in gun drill. Lt. Wylie Grier, Sergt.-Major Abbott and Sergt. Hussey acted as instructors. Lt. Leslie, of Kingston, arrived in town this morning, and in the evening nine men from Kingston also arrived and repaired to Stanley Barracks, where they were enrolled on the books of the second troop of "A"

squadron. HAMILTON'S QUOTA. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 30 .- The Hamiton members of the second South African contingent are fast getting into shape, and Major Hendrie received word to-day that they would be expected to report in Kingston

A VILLAGE'S CONTRIBUTION. Niagara Falls South, Ont., Dec. 30 .-Five young men from Drummondville historic village made famous by the battle of Lundy's Lane, and now known as Niagara Falls South, volunteered for service on the second con-

While Attempting to Cut the Railroad South of De Aar.

# BOER REPORT OF A SORTIE.

In Which, it is Claimed, the British Force at Mafeking Lost Heavily.

# LORD CECIL AMONG THE WOUNDED.

Communication With Dordrecht Restored-A British Reconnoissance in That Neighborhood-Gen. Methuen's Position Unchanged-Gen. French Reports the Enemy has Retired to Colesburg-Precautions Against a Dutch Uprising in Cape Colony-Lady Wilson's Experience and Escape-Kimberley's Message to the Queen-The Town has Food for Three Months-Gens. Roberts and Kitchener Due at Cape Town in Ten Days.

Cape Town, Dec. 30.—The troops in the British camp of Victoria West turned out last night to repel an attempt of the Boers to cut the railroad near the station. A patrol reported early in the evening that they had sighted the Boers in the neighborhood. At 10 o'clock at night the Boers opened a heavy fire near the station. The British replied, and the Boers retired at daybreak, their attempt having turned out a failure. PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS.

Parties of Boers have been operatng some seventy miles south of 1 ord Methuen's position. Boers appeared on Christmas day near the railway, about 29 miles south of De Aar. A Cavendish-Bentinck was wounded. The object of the sortie was to capture volunteers prepared to engage them. volunteers prepared to engage them, but the enemy disappeared. Another party of Boers fired into the British patrol camp during the night of Wed-nesday, Dec. 27. This was near Victoria Road. An attempt was made far from that point to damage the railway. One man was caught in the act and shot. A similar attempt was made between Multiersolet and Clapmuts, but the would-be wreckers escaped. Like attempts are reported from several other points. Evidently parties of Boers or Dutch colonials have been trying to interrupt the movement of trains, but thus far they have been baffled by the elaborate British patrolling. In one case a pat-rol of regulars fired on a patrol of colonials. The latter were wearing broad brimmed hats and were mistaken by the British for Boers. No casualties resulted, but in consequence of the incident an order has been issued, requiring all classes of trooms to wear

#### WAR OFFICE REPORT.

METHUEN AND FRENCH. London, Jan. 1.-The War Office publishes the following despatch, dated yesterday, from the general officer commanding at Cape Town:-

"Methuen's position is unchanged. "French reports that the Boers, fearing their communications would cut by our cavalry, have retired to Colesburg.

A RECONNOISSANCE. "Hear unofficially from Sterkstroom panies, who are retarding volunteering that a British reconnoissance, seven by making policy-holders pay war miles north of Dordrecht, engaged risk premiums, while the agencies of superior forces and was obliged to retire on Dordrecht." Later-Montmorency, on Dec.

met superior forces, using artillery, operated to rear of the Boers. In course of the day he was compelled to withdraw to Dordrecht in good order, assisted by sixty men sent from Dordrecht, for which we are in position for defence. The following cas-ualties reported: — One severely wounded

SIX HOURS' FIGHTING. A correspondent of the Associated Dec. 31, regarding the reconnoissance north of Dordrecht described in a despatch to the War Office, says:-"Captain Montmorency, of the 21st Lancers, with a patrol of 120, was reconnoitering north of Dordrecht. He met the Boers at Labuehagnes Nek. They opened fire and the British replied. The fighting continued for six hours, forcements, including artillery. Capt. Montmorency retired, and took a defensive position at Dordrecht. Boers did not pursue losses are not known."

#### BOER REPORTS

MAKE THE BRITISH LOSS QUITE

Lourenzo Marques, Friday, Dec. 29 Advices received here from Pretoria. under date of Wednesday, Dec. 27, say that an official despatch from Mafeking announces that in the sortie which the British made from that place Dec. 25 attacking one of the Boer forts with cannon, Maxims and an armored train, so persistently that the fighting raged up to the walls of the fort, the British lost 109 men killed and wounded, while the Boers only lost two men killed and seven wounded.

