

SOUTH AFRICA.

A Boer Laager Raided by General Bruce Hamilton.

The Matter of the Beef Supply of the British Army in Its Operations in the Field.

LADYBRAND, Orange River Colony, Jan. 23.—Colonel Seath sent a patrol of men from Mequallings Nek on Sunday night in the direction of Belmontberg, 20 miles north of Ladybrand. At dawn on Monday a patrol captured a hundred horses, three armed and four unarmed Boers. Later, a small detachment with some natives were sent to cut foug, sown by the Boers on a farm at Lindenberg Road. Two wagons were taken along. The escort consisted of 25 Yeomanry and one officer, the main patrol going in another direction, thinking that the country near the farm was clear of Boers. As the detachment was passing through the hills they suddenly encountered 150 burghers, who, springing from their hiding places, headed them. The Yeomanry made a gallant fight, killing six and wounding four. Owing to the overwhelming number of the Boers, eighteen men and their officers were compelled to surrender. These have since returned to camp. The British casualties were one killed and seven wounded.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Daily News (pro-Boer) has published the following dispatch from its correspondent at the Hague, who, it claims, has been very accurate up to the present time, the despatch being taken from private advice received at the Hague: "News from South Africa has reached military circles here to the effect that the power of the Boers over Cape Colony is increasing daily, that the rebellion is constantly spreading, and that the colonists are joining the Boers in steadily increasing numbers. The executions of Commandant Lotter (Oct. 11, 1901), and Commandant Scheepers (Jan. 18, 1902), have had the result of deciding the loyalists to join the Boers, whose position is perceived to be more favorable than ever."

The same private advice asserts that the British suffered a dozen defeats from September to November, 1901, continues the correspondent, but no mention is made in Lord Kitchener's reports. The Daily News commenting upon this despatch, confesses that its statements are probably exaggerated, but is of the opinion that the denials of Mr. Balfour, the government leader in the house of commons, that there had been any Boer overtures for peace, points to the fact that the Boers believe their position to be less desperate than is generally supposed.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The government has issued the text of the petition received from the Boer prisoners at Bermuda, which was referred to yesterday by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain in his speech in the house of commons. It is dated September 24, and its signers represent the prisoners encamped on Tucker's Island. The petitioners say they are aware of the impossibility of the Boers retaining their independence, and are averse to the continuance of the war, for which they blame those who are still fighting. At least three hundred of the prisoners express their willingness to take the oath of allegiance to Great Britain, while the remainder are willing to take the oath of neutrality. It is asked that those taking the oath of allegiance be allowed to return to South Africa, they promising to do their utmost to promote the interests of Great Britain, especially in the direction of ending the war.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Brussels says in a despatch that Mr. Kruger has received fresh invitations from Chicago, New York and Philadelphia to visit those cities, and that he will probably start upon an American tour next April. LONDON, Jan. 26.—A report from Lord Kitchener from Johannesburg, gives the important capture of Gen. B. Viljoen in the neighborhood of Lydenburg, Transvaal Colony, as well as the captures of small parties of Boers elsewhere.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The capture of Gen. Viljoen, who was Gen. Botha's most able lieutenant and who has given the British great trouble in the past, has created lively satisfaction in London.

PRETORIA, Jan. 26.—Gen. Wilson, last Saturday, captured twenty Boers near Frankfort, in Orange River Colony. He was preparing at dawn the next day to move away with his captives when a superior force of Boers made a desperate effort to recapture the prisoners. A hot fight ensued, in which all but three of the prisoners escaped and a few men were killed or wounded on both sides.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Lord Kitchener in a despatch from Johannesburg, dated Sunday, Jan. 26, announces that Colonel Plumer captured thirty-six Boers last Saturday in the neighborhood of Splitzkop, Transvaal Colony. PRETORIA, Jan. 27.—By a clever night march Gen. Bruce Hamilton surprised a laager between Ermelo and Bethel, in the Transvaal Colony, and charged the Boers, who fled in all directions and were pursued many miles by the British. As a result of this expedition eighty-two Boers and a quantity of stores were captured. The casualties were small.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—In reply to questions, Lord Stanley, financial secretary of the war office, declared there was no truth whatever in the report that the South African meat contractors, who will especially supply the British troops in that part of the world with refrigerated meat, would give preference to meat from Argentina. The new contracting firm had large interests in Australia, Lord Stanley said, and given a written undertaking that, as far as possible, all meats supplied, both alive and dead, should be secured from the various British colonies. LONDON, Jan. 28.—Cabling from Cape Town on the meat question, the correspondent of the Daily Mail points out that the rapid diminution of live stock makes the future of supplies for the troops a world wide and not a purely colonial matter. The correspondent says a large number of live oxen must accompany the British columns on trek, and that for this purpose the Argentine beasts are not sufficiently docile and tractable.

