

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Feb. 15—Coastwise—Schooner Fanny May 79, Cheney, from Grand Harbor. E. S. Oliver, E. Harkins, and E. B. Colwell, 15, Thompson, from sailing.

Clear.

Feb. 16—Sch Evolution, Gale, for Greenville Bay, Grenada. Theina, Miller, for Annapolis. E. M. Oliver, Harkins, for sailing.

Canadian Ports.

At Annapolis, Feb. 17, sch Avalon, Howard, from New York. At Yarmouth, Feb. 15, bkta Hillside, Morrell, from New York.

British Ports.

At London, Feb. 17, str Daltonhall, from St. John; str St. John City, from Halifax. At Liverpool, Feb. 15, str Courier, Quinton, from New Orleans via Norfolk; Feb. 19, Ashanti, from St. John.

Foreign Ports.

At Ship Island, Feb. 12, sch Charles, Cosman, from Liverpool. At New Bedford, Feb. 14, sch Carrie Bell, from South America.

Clear.

At New York, Feb. 14, ship Lizzie Burdill, Spur, for Buenos Ayres. At Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 14, schs Thomas Rogers, Rogers, for Bath; Gladstone, Milberry, for Guadaloupe.

Memoranda.

Passed Kinalee, Feb. 14, str Courier, Quinton, from New Orleans via Norfolk for Liverpool. In port at Buenos Ayres, Jan. 4, sch La Plata, Sloan, for Cape Town, ready.

Spooken.

Str. Yola, Birchman, from Bristol for Halifax, Feb. 9, lat. 39.06, lon. 29.45.

Notice to Mariners.

TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 15—Notice is given by the Lighthouse Board that the spar buoy, black, No. 51, and Gosse Island flat (upper buoy), red, No. 26 B, in the wreck of the schooner, sunk off Nixon's Ship Yard, near the junction of Newark Bay and Arthur Kill, New Jersey, has been discontinued.

Reports.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Feb. 13—The schr

BUDGET OF GOOD NEWS.

(Continued from First Page.)

Rebecca A. Tullane, Captain Smith, lumber laden, from Jacksonville to Boston, 23 got in here in a disabled condition after 23 days out. When six days out she broke her rudder head and drifted for two days.

BOSTON, Feb. 13—The Dominion Atlantic steamer Prince George, Captain McKinnon, which was due here at 9 o'clock this morning from Yarmouth, had not arrived at 7 o'clock.

BRITAIN—At Wotville, N. S., Feb. 14th, to the wife of H. L. Brittain, Principal of Horton Academy, a son.

MARRIAGES.

GODDARD-BERRY—At the home of the bride, Sunset, on Feb. 14th, by Rev. J. C. Camp, Frank Goddard, of Springdale, to Miss Cora L. Berry.

DEATHS.

BACON—At Greenwick, Kings Co., N. B., on Feb. 17th, 1899, Wilfred J. W. Bacon, aged 23 years and 10 months, beloved son of Margaret J. and Thomas H. Bacon.

AT WHITE'S COVE.

WHITE'S COVE, Queens Co., Feb. 15.—John McFee and Bernard Kelly drove to St. John Tuesday with heavy loads of beef, poultry, butter and buckwheat flour.

GEO. E. TUCKETT DIED.

HAMILTON, Feb. 19.—George E. Tuckett, proprietor of Tuckett & Sons Co., manufacturers of tobacco, died early this morning from pneumonia at his home.

MARINE MATTERS.

Schr. Joseph Eaton, Jr., Capt. Greenlaw, from Perth Amboy for Boston, Feb. 14th, was struck by a schooner loaded with coal.

BRITISH OCCUPY DORDRECHT.

SPERKSTROOF, Cape Colony, Feb. 19.—The Boers evacuated Dordrecht during the night, retreating unopposed.

THE CAPTURED CONVOY.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The latest information in regard to the British convoy captured by the Boers at the Riet River, is contained in a despatch to the Evening News, dated Jacobdsdal, Feb. 18, 9 p. m.

