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pleted, Corp. Youngson and Pte. Wil-STORY OF PAARDEBERG, dns again picked up their burden and OF ADD TO TOT made a fresh start for the rear. The fire, according to all accounts, was ex-How Two Montrealers Carried ceptionally heavy, and the space over which they had to go was absolutely Captain Arnold Out of the devoid of any protection or shelter whatever, such as shrubs or trees. It Firing Line. was an open tract of ground on the

Deserve Victoria Cross-Such is the Opinion of Captain Fraser Who was an Eye Witness of the Brave Deed.

(Montreal Star.) This is a story of Paardeberg-the record of a gallant deed in which the principal figures were two Canadiansboth of them citizens of Montreal and

members of E Company of the Royal

Canadian Regiment, or first contingent. Their names-Sergt. (at that time Corpl.) J. S. Youngson, formerly color-sergeant of No. 3 Company of the Royal Scots; and Pte. W. Wilkins of No. 2 Company of the same regiment. Their deed-The carrying of wounded Capt. Arnold of the British Columbia Company over a tract of bulletswept ground from the firing line to the field hospital, 1,800 yards in rear of that line. "I am convinced that a more gallant

deed has not marked the progress of the present war," writes Gapt. Fraser of E Company to the Star, in describing that event, and the readers of the Star will doubtless come to a similar conclusion when they have perused this tale of Canadian pluck, valor and heroism.

In the opinion of the gallant captain, "the Victoria Cross has been given for less meritorious deeds." It is pleasing to know, therefore,

that an effort is about to be made to secure at least the distinguished service medal, if not the Cross, for the heroes of this story. The knowing ones, or rather those

conversant with the exploit, among them being the officers and members of E Company and Capt. Gardiner of the Scottish Rifles, are of one opinion in regard to the matter, namely, that the Cross is none too good for these men.

CAPTAIN FRASER'S DESCRIPTION And now for the story, which, per-

haps, is best told in the language of Capt. Fraser, who witnessed the daring deed, and who, in response to a letter asking for reliable details, has cent the following to the Star: "The incident happened during our

first engagement on the morning of February 18. It was about 11 o'clock. I should say, when we entered the firing line. Immediately before moving forward, however, I noticed Capt. Arnold, or rather the body of an officer-for at that time I did not know who the wounded man was-lying on by the firing line. a stretcher with a stretcher-bearer beside him. I called to the bearer-the distance was about fifty yards-and asked him who the officer was. He

H. M. S. DISCOVERY. The British Government's New

Ant-Arctic Expedition.

Not very much has been heard of the and when the new year opens the British National Antarctic expedition, British national Antarctic expedition but arrangements are forging ahead, will set seriously about organizing the more minute details of its important and nothing is more certain than that a good ship called the Discovery will project .- London Mail. sail away towards the South Pole in

distant about two thousand yards from nine months' time. Sir Clements Markham, president of the firing line, and 2,500 yards away the Royal Geographical society, is the from the Boer position, on the banks chief organizer of the expedition.

A German national expedition will As they made their way thither the start with the British expedition in bullets continued to drop around them August, and it has been inferred by on every side, and for some considerable time it was doubtful if any of the those who do not understand the printhree would reach their destination ciples upon which the two expeditions, but more especially the British, have been planned, that they were working THEY GAVE HIM A DRINK. and would work in rivalry. There

When they had covered 1,500 yards was to be a mad rush southwards by the Discovery and the German craft, of the distance they met a British officer, who gave them a flask of rum. which is still unnamed. This could hardly be farther from

Laying Capt. Arnold down, Corp. Youngson bent over him and asked the truth. The two expeditions are cohim if he would like a drink. operating in the closest and most friendly manner. In a sense it is al-And then a remarkable thing took most like one expedition. In these place, when it is remembered that one days of quiet but earnest preparation of the bullets which struck Capt. Arthe two are consulting each other upon nold entered his forehead and emerged every point of doubt and difficulty, and particularly upon the very im-"To my intense surprise," says Corp Youngson, "the captain opened his portant question of instruments. Demouth in response to my question. I tails of the proposed outfits are being mutually discussed, and every effort poured a few drops on his tongue. It is being made to give these two exwas evident that he was conscious, al-

peditions a quadruple value through though so terribly wounded, and that their fortunate association with each he relished the stimulant, for he other. Science should benefit im smacked his lips. I then said: 'Would you like a little bit more, sir?' and mensely, and not science only. again he opened his mouth by way of When they reach the far south they will separate, with a carefully-aranswer. I allowed him to swallow a ranged plan of work for each. few drops, and then asked him, 'Are The Antarctic regions have been you in very much pain, captain?" Slowly he moved his head from side divided into four quadrants. there is the Victoria quadrant, which to side, as if he wished to convey a extends from 90 deg. E. to 180 deg., and