A BAD INDIAN.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Jan. 27.—Fred Tiner, a full-blood Shawnee Indian, who was alleged to have outraged three Shawnee squaws last Thursday, was tied to a stake to be burned to death by members of his tribe, men and women. He was first cruelly tortured. His face was beaten out of shape, his ears were nearly torn off by squaws, and other horrible torments were being applied when Deputy U. S. Marshal Davies arrived from Arbock, O. T. He held the man back with a gun, cut the thongs, backed away from the crowd with his prisoner, and safely escaped to Weweska, where Tiner was placed in jail.

GOLD IN THE WEST.

LACROSSE, Wis., Jan. 27.—This city is experiencing an intense cold spell. Thermometers registered 15 below. Loss to stock is reported from the country. CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Tonight the wind, which had blown a hard gale all day, died away and the cold was not as hard to endure, although the temperature was as low as last night. The coldest of the day was 8 below at 8 a. m. Tonight it was 4 below and falling slowly.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A Premier Who Will Not be Bluffed by Laurier. VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 27.—Premier Dunsmuir has addressed a long letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, protesting against the latter's failure to answer the memorial presented by Dunsmuir and Attorney General Eberts last winter. He has also addressed another letter to the voters of the province, asking them to stand together, and, if Laurier refuses, to carry their grievances to the foot of the throne. Schr. Havelock, from Annapolis, which arrived at Barbados on the 15th, reports lost a small piece of her forehead.

BIG EXPRESS ROBBERY

On the Southern Railway, Near Branchville, S. C.

A Train Held Up, the Safe Rifled, and Then Permitted to Go on Its Way.

BRANCHVILLE, S. C., Jan. 27.—A carefully planned and audacious express robbery occurred about 7 o'clock this evening on the Southern railroad when the passenger train from Charleston reached nearly the exact site of the successful robbery of two years ago, five miles from Branchville. Seven or eight men were riding on the platform between the engine and baggage car, concealed by the darkness. None were masked. At the fifty-mile board two men crawled over the tender and covered the engineer, John Reynolds, with Winchester. They fired two shots, one ball passing through Reynolds' cap. Fireman Coghlan escaped by jumping off. Conductor Black, who ran out, was covered and ordered back. By order of these men, a brakeman uncoupled the express car, mail and baggage cars, which were taken to fifty-eight station, leaving the rest of the cars on the main line. Here several shots were fired into the express car and one man climbed up, covered Express Messenger Hall with a Winchester and compelled him to open the door. Three men entered the car and stripped the local safe. After threatening Hall with instant death if he did not open the through safe, and finding he knew nothing of the combination, the safe was rolled out on the platform. Then the engineer was ordered to return with the three cars to the train and he obeyed, bringing the train without further incident to Branchville. Nothing was seen of the men or the safe on passing. There were only a small amount of booty in the local safe, and no one here knows the contents of the through safe. No mail or baggage was touched, and no passengers were molested. The robbers took the pistols from the only employes who were armed, and resistance was out of the question. No measures have been taken so far to follow the robbers.

Their leader is supposed to be Barton Warren, who was arrested on a charge of having robbed the Southern express car just below Branchville in the fall of 1899 single handed. OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—An order in council has been passed concerning the system of licensing United States fishing vessels operating in Canadian waters on the Atlantic for the year 1902. Application will be made to parliament at its next session to incorporate a line from Kitimat inlet, thence to Dawson. Invitations are out for a state dinner at Government House, February 13th, the day of the opening of parliament. A cable to the governor general announced the death of Henry Arthur of the S. A. C. from enteric fever. His father is Wm. Arthur of Oil Springs, Ont. OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—The well known Hotel Cecil was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The conflagration commenced in the top story and is thought to have originated from an electric wire. Fortunately all the guests escaped, but there were many narrow escapes. The building and contents were insured for \$20,000. Ald. James Davidson, the owner, stands to lose forty or fifty thousand dollars. While Hon. Mr. Blair has been confined to his residence the past few days, it is with an attack of indigestion and not from any serious trouble. When recently in New York, Mr. Blair consulted an eminent specialist, who pronounced him entirely free from any organic disease and said that his present symptoms were due to recent severe mental strain on top of the hard work he had been doing for some time. All that the minister needed, said the physician, was rest and proper diet to fit him for the business of the coming session of parliament.

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New York Central Purchases Canada's Best Paying Railway.

