

Blue Ribbon
Ceylon Tea

TWENTY-THIRD YEAR

IS NOT KNOWN

Great Britain's Reply to the Dutch Communication Doubts the Ability of the Boer Delegates to Control Their Fellow-Countrymen in the Field.

London, Jan. 31.—The British reply to the Dutch note in regard to bringing about peace in South Africa was despatched yesterday to The Hague. Consequently, the meeting of the British cabinet today had nothing to do with the terms of the note, the contents of which are kept strictly secret, as the first publication of the text is intended to be made in parliament, Monday, Feb. 3.

The Associated Press has reason to believe, however, that its original summary of the Dutch communication was correct, with this addition, that the Dutch suggested that Wessels, Wolmarans and Fischer, the Boer delegates now in Europe, be permitted to go to South Africa in an endeavor to persuade the burghers in the field to surrender.

Great Britain's reply is not in the nature of a direct negative, tho it is not unlikely that it will have that effect, for while Lord Lansdowne, the Foreign Secretary, probably leaves a loophole for further suggestion, he doubts the ability of the Boer delegates to control their fellow-countrymen, and there seems little likelihood that the Dutch government can secure guarantees, in regard to the powers of the Boer delegates, satisfactory enough to induce Great Britain to accede to the original request.

AN APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT.

Boer's in Amsterdam Want Him to Intervene With Britain.

Amsterdam, Jan. 31.—Boer Delegates Fischer, Wolmarans and Wessels called this morning to President Roosevelt in Washington imploring his influence in saving the life of Boer Commandant Krizinger, who was sentenced to death by court-martial after his capture by the British under Lord Kitchener.

Ceaseless but unavailing efforts have been made by President Kruger and the Boer leaders in Holland to secure the release of the captive, but a deaf ear has been turned to their appeals. The British parliament refusing to intercede or take any action in the matter.

Commandant Krizinger was reported, and the report emanated from a high station, to have been shot to death at sundown a week ago. The Boer leaders believe the report was intended as a snare to induce Roosevelt to believe the sentence has been executed.

The United States to intervene in a last resort. If it passes unheeded, the life of the Boer commandant is despaired of.

KRIZINGER'S FATE.

No Confirmation of Report That Boer Has Been Executed.

London, Jan. 31.—The report that Commandant Krizinger was executed by Gen. French on Dec. 17, had been condemned to death is not confirmed here. It was announced from South Africa on Jan. 20 that Krizinger's trial would be begun this week, but nothing has since been heard of his fate.

The charges against Commandant Krizinger include four of murder, in addition to train wrecking and cruelty to prisoners.

DEPUTY AND HIS CLERK JAILED

For Stuffing Ballot Boxes

Sensation Created in St. James Division, Montreal, Where It Was Overdone.

Montreal, Jan. 31.—Two arrests took place today, the details of which will probably create a sensation throughout the Dominion. For days past there have been rumors to the effect that frauds of the most serious kind were perpetrated in the recent St. James' election contest between Aldermen Brunet and Mr. J. G. Bergeron, and the few details which have leaked out would seem to indicate that the Elgin and other fraudulent manoeuvres will pale into insignificance compared with the wholesale forgery and theft that were accomplished in St. James' division.

As a result of the revelations two men are in jail, and it is understood that seventeen more arrests will follow. Mr. Bergeron and his Conservative friends were being convicted that they could not get justice at the hands of any committee that might be formed of the present parliament, resolved to bring the culprits before the criminal courts, hence their energetic action, and the end is not yet.

Eight Not on List.
The ex-member for Beauharnois began with poll No. 37, and, altho the number of registered voters was 89, that fewer than 84 ballots were found in the box at the close of the poll; 4 only being marked for the Conservative candidate. This poll Rodolphe Hetu acted as deputy returning officer and J. M. N. Desy represented the Boer faction. It is now expected that the election was stolen.

HOMELIER THAN LINCOLN.

Chaplain William Hastings, Formerly of Toronto, Passes Away in Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus, O., Jan. 31.—William Hastings, formerly of Toronto, known locally as "a homelier man than Lincoln," died yesterday. He kept to the day of his death a pocket knife which he said was given him by Lincoln for being a homelier man than he. Hastings was a chaplain in the civil war, and became well acquainted with the President, who finally handed him the knife one day, saying it had been given him by a man who asked him to give it to a homelier man than he was if he ever met such a man.