includes Victoria Land; next there is RETURNED TO FIRING LINE. the Ross quadrant, from 180 deg. to 90 deg. W., south of the Pacific ocean; After the colonel had passed, Corp. third, the Weddell quadrant, from 90 Youngson and his companions carried deg. W. to 0 deg. (Greenwich meridian). Capt. Arnold to a cluster of trees, disthe Weddell Sea: and the remainder tent about 200 yards. There Corp. from 0 deg. to 90 deg. E., makes the Youngson made him a shelter by tak-Enderby quadrant, and includes Ening his (the captain's) coat and derby Land. Two quadrants have been spreading it over a tree. The latter assigned for exploration and research was thus protected from the burning to each expedition, the British taking rays of the midsummer sun. While the Victoria and Ross, and the Gerv aiting for the field surgeons, to whom mans the Weddell and Enderby. the stretcher-bearer had in the mean-

NEEDFUL THOUSANDS.

First

cage, Corp. Youngson dressed the The British government has conwound in Capt. Arnold's arm, bandtributed £45,000 towards the cost of the aging it up very carefully, and subseexpedition. and to that has been added quently supporting the arm by means another £45,000 which has been subof a sling made out of that officer's scribed from various sources, making £90,000 as the sum total in hand, and That finished, he left the captain in this, with all the expenses of fitting charge of Pte. Wilkins, and rejoined out, is just sufficient for a two years' his company, reaching the latter in sojourn in the Antarctic. Another time to participate in the series of ad-£20,000 would give another year out vances made on the enemy's position there, and make the work equal in point of time-value to that of the Ger-Such in brief is the story of Paardeman expedition. It is yet devoutly hoped that these extra needful thou-Such are the principal details of the gallant exploit in which the central sands will be added to the expedition's account. Otherwise the result can

astically into his new work. During the autumn he has been on board the Michael Sars, the Norwegian deep-sea sounding vessel, and has also con-ferred fully with Hjort and Dr. Nansen on subjects connected with dredging, deep-sea sounding apparatus, and sledge travelling. Arrangements are fast taking shape

CENTRE OF POPULATION

In the United States Has Moved East ward

(New York Sun.)

The centre of population of the United States, which in 1860, 1870 and 1880 was in Ohio, but in 1890 moved across the border into Indiana, is again in Ohio this year and probably on the Miami river to the north of Cincinnati and a little to the east of the present centre of population, which is at Westport, Decatur county, in southern Indiana, not far from the town of Greensburg. The first federal census was taken in 1790 and from that year continuously at every succeeding decennial census the centre of population moved steadily westward from the neighborhood of Buffalo in the first census to a point south of Fredericktown, Md., in 1810 to a point near Clarksville, in the present state of West Virginia, in 1840 and to the Ohio river in 1850. From that time on until 1890, the date of the

last census, the centre of population moved steadily westward in almost straight line to Westport, Ind., its variations above or below the line never having been so much as fifty miles. For the first sixty years of the last century the tendency was to the year in advance scuthward, but since then it has been

slightly to the north. This year, for the first time, the States has receded, and instead of being further west than it was ten years

ago is further east. The explanation is clear. The great gain in population shown by the census of 1900 has not states but in the manufacturing cities of northern and eastern states. Some

of the prairie states indeed have gained only a triffing percentage in population and no state without large cities has made, any material increase in

population. Taking the group of states beyond the Mississippi, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota and Colorado, seven states in all it is seen that they gained collectively in ten years 1,200,000. But the state of New York in the same period gained 1,270,000 in population, more than these seven states together. During the same ten years the population of Pennsylvania has increased 1,000,000 and Massachusetts nearly 600,000. The practical effect of such changes

has been to bring the centre of population nearer the east, and if there had



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that he had been shot. The bearer them citizens of Montreal and memreplied that it was Capt. Arnold, and also told me that, in attempting to bers of E company of the 1st contingremove the captain to a place of safe- ; ent.

ty, he, too, had been wounded in the knee, and that one of his comrades, in trying to assist him, had been killed. He also stated that Captain as the commanding officer of the 1st Arnold and he had been lying in the contingent, to lay them before the profield for some considerable time, and per authorities in England in order that if assistance did not reach them quickly both of them would be killed, matter. as the Boer fire was exceptionally heavy, and bullets were falling all

around them. "Realizing the desperate position of both men, I called for volunteers from my company to remove them to a place of safety. Two of my men, namely, Corp. (now Sergt.) Youngson, who was near me at the time, and Pte. Wilkins responded at once, and without the slightest hesitation rose from their places and crossed the fire zone to where Capt. Arnold and the stretcherbearer lay. At that time the Boer fire was heaviest, and I expected that my men would be wounded, if not killed, in running the gauntlet of bullets. They traversed the entire distance, however, in safety, and I soon had the pleasure of seeing them start with their precious burden towards the rear. The fire, I may say, became so hot at one time that they had to put down the stretcher and lay beside it.