Cannot Do Much Business With Norway—The Writ for Lisgar.

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OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—An interview tonight Dr. Seward Webb of New York remarked: "You may say that I have had a conference lasting for an hour and a half with J. B. Booth this afternoon and that probably by tomorrow afternoon the transfer of the Canada Atlantic system to the New York Central will have been consummated. It will be a pretty good thing for Ottawa, don't you think?" Dr. Webb is the general manager of the country. The purchase price of the road is said to be ten millions. C. E. Sontum, Canada's agent in Norway, writing to the department of trade and commerce, says that trade is not good in that country, and that Norway's mercantile marine is suffering for lack of freight. Lumber mills in many cases have had to shut down for want of water. The writ for Lisgar has been issued. Nomination takes place February 11; polling 13th.

LAI'D AT REST

Obsequies of Late Mrs. Dibblee Largely Attended—Beautiful Floral Tributes.

(Frederickton Gleaser, 27th.) The remains of the late Mrs. G. Y. Dibblee, whose very sad death occurred at Milton, Mass., on Friday last, arrived here on Saturday evening in charge of Mr. Dibblee. A number of friends were at the sorrowing home to prepare it for receiving all that was mortal of its late mistress, among them being Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allen Dibblee of Woodstock. Many friends called yesterday to extend their condolence to Mr. Dibblee in his bereavement and to proffer their sympathy.

Floral tributes lay in the drawing-room in a beautiful broadcloth covered casket with silver mountings, and were surrounded by handsome floral tributes, among them being: Broken column, staff of Mr. Dibblee's spouse; Cross, Miss Murray; Cross, Mrs. Wardroper, St. John; Wreath, Mayor and Mrs. Crockett; Wreath, Miss Hatheway, Tacoma. Flat bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith; Flat bouquet, Auditor General and Miss Beek; Bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Winslow.

The funeral took place from the late home at three o'clock this afternoon, and the heavy rain was largely unheeded. After a brief service at the house the body was conveyed to the Cathedral, where service was solemnized by Very Rev. Dean Partridge, assisted by Rev. Mr. Bedell, the pastor, rendering appropriate music. Interment was made at the old burial ground, off Brunswick street, beside the remains of the parents and brother of the deceased lady. The pall-bearers were six gentlemen from the Cathedral, A. A. Sterling, A. F. Street, T. E. Ryan, F. S. Hayward, G. T. Whelpley and A. J. Greer. The chief mourners were Geo. Y. Dibblee, J. T. A. Dibblee, J. B. Sutcliffe, Col. Marsh, John Frink, J. A. Frink, A. A. Barker, G. M. Barker, Wm. Barker, R. S. Barker, Wm. Levesque, M. Lemait, Arthur Ryan, William Milligan, Russell Gillies, John Tappin, Col. Loggie, W. T. Whitehead, John McIntosh. The cortege was a large and representative one and was indicative of the esteem in which the deceased lady was held and of the universal sympathy for the bereaved husband.

WITH HOWARD'S SCOUTS.

South Africa, Tells the Famous Soldier Met His Death at the Hands of Boers.

Star Sergeant J. A. Patton, who lives near Dundalk, Ont., has arrived in the city from South Africa, in company with Sergeant Pape of Howard street. Both of them have been with the Canadian Scouts, and deny that the members of that corps have been complaining about the British officers under whom they served. Patton felt very sore because the papers had published the 'New York despatch' to that effect. He went out to South Africa with the Canadian Mounted Rifles and when that regiment returned to Canada he stayed in Africa as one of G. Howard's Canadian Scouts, expecting to remain about six months longer. Referring to Howard's death, Patton says the gallant major took out a patrol of 30 men, of which he was one. Howard called a halt at the top of a ridge, saying that there was a possibility of a trap, and he went, accompanied by his orderly, to the summit. "It was a miserable day," said Patton, "one of the worst we experienced during the whole time I was in Africa. The rain was falling, and you could not see more than a few yards in front of you. Two or three minutes after Major Howard went down the hill, we heard a volley, and of course, we went to see what it meant. We had to single file down the hill, and we came upon two wagons. Captain Ross led up, and Patton went on to relate the details of a short engagement with the Boers, who were ascending the opposite hill. "Where is G. Howard?" someone asked. A sergeant lying dead behind the line of the wagons, with five bullet holes in him. Northwest was lying riddled with bullets. Patton says he saw the major's legs, and the Kafir, shot through both legs, was groaning at about 20 yards to Howard's right. The Kafir related the details of the event that Boers behind the wagons had covered Howard and compelled him to throw up his hands. The native was not sure that the Boers searched the major's clothes, but they apparently did so, as his revolver was gone. The Kafir succumbed to his wounds shortly after relating the story.