TWO OFFICERS CAPTURED. The despatch adds that Captains Kirkwood and Grenfell were captured by Boer scouts near Colenso, and were being sent to Pretoria. Ten unloaded shells, inscribed, "The season's greetings," have been fired at

Ten South African medical students

FROM MODDER RIVER. A despatch from the Boer camp at the Modder River, dated Dec. 28, reports an artillery fight lasting an bour.

BRITISH ACTIVITY. On December 27 a British reconnoitering party made a sortie, but did not come within the Boer range. The British on December 28 com-menced a steady bombardment of the Boer position.

A RECENT SORTIE. Pretoria, Dec. 29.-Three British prisoners from Malipo report that Captains Vernon and Sandford, of Col. Baden-Powell's staff, were killed during the engagement, in which Lord ish were very severe.

The "long Tom" injured at Lady-smith has been repaired, and is being replaced. The new contract reducing the pric

of dynamite, instituted by the Raad in August, was registered Dec. 28, between the factory and the Govern-LORD CECIL WOUNDED.

London, Dec. 31.-Advices from Pre toria regarding the sortie alleged to have been made from Mafeking on Monday last say that Lord Edward Cecil, son of Lord Salisbury, was among the wounded.

DISCREDITED. London, Jan. 1.-In the absence of confirmation of the reported sor from Mafeking the story is discredited. Col. Baden-Powell's silence, however, causes some uneasiness.

#### FROM CAPE TOWN.

BOERS DRIVEN FROM THE HILLS London, Dec. 30 .- A despatch from Cape Town, dated Wednesday, Dec. 27. announces that an armored train had restored communication with Dordrecht, where the Free State flag had been hauled down, and that the Boers had been driven from the adjacent hills to Stormberg.

CAUSES DUSSATISFACTION. Advices from Cape Town say there is great dissatisfaction there at the the leading American companies allow perfect freedom for naval and military

TO PREVENT INSURRECTION. Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 28 .- The precaution to prevent an insurrection on the part of the disloyal Dutch in Cape Colony and to suppress a rising if it should occur. Everywhere the British colonists are being organized into home guards, drilled, armed and ready to act in their respective locali-ties, should armed Dutch colonials gather. The theory is that the British home-staying colonials should be fully prepared to cope with the Dutch col-onials without the aid of regulars. The alertness of the British makes Boer residents difficult. Unable to act openly, they slip away singly or in small groups to join the enemy's forces. The authorities have been informed of many centres of agitation, which it is considered undesirable to particularize; but there is nothing like concerted action apparent over wide districts. The case of M. Michan, solicitor to the De Bores company, who is accused of treason, acquires increased importance, as he has been transferred from the custody of the civil authorities here to the military authorities at De Aar. His high position causes the Dutch to watch his case keenly.

FARMERS JOIN THE BOERS. London, Jan. 1 .- The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Cape Town:—"Ninety-five per cent. of the Bechuana farmers in the Vryburg district joined the Boers, helping them to loot the stores throughout the country north of the Orange River. They also undertook to invest Mafeking while Gen. Cronje's men went south to meet Lord Methuen. The government of Bechuanaland is being ad-ministered just as if the Dutch had been in possession for ages.'

#### KIMBERLEY.

A MESSAGE TO THE QUEEN. London, Dec. 30.-The War Office issues a despatch, dated Cape Town, Friday, Dec. 29, evening, saying that from Edinburgh have arrived at Pre-Col. Kekewich wired, through the toria, from Delagoa Bay, with five general commanding at Modder River, tons of medical stores.

Oak Hall's Greetings to Their Customers. Wishing Them

ALFRED TAYLOR, Mgr.

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A Happy New Year.

by the mayor and council to forward her, if Viljoen were given the following for transmission through proper channels:-'To Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen,—The inhabitants of Kimberley beg to send our Majesty New Year's greetings.
The trouble they have passed through and are still enduring only tends to rerease their love and loyalty towards Your Majesty's throne and peron.—(Signed R. H. Henderson, Mayor, on behalf of the inhabitants."

HER MAJESTY'S REPLY. The War Office also issues the folowing addressed to the Secretary of State for War:—"Please send the fol-lowing to Col. Kekewich, for com-munication to the mayor and council from the Queen:—'I am deeply touched by your kind and loyal New Year's greeting. I watch with admiration head winds and bad weather. your determination and gallant defence, though I regret the unavoidable loss of life incurred."

NOTHING FURTHER. The War Office, when communicating at about midnight copies of the message from the inhabitants of Kimberley to the Queen and of the Queen's reply, which was signed by Sir Arthur John Biggs, Her Majesty's orivate secretary, stated that no fur-ther news had been received up to charged with many commissions from that hour, and nothing of importance relatives and friends of the British has come from other sources during prisoners at Pretoria.

the night. FOOD FOR THREE MONTHS. London, Jan. 1.-A despatch to the Daily Mail from Kimberley, dated Friday, Dec. 22, says:—"We have food enough for three months. Fresh fruit from Kenilworth, and water is plentiful and excellent."