They were in the midst of THE HAIL OF BULLETS,

and death little short of miraculous. When the fire had somewhat slackened, they again picked up their burden, and this time were successful in carrying the wounded to the rear. where it was ascertained that Capt.

tims to it, both being wounded. "I am glad you are taking this mat-

DRESSED CAPTAIN'S WOUND.

could not be more reliable-a number of additional details are gathered. After Corp. Youngson and Pte. Wilkins placed Capt. Arnold on the stretcher they carried him about 15

wounded stretcher-bearer, secured gauze, bandages and oilskin, and then returned. With these materials he stopped the flow of blood and bound up the wound, first using the wool pad. then the gauze, and afterwards the oilskin. Before applying these materials, however, he washed the wound with water from his water bottle-then

figures were two Canadians-both of Most of these details have been communicated to Col. Otter by Capt. Fraser, and it now remains for the former,

time been sent with an urgent mes-

top of a ridge overlooking the Boer position, and fully exposed to the ene-my's fire. It is no wonder, therefore,

that they often had to put their bur-

den down before they reached the vi-

cinity of the field hospital, which was

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near one of his ears.

negative reply."

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that some action may be taken in the CAPTAIN GARDINER'S STORY.

Capt. J. C. Gardiner of the 4th Scottish Rifles (the Cameronians) in a let-

ter to Lieut. Col. Ibbotson of the Royal Scots thus describes the gallant action of Corp. Youngson and Pte. Wilkins: "I would like to draw your attention to the exceptional galantry of two members of your corps, namely, Corp. J. S. Youngson and Pte. Wilkins, who at the first fight at Paardeberg, when Capt. Arnold of Manitoba was shot, and the stretcher section which went to bring him in from the firing line were also shot down, went out under a hellish fire and took Capt. Arnold back to a safe place. I think it my duty to bring this to your notice. It

is quite worthy of a V. C." This, from a British officer, is ex ceptional praise.

light upon the matter.

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and I consider their escape from injury

Arnold had been mortally wounded. "I certainly think that the action of Corp. Youngson and Pte. Wilkins is To the Editor of the Sun: deserving of the highest recognition on the part of the imperial authorities. The Victoria Cross has been awarded for less meritorius deeds. I may say that the fire faced by these basis. two men was such that two of my men, namely, Privates Turner of Quebec and Roberts of Montreal, fell vic-

ter up, for I am convinced that no more gallant deed has marked the progress of the present war."

Halifax, 140 miles, \$3,047 per mile. From another reliable source-it \$2,147 per mile. mile.

yards to the rear, where they were obliged to put him down owing to the heavy fire. While resting there Corp. Youngson commenced to dress the wound in the forehead of the unfortunate officer. He ran back to the

a precious liquid to the soldier in the field, and an article that could ill be spared even for such a humane pur- nounced by critics to be the best they pose as the cleansing of a wound. ever tasted. Her son, Vet. Major Mas-As soon as the dressing was com- sie, is in South Africa.

hardly be completely satisfactory. The British boat, the Discovery, is been very considerable gain in popushe will be launched in March, and a able to stand anything. Built something like a whaler, the Discovery is

few misgivings. She will not be quite so big, and is being constructed much one the lines of slightly modified Fram. The Fram was, however, essentially a ship for smooth water, and she would never have done for the seas of the Antarc-

To the certainly not very lengthy list of explorers in the most southern regions is to be added the name of Captain Scott, R. N. He is the man who has been chosen for the command of the Discovery and the leadership of the British expedition. It will in all for such a post?

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FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 3, 1900. Sir-Some doubt was expressed dur-

ing the last session at Ottawa as to whether the Drummond County portion of the I. C. R. was on a paying Some figures from the auditor general's report for 1898-99 have been placed in my hands, which throw some

viously had valuable experience which gave him a special qualification and Below is given a statement comparing the station receipts of the different made up for his excess of years. Parry, when he commanded his first sections of the I. C. R. for the year Arctic expedition, was only twenty-Main line, Nova Scotia, exclusive of eight.

ADVICE FROM DR. NANSEN.

Main dine, New Brunswick, 242 miles, Quebec to Chaudiere Jct, excluding city of Quebec, 291 miles, \$1,119 per the seventies? As a matter of fact, the very youngest officer who went out Main line Drummond Co. Railway to St. Rosalie, excluding Montreal, 115 miles. \$521 per mile.

Railway men will not, I believe, be prepared to say that \$521 per mile earnings will pay to run a first class road, equipped as the I. C. R. is. forced to decline.

Yours truly, BYSTANDER.