STORY OF FAVORITE PRESIDENT'S KNIFE

Which Was Presented to Him Because He Was Not a Picture of Beauty.

Anderson, Ind., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Victoria Mary Wild, wife of a Toronto preacher, dying in Indiana.

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE QUEEN

Which So Excited Her That It Surprised Paralysis—Worked as a Dressmaker.

Brooklyn, N.Y., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Victoria Mary Wild, 64 years old, was stricken with paralysis to-day and is reported dying to-night. Early in the week she received a letter from the Queen of England thanking her for a letter, a photograph and a record of genealogy. Mrs. Wild claimed to be of royal blood. She reviewed her ancestry from Earl of Anjou and King of Jerusalem down thru the Corwen family. By the Queen's letter Mrs. Wild assumed her views were recognized by royalty and was exceedingly happy. It is thought this excitement superinduced paralysis. Her brother says Mrs. Wild's husband is a preacher now living in Toronto. Many years ago Rev. Mr. Wild, it is said, preached for a long time in Toronto and later in Brooklyn. Mrs. Wild has been several months. She worked as a dressmaker. She was born in Canada. Relatives in Brooklyn have been called.

If you have bottle or case of champagne or the choicest liquors, Tel. 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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TWELVE PAGES—SATURDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 1 1902—TWELVE PAGES

STEAMSHIP LINES COMBINE KEPT FAITH WITH WOMAN BIDDLE BROTHERS CAUGHT

All the Main Systems Running Out From New York Enter Into a Rate Compact.

Thrilling Story of Fight, Late in the Afternoon, Between Eight Police and the Escaping Murderers.

EDWARD MORTALLY AND JOHN BADLY WOUNDED

Mrs. Soffel Shoots Herself When She Sees That Further Flight Is Impossible—One Prisoner Emphatically Declares He Is Innocent of Charges.

Pittsburg, Jan. 31.—A telegram from Butler, at 9:30 p.m., says: Edward Biddle in jail today. John Biddle riddled with buckshot and in a precarious condition and Mrs. Peter K. Soffel lying in the hospital with a self-inflicted bullet wound in the breast is the sequel of the sensational escape of the Biddle brothers from the Allegheny County Jail, aided by Mrs. Soffel, the wife of the jail warden, on Thursday morning.

The story of the close of the Biddle tragedy, which came at 5:45 this afternoon, is a thrilling one. The scene was a snow-covered road two miles east of Prospect, Butler County, near Mount Cheshnut, and the exact place was at McClure's barn, where two double-barreled shotguns, filled with eight-gauge shot, three of them Pittsburg detectives—John Booth, Albert Swinshart and Charles McGovern—met the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel in a one-horse sleigh, stolen at Pottsville, and at once opened fire on the trio. The Biddles returned the fire at jumping out of the sleigh.

Both Biddles Shot.
Edward Biddle was shot in the left arm, in the breast and in one leg. John Biddle was riddled with buckshot in the breast and head.

The Pittsburg officers were met at Butler this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff R. H. Hoot and Officers Frank Holbert and Aaron Thompson. The officers were certain that they were on the right track. It was only a question of time when they would catch up to the escaping condemned murderers and their guilty companion. The Biddles and Mrs. Soffel sat dinner at J. J. Stephens', at Mount Cheshnut, five miles east of Butler.

They had made a detour of the Town of Butler, and, after going several miles east, turned north and then west. The Pittsburg officers, only a few miles in the rear, took the wrong road for about eight miles, but when they found their mistake, they made up for lost time by telephoning and telegraphing ahead for fresh horses. They reached Mount Cheshnut not less than half an hour after the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel. At this point William Watson, a storekeeper, had fresh horses available and the chase began anew.

Drove to Their Doom.
The two sleighs, with the eight officers aboard, started westward and met the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel at McClure's barn, two miles from Mount Prospect. The Biddles having learned that they were almost overtaken, and taking what they considered the only chance, had driven eastward and met their doom.