#### LADY WILSON

AN ACCOUNT OF HER ESCAPE AND EXPERIENCES.

Mafeking, Sunday, Dec. 10.-(By

native runner to Mochudi.)-Lady Sarah Wilson, who has returned here, is living in a bomb-proof shelter of her own construction under the private residence of Mr. Weil. There she is enabled to exist with some degree of comfort, and, if she chooses, to spend a part of the time in the house, where shelter is close enough to enable her to take cover between the ring of the warning bell and the arrival of the projectile. The correspondent of the Associated Press in Mafeking, to whom she granted an interview, was struck with the fact on entering her omb-proof refuge that she is unquestionably an old campaigner. Even in this noisome, dark hole, dug under the ground, she manages to make herself omfortable Lady Sarah's adventures were exciting, sometimes amusing and often spiced with considerable danger. It was on a Thursday that she left Mafeking. She arrived at Settlagoli Hotel that night. Before morning, she was aroused by the rattle of musketry and the boom of guns. It was Capt. Vesbitt, of the Mashonaland Mounted Police, now a prisoner in the hands of the Boers, who was fighting desperate-ly, unable to get back or go forward, out holding the wrecked armored train until the last. As soon as daylight would allow Lady Sarah pluckily rode o the scene of action and photograph ed the wreck. Finding that her presence at Settagoli exposed her to insults, the Boers moved her to Moshuti; where she enjoyed the hospitality of a colonial farmer. By means of heavy oribes she persuaded natives to carry information to and fro. Extraordinary stories regarding her were circulated among the Bors. One was that she was the wife of an English general: another, that she was a granddaughter of the Queen, who had come to spy the doings of the Boers, and a third. that she was the only male survivor of Mafeking, having escaped in the guise of a woman. Lady Sarah visited Vryburg. She was driven there by a young Boer, who passed her off as his sister. She found loyalists, who gave her official despatches and news. She stayed in the hotel all day, and stole out by night to do shopping. visiting the hospital she found that orders had been issued that no one should leave the town. The gallant Boer had to answer some curious questions put by the Landrost before

he could get permission for himself

out at 4 o'clock in the morning, in fear of being recognized, and got away

safely. After the Boers discovered

that she had been mixed up in de-

spatch-running she went to Command-

ant Snyman's camp with a view of getting back to Mafeking, but Snyman refused to let her go to Mafeking, or even to Settlagoli. He proposed send-

ing to Zerust as a prisoner of w as an alternative, to release

Colonel Baden-Powell to do thi but finally she changed her mind. adv Sarah gathered from her varie experiences among the Boers that they are heartily sick of the war.

#### ROBERTS AND KITCH

EXPECT TO ARRIVE AT TOWN JAN 10 OR 11. Funchal, Madeira, Dec. 27, 7.30 -The Dunottar Castle, with Roberts and Kitchener on boar arrived here. All well. General erts is in improved health and

#### OFF FOR AFRICA PROMINENT PEOPLE LEAVE

London, Dec. 30 .- Mr. Adelbei the new United States Consul toria, left Waterloo Railroad station here this morning for Southam

The same train took Lord Stanley, one of the Junior Lord Treasury, and elder son of of Derby, formerly Governor of Canada. Lord Stanley has pointed to a position on Gen.

Sir Wm. Stokes, surgeon in to Queen Victoria in Ireland, geon to the Meath Hospital and a number of hospital nu left London for Southamp morning, en route for Cape DEPARTURE OF A TRA Southampton, Dec. 30.—The transport Moor sailed from to-night for south and the persons to board Mr. Hay and the persons to board Mr. London to-night for South Africa, accompanied him from their way to the Cape.

ITALIAN AMNEST Rome, Dec. 31.—King H day proclaimed an amne persons convicted of or che crimes against the public se the freedom of labor, as well cal press offences. This pardon for those punished f pating in the riots that s during the early part of the y

# MASS OF SORES

They Almost Closed Her E. Physicians of No Ben Healed by CUTICURA.

roke out over her face and it was one broke out over her race and reac scabs, which almost closed her eyes and reac into the corners of her mouth. For several transfer of her mouth, as the weeks a physician attended her, but rived little or no benefit from his tro searched for other means. We bought a cal CUTICURA SOAP and a box of CUTICURA (o ment). Her face healed and she grow hea again. You can use this letter as a testimon March 19, '98, ROSA BURGER, Solomon, I Signed by parents, FRED BURGER, Mas. C. EURG

I had Tetter on my hands for two that I could not decently dress myself, and itched terribly. I tried everything, but no seemed to do me any good. I tried the Curre remedies and they are so much better that SALLIE E. COPELAND, Wood