IN OLD SCOTCH STYLE.

51 KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 3 .- The haggis served at St. Andrew's Society dinner here was made by Mrs. William Massie, an esteemed Scotch lady eighty-four years of age. It was pro-

building at Dundee. If all goes well, lation in the south the new centre would be not far from Covington, Ky good serviceable boat it is believed she As it is, the southern states, though will prove-above all, a strong one. In | they have gained more in population the Antarctic, weather and conditions than those in the west-Florida has generally are of the very roughest gained 10,000 more population in ten sort, and it is necessary that the boat years than Colorado, and Kentucky which goes exploring there should be has gained 12,000 more than California -owe little advance to large cities within their border, for the south has kely to occasion her owners and crew few of them and, moreover, the ratio of increase in the colored population

Now, the German boat, which is in is smaller than among white inhabitbuilding at Kiel, is of a lighter sort. ants. With the exception of New Orleans, there are no large cities in the south, according to the northern standthe Fram. She will, in fact, be a ard, and on this account the trend of population has been slightly to the north of Cincinnati rather than to the south of that city, as it would have been if some of the states of the south had shown a little larger gain in ten years than they have.

MAY HAPPEN SOME DAY. (Washington Post.)

"I can see a marked difference between the ways of the North and the South," he the British expedition. It will in all said to the policeman who had ordered him likelihood be asked, Who is Captain to move en. "Do you know what a New Scott, and what qualifications has he York policeman did for me only six weeks ago?

'Run you in, probably." was answered. Put the question to Sir Clements Markham, and you will find him more emphatic than perhaps on any other feature of the whole business. "Cap-tain Scott is a first-class man, and the very best man we could possibly have found for our purpose. He has our utmost confidence!"

"That certainly showed a feeling for you." "It did, sir. He not only did that, but, years of age, and cannot be said to have had any practical experience which qualifies aim as Polar explorer-in-chief to the British nation. The truth is that normal conditions cannot govern an appointment of this sort. It is quite necessary in the first place to have a young man for work of such a severe character in which strength of constitution and bodily energy play so important a part. At forty a man is too old. Sir James Ross conducted an Antarctic expedition when he was thirty-nine, but Sir James had pre-viously had valuable experience which

BRITISH WAR RELIC.

The Prince of Wales has just been presented by the Third Imperial Yeomanry with a relic of great historic interest, which was captured in a charge upon the Boers on August 9. Then how is it possible to get young Col. Younghusband, their commander, men of experience in such matters was severely wounded in a charge on when our last expedition went out in De Wet's right flank, and while searching for him his orderly found among various rifles and other debris then is forty-five today. He is Cap- of the fight an old British sword-

tain Egerton, who was Scott's superior bayonet, which, on examination, was officer on board the Majestic in the found to be stamped on the frog with the name of the Third Battalion Six-Channel squadron. Captain Egerton was indeed asked if he would go out with the 1901 expedition, but he was Captain Scott only left the Majestic

three months ago to begin active work on behalf of the expedition. On the man-of-war he was torpedo lieutenant, receiving his rise in rank on leaving.

He has always been a most acute sci-He has always been a most acute sci-entific observer, with a strong leaning towards research. He superintended the wireless telegraphy arrangements in the naval manoeuvres of the Chan-nel squadron. The ex-Majestic officer since his ap-pointment has thrown himself enthusi-

tieth Rifles, the date of the issue being 1876. On further inquiry at a neighboring farm it transpired that the bayonet had been taken by a Boer, named Engelbrech, at Majuba Hill on February 27, 1881, and now, in this curious and historic manner, it has fallen into British hands.

FOUR HUNDRED HENS. Michael Kelly of St. Martins is now in possession of one of the largest hen pens in the province. Since the fire. that swept the village less than a year ago Mr. Kelly has had a building 120 feet long, 12 feet wide and 10 feet high erected, and at present he has four hundred hens housed in it. The pen

ments for the various breeds of the hens, and each compartment has a small yard in connection. Mr. Kelly is dealing quite extensively in poultry, and makes frequent purchases of eggs from the best breeding establishments in United States, which are hatched out when they arrive here. The cost of the hennery is estimated at between | cover nearly the whole of his missing \$300 and \$400.

OMINOUS ALCOHOLIC MORAL. PARIS, Nov. 21.- A Parisian jeweller had both bad and good luck yesterday. On opening his shop in the Rue du Faubourg du Temple in the morning he saw that a case containing £80 worth of jewels had been stolen. As he was on his way to the commissaire to lodge a complaint he felt dry. and went into a wine-shop for a "bock."

To his astonishment as soon as he entered the shop he saw a man standing at the counter with the stolen case and selling the jewels at next to nothing. The jeweller delayed the "bock" till he had fetched a couple of policemen, and had the good fortune to regoods.

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