The Pittsburg and other officers were armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers of large caliber. They shot to kill, and their aim was perfect. The Biddles tried to kill the last of their stragglers, but not one of the eight officers has a wound as the result of the battle. When the detectives got within 60 yards of the fugitives, they opened fire. The Biddles promptly answered with shotgun and revolver. Mrs. Soffel, too, stood up in the sleigh with a revolver in each hand, and blazed away at her pursuers. When Ed. Biddle fell, and she was about to be captured, she fired a bullet into her breast. An examination by physicians shows that she will recover, as the bullet was deflected by her corset, and the wound is comparatively slight.

Ed. Biddle got a bullet in the breast, penetrated his right lung, and will probably die before morning. John Biddle may recover, his wounds, the numerous, falling to reach a vital spot. The escape of the officers is miraculous. The Biddles have demonstrated on several occasions that they were good marksmen, and why they should have failed to-day to bring down their men is a mystery.

After the Biddles fell to the snow-covered ground, the officers picked up the apparently lifeless bodies of Mrs. Soffel and the Biddles and came back to Butler, bringing the stolen sleigh, patched-up harness and worn-out horse that the trio had tried so strenuously to get away with toward Canada and liberty.

Ed. Biddle's Statement.
At the jail to-night, Ed. Biddle called for a priest, and made the following statement: "I have been accused of a great many serious crimes, I admit that I could have committed many of the opportunities for them having presented themselves. I want to say now that I did not kill Detective Fitzgerald, nor did I shoot Thomas Kahney, nor was my brother implicated in the crime for which I was about to be executed, and he never treated his wife as he should. He broke the heart of the mother of the boys. With the death of their parents, the Biddles were given into the care of their uncle, Ben McQuade, who was reputed to be a demon when the ladies were around. In fact, the day he committed suicide, in the presence of his aged mother, it is said that he first threatened to kill the Biddle boys.

So there was little wonder when the boys went wrong. They left Amherstburg, presently, but visited there shortly before the Pittsburg affair, and the folks around the town were reminded of old Ben McQuade by the actions of the Biddles. They have relatives in Amherstburg yet, and a sister resides in Detroit.

HAD BEEN ILL LONG.
Pittsburg, Jan. 31.—Says Warden Soffel to-night: "Think of my children. Their future will be bright. I would rather have died than come to this. To think that my wife, the last person whom I would suspect, should do so." Mrs. Soffel has two girls, 15 and 13 years old, and two boys, 10 and 7 years old.

The friends of Mrs. Soffel believe she could not have been in her right mind. For several years she has been an invalid, and about one year ago she was sent to a sanitarium. She came back much improved, but the long and painful illness is believed to have weakened her mind.

EGYPT'S GIGANTIC SCHEME.

First Step Made to Increase Water Supply of Nile.

Cairo, Jan. 31.—The Emperor Menelik has given his permission for the exploration of the regions round Lake Tzana in Abyssinia, and Sir W. Garstin intends going there shortly to study the irrigation question.

LORD LYTON ENGAGED.

Novelist's Grandson to Wed Miss Francis Howden.

London, Jan. 31.—The engagement is reported of Lord Lyton to Miss Francis Howden, a young lady who has been reported to be engaged at least half a dozen times. But this time it is believed to be correct. Lord Lyton is a young man, altho one of the London weekly papers came out the other day with a portrait of his father, instead of himself as the recorder of the address in the House of Lords.

ROBIN WILL ACCEPT.

Winnipeg, Jan. 31.—Premier Roblin will probably accept the invitation extended Colonial Premiers to attend the convention proceedings in London in June.

CHILI ORDERS HAYONETS.

London, Jan. 31.—The Daily Mail says that Chili has ordered 15,000 bayonets from a firm at Solingen, Germany, with the condition that they be delivered as promptly as possible.

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NEARLY A MILLION A DAY COSTS TO CARRY THE WAR

On Jan. 1 There Were 237,800 British Troops in South Africa—General French Captures Twenty-Six Men Belonging to Fouché's Commando, Completely Scattering It.

London, Jan. 31.—The War Secretary, Mr. Brodrick, in introducing a supplementary estimate of £5,000,000, in the House of Commons to-day, said that it brought the total cost of the war for the present year up to £61,070,000.

On Jan. 1 there were still 237,800 British troops in South Africa. The expense of the war had now been reduced to about £4,600,000 per month.