RICHIBUCTO BOY

Dangerously Ill With Enteric Fever in South Africa.

RICHIBUCTO, N. B., Jan. 27.—Wm. Long received word today that his son John, who joined the South African Constabulary last spring, is dangerously ill with enteric fever at Heidelberg. A STORY OF TENNYSON. There is a story of Tennyson told by a man of letters still living, says M. A. P. He had gone down to see Tennyson at his house in Haslemere, and the two friends went out for a walk. They had not gone far when they saw two other pedestrians approaching. Tennyson got very excited, exclaimed that these creatures would stare him out of countenance, and put his great feet—sprung his face, so as to partially conceal it from their irreverent and common gaze. But the tourists, all unconscious of the great presence they were passing, walked on, and they turned with a look of anguish and surprise on his face and said, "Why, they didn't look at me!"

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MONTREAL.

Prefontaine Will be the Next Mayor.

Pulled the Wires and Deal the Cards. (Special to the Sun.) MONTREAL, Jan. 27.—The municipal election is at white heat tonight. This afternoon application was made to Judge Langelier for a mandamus ordering the city clerk to restore Mayor Prefontaine's name to the ballot paper. The judge granted it. It will be remembered that four candidates were nominated. One, Dr. Lachapelle, was nominated in the belief that nobody but a Frenchman could beat Prefontaine. Wilson Smith, a former mayor, was nominated because it was the turn of an English speaking mayor. James Cochrane nominated himself because he considered a scheme was on foot to force Wilson Smith on an unwilling electorate. Matters were complicated by the fact that Prefontaine had about ten days previously sailed for Europe. Cable communication was opened with him, and finally it was decided that the retirement of a candidate shall be made personally. In Mr. Prefontaine's absence this of course had to be done by proxy through power of attorney. The fight was then left between Smith and Cochrane. It is said that a canvass of the city showed indications that Smith would be beaten by thousands.

It is charged that Smith and Prefontaine represent the same interests. A writ of mandamus was asked for, and Prefontaine was restored to the ballot, because his withdrawal, not being made personally, was illegal. Smith will not withdraw, and the contest will be between Prefontaine and Cochrane. The election of the former is practically certain. It is charged by supporters of Cochrane that the whole affair was a carefully planned game in which Prefontaine's departure for Europe was the first move.

IDENTIFIED GORDON.

HALIFAX, Jan. 27.—Detective Hyndman of the Manitoba provincial police arrived tonight. He positively identifies Gordon, alias John Grey of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, as the man wanted for the Whitewater murder.

HALIFAX, Jan. 27.—Another step in the two-year-old tragedy at White-water, Manitoba, was taken yesterday afternoon, when Walter Gordon, alias John Gray, of the C. M. R., the prisoner at the police station, was positively identified as the man for whom the police of Winnipeg have been looking. Today the warrant for the arrest of Gordon, sworn out at Winnipeg, will be endorsed by the Halifax authorities, and the prisoner will leave the city by the 2.45 train. This afternoon Detective W. R. Hyndman of the Manitoba provincial police arrived in Halifax. Shortly after he landed, Detective Hyndman with Detective Power visited the police station. They entered the cell occupied by Gordon. "Hello, Gordon," said Detective Hyndman. Gordon replied: "I don't know you; my name is not Gordon, at the same time extending his hand. 'I think before I am through with you I will be able to prove that your name is Gordon.' was the detective's rejoinder. There was no further conversation. Detective Hyndman says he saw Gordon at Beauséjour some weeks previous to the murder, and remembers him well. When Gordon enlisted in the C. M. R. in British Columbia he gave his next of kin as J. Gordon, Brooklin, Ont.

BOULDER.

Board of Health Fighting Smallpox on Wholesale Scale.

BOSTON, Jan. 27.—The board of health sent its physicians more than 100 into South Boston today to repeat its experiment of wholesale vaccination tried in East Boston yesterday. Other sections will be canvassed in the same way until the entire city is covered. The object of general and compulsory vaccination is to find any hidden or suspected cases and to make a determined effort to stamp out the disease. Over 400,000 persons in Boston have been vaccinated since the fall.

SMALLPOX AT HALIFAX.

Another Case Discovered on Sunday by the Authorities.

HALIFAX, Jan. 26.—Fanny Riley was found today suffering with smallpox. Her brother, some time ago went to the dispensary for a prescription, when he was found to have the disease. First, he is industrious. Second, have a settled plan. Third, be everlastingly persistent in both.—Leland Stanford.

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