BOER ACCOUNT OF RENSBURG FIGHT.

LOURENSO MARQUEZ, Monday, Feb. 19.—A correspondent who was with the Boer forces in the attack upon Rensberg gives further particulars regarding the capture of the Witshires.

FREE NATIONS ALL.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Already suggestions are being canvassed in the press as to how best to commemorate here in the heart of the empire the splendid sacrifices of Canada and Australia for the empire.

MEMORIAL.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 19.—Ex-Adj. Hugh Estabrook of this city was stricken with paralysis while working in his store on Friday last.

ence of definite information only seems to heighten the excitement caused by the persistent rumors that Commandant Cronje's army has been surrounded and captured.

It is noteworthy that the reports differ as to the whereabouts of Commandant Cronje and his pursuers. While there seems to be every reason to suppose that the retreating Boers are following the line of the Modder River, some of the telegrams from South Africa refer to them as being at or approaching Koffyfontein.

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The Standard's correspondent telegraphed from Chieveley that the British cleared the hills at the point of which the Boers evacuated Dordrecht.

A despatch to the Daily News from Chieveley indicates that the Boers did not wait for the bayonets, but retreated precipitately.

The news of the British occupation of Dordrecht and the surrounding hills is the latest from that neighborhood.

The correspondent of the Telegraph at Bird's River asserts that the position outside the town of Dordrecht is exceptionally strong.

LONDON, Feb. 20, 3.45 a. m.—A member of the cabinet told H. W. Lucy tonight that the war office had received a telegram announcing that Gen. Cronje was hopelessly surrounded.

Mr. Wyndham was beset by anxious members of the house, but would only reply that the government's news was extremely satisfactory.

The situation, as disclosed by correspondents over the Free State border, is tantalizing to the public expectation. The elementary facts are that the Boers are trekking eastward toward Bloemfontein.

The war office message communicated to Mr. Lucy seems to indicate that Lord Kitchener has either got ahead of the Boers or is about to realize his plan, and that the war office waits to announce a decisive result.

The Merchants' Bank of P. E. Island acknowledges the receipt of \$50 from Sir L. H. Davies towards the National Patriotic Fund Association.

Advertise in the Semi-Weekly Sun.

lor has captured Hlangwane Hill. Large numbers of Free Staters have left to meet Lord Roberts' force. It is believed that a number of Boer big guns have been taken back across the border.

The Kimberley correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing yesterday, says: "We now occupy all the hills to the right of Colenso, on this side of the Tugela, including Hlangwane, which the Boers evacuated last night (Sunday)."

CRONJE HOLDING HIS OWN. LOURENSO MARQUEZ, Feb. 19.—It appears from advices received here that the loot captured by the Burgheers yesterday near Koffyfontein included 3,000 head of cattle and a number of wagons, eighteen of which were loaded with provisions intended for the relief of Kimberley.

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wounded, but of the 200 Witshires 142 were captured, and of these 44 were wounded. "The suffering of the wounded from heat and thirst was intense. The Burgheers did their best to alleviate this, and many of the wounded were carried in blankets to Rensberg siding."

NEWFOUNDLAND. The Government Defeated and the Premier Will Resign. Fisheries and French Shore Modus Vivendi Bill Was Passed by Unanimous Vote, on Patriotic Grounds.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Feb. 19.—The Newfoundland government was defeated today on a vote of want of confidence, the vote standing: Government, 8; opposition, 15. For some months the legislature of Newfoundland has been split into two factions. Sir James Winter, government, knew that it could exist only so long as A. B. Morine and his followers maintained their allegiance to it.

OFFER A BOUNTY. LONDON, Feb. 19.—An army order issued tonight invites the reservists to rejoin the British army for some defence, and offers £22 bonus for those who do so.

WILL ASK COLONIAL OPINION. LONDON, Feb. 19.—Replying to a question in the house of commons today, George Wyndham, parliamentary secretary of the colonies, declared the government proposed to invite an expression of opinion from the colonial governments regarding the reorganization of the forces of the empire and kindred questions.

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