French Takes Fouché's Men.
Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Pretoria, dated Thursday, Jan. 30, reports that the camp of Colonel L. E. DuMoulin of the Sussex Regiment was attacked by Njwoudt's commando, and that, after severe fighting, the Boers were repulsed.

Lord Kitchener also reports that General French captured 26 men belonging to Fouché's commando in the northwestern part of Cape Colony, and that the commando was completely scattered.

INDIA SENDS 6000 MEN.
Time-Expired Soldiers Will Fight in South Africa.
Calcutta, Jan. 31.—Six thousand men, who but for the Boer war would have been time-expired, will embark at Bombay for South Africa in three batches, sailing respectively on February 3, February 17 and at the beginning of March.

Each British regiment in India is sending with its quota one officer, who will return later with an equivalent number of young soldiers from the seat of war.

INDIA WILL SEND LORD KITCHENER SOLDIERS FOR UNMANNED TROOPS.
Boers Kill Kaffirs.
Wessels' Men Ambush British and Shoot a Scout.

Grant Relief, Jan. 31.—Brink and Davies, two of Colonel Dorman's scouts, together with two Kaffirs, were recently ambushed by Wessels' men near Murrayburg. The Boers allowed the party to approach within a hundred yards, when they fired a volley. Brink was mortally wounded. The Boers then killed the Kaffirs. A party of Myburgh's rebels looted a farm near Ladysmith, and extracted a fine of £25.

Sifton is Branded as a Liar By Ex-Liberal Richardson

Only an Infernal Scoundrel Would Say Latter Violated Secrecy of Caucus.

Winnipeg, Jan. 31.—The Tribune tonight says: At a Liberal meeting in Crystal City Thursday night, the Hon. Clifford Sifton, who usually restricts himself to closed doors when whispering his calumnies about opponents, came out openly and made a charge which, for contemptibility, cowardice and untruthfulness eclipses anything he has attempted for a long time.

He charged that the reasop party countenanced had been withdrawn from Mr. Richardson because he had violated the secrecy of caucus.

Nobody but an infernal scoundrel would make such a charge, knowing the facts as Mr. Sifton's enemies know. Fortunately, documentary evidence exists which proves the absolute falsehood of Mr. Sifton's statement.

Mr. Richardson, when he discovered that Mr. Sifton, in the words of his reverent friend, Dr. Douglas, M.P., had

NEARLY FROZEN TO DEATH.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Napoleon Landry started one day last week to walk from a shanty on the Mattawa to the nearest station. It was bitter cold, which for contemptibility, cowardice and untruthfulness eclipses anything he has attempted for a long time.

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JURY DISAGREED.

Lethbridge, N.V.T., Jan. 31.—A trial which has occupied the court here for the past four days, known as the "Joiner case," an alleged attempted murder, and which has excited much local interest, came to an unexpected end yesterday afternoon when the jury, after deliberating for several hours, returned a verdict of acquittal.

SEAT BOLD FOR \$10,000.

Messrs. Osborne and Francis have purchased for \$10,000 a seat on the Toronto Stock Exchange, held until now by a well-known member of that board.

HOW KUYPER LOOKS.

Dr. Kuyper, the Dutch Premier, is a portly man of strong Calvinistic tendency and a vigorous personality. He is said to be in excellent health, and to drop his plans until something has been accomplished.

A TRIFLE WARMER.

Metropolitan Office, Toronto, Jan. 31.—(8 p.m.)—Decidedly low temperatures prevailed this morning in the Northwest Territories and the Ottawa Valley, but the weather generally in the Dominion has been fair, with scattered snow flurries.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 32-35; Kamloops, 0-22; Edmonton, 20 below; Prince Albert, 31 below; Qu'Appelle, 24 below; Winnipeg, 10 below; Port Arthur, 2-24; Pelly, South, 8 below; Toronto, 8-27; Ottawa, 10 below; Montreal, 10 below; Quebec, 10 below; Halifax, 4-28.

Probabilities.
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Snow flurries, but partly fair with a little higher temperature to-day. Followed by colder again at night. Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Cloudy, with light snow flurries and moderate temperatures. Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Cloudy, with light snow flurries and a little higher temperature to-day. Maritime Provinces—Partly cloudy, with light snow flurries. West coast of British Columbia—Partly cloudy, with light snow flurries. New York