

Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea

THE BOER INVASION OF CAPE COLONY CHECKED

At Least Lord Kitchener Thinks So as Far as His Information From Men on the Spot Can Be Relied On.

British Troops are Getting Round Both Bodies of Invasers—Boers Not Getting Much Help From Cape Dutch—Enemy Cut the Railway Near De Aar Junction.

London, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener's despatches are almost the only available news from the west of South Africa, but telegrams from Cape Town depict the situation in anything but rosy views.

Boer and His Delays. "Dewet has never been taken seriously enough," says the correspondent.

Cape Cabinet Meeting. The Cape Colony Cabinet had an important sitting yesterday (Sunday).

Dutchmen Are Tricky. Other advice from Cape Town represents the Dutch element in Cape Colony.

French Chasing the Enemy. General French has been in contact for days with the commando of Boers.

A BIG BRITISH-AMERICAN DEAL IS "JIM" HILL'S RAILWAY IDEAL

From Vancouver Over Erie Line to Hudson River—Canadian Pacific is Included in the Scheme, and It is Said Lord Strathcona Favors It.

New York, Dec. 22.—James J. Hill, President of the Great Northern Railway Company, arrived in this city yesterday.

Three Leading Stockholders. It is asserted upon the very best authority that the three principal stockholders in the Great Northern Railway.

Premier Roblin Sworn In. Hon. Robert Rogers Also Took the Oath of Office as Minister of Public Works.

Ed. Johnson of the Cudahy Packing Plant Was Taken Into Custody, But Soon Released.

Manitoba Pays Five Ministers. Rat Portage Lumber Co. Will Build a Mill at Winnipeg and Compete with Minnesota.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Premier Roblin on Saturday took the oath of office as Premier.

Large Mill for Winnipeg. President Cameron of the Rat Portage Lumber Company, in an interview, stated that his company had definitely decided on the erection of a large mill in Winnipeg.

Ed. Johnson of the Cudahy Packing Plant Was Taken Into Custody, But Soon Released. He Told a Satisfactory Story.

And Mr. Cudahy and the Police Officers are Satisfied That He is Innocent.

Grand Opera House, Kildare, the magnificent Theatre, "The Black Flag," 8 p.m.

Save money and at the same time get the genuine article. Direct importation of sterling silver cut glass and toilet requisites. Bingham's Pharmacy, 100 Yonge Street.

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CANADIAN CONTINGENT HERE CHRISTMAS MORNING ARRIVED AT HALIFAX BEFORE DAYBREAK SUNDAY NOW SPEEDING WESTWARD ON A SPECIAL TRAIN.

Colonel Otter and His Men Will Reach Toronto at 9.43 a.m. Tuesday—City Regiments Will Parade in Review Order With Great Coats at the Armouries at 9 Same Day—Captain Barker's Company Will Also Fall in Line, and 'Twill Be a Khaki Christmas.

KITCHENER'S OFFICIAL REPORT Is Couched in Somewhat Hopeful and Yet Uncertain Terms as to the Situation.

London, Dec. 23.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22: "So far as it is possible for me to form an opinion from the reports of officers on the spot, I think the Boer movement into Cape Colony has been checked. Of the two forces that entered the colony, the eastern is still north of the Zoutpansberg range, while the one that entered west appears to have been turned in the direction of Britstown and Frischaag.

Dewet Near Senekal. "Dewet is in the neighborhood of Senekal. General French, in conjunction with General Clements, attacked a force under Beyers, south of the Magaliesberg. The Boers broke away in a westerly direction towards Potchefstroom, and were followed by General Gordon with a column of French's force.

Clements in a Fight. "Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock Clements' force was engaged south of Oliphant's Nek, but I don't yet know the result."

Boers Cut the Railway. "A later despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22, says: 'The western column of Boers occupied Britstown and cut the railway south of De Aar Junction. The enemy is being followed up.'

French Chasing the Enemy. "General French has been in contact for days with the commando of Boers and Delany, south of the Magaliesberg. He is pursuing them. The enemy have been followed up."

Toronto will have a khaki Christmas. Col. Otter and his men will arrive in this city at 9.43 a.m. on Tuesday.

Committee This Morning. There will be a meeting of the Civic Reception Committee and the military gentlemen in the City Hall at 10.30 a.m. today to make arrangements for the reception.

Home Christmas. Miss Ada Ford, 38 Birch-avenue, received the following telegram from Capt. John L. Ford of the 96th Regiment, who is a member of the contingent: "Arrived safe and sound; will be home Christmas."

Leave Montreal Monday Night. The following telegram, dated Dec. 23, was received in the city yesterday afternoon from Lieut.-Col. Mason at Montreal: "Contingent left Halifax 3 p.m.; will leave Montreal about 7 to-morrow night."

COL. OTTER AT HALIFAX. Lake Champlain Came in Sunday Morning at 2-30 p.m. West at 2 p.m. Halifax, N.S., Dec. 23.—The steamer Lake Champlain, from Liverpool, with the balance of the Canadian contingent, arrived in the harbor at 2 o'clock this morning and later anchored at quarantine.

Christmas in St. Louis. Montreal, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Mr. Charles Hays and family left this evening for St. Louis, where he will spend Christmas.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, offices Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

Parole Has Let a Leg. Kingston, Dec. 22.—Parole, the Napanee bank burglar, in Kingston Penitentiary, has had his leg amputated above the knee.

Smokers' presents, Boxes of Cigar-Alive Bolland.

Suitable Xmas Presents. Fancy goods in great variety, smax, dainty water colors, stationery, etc.

When down town shopping just drop into the St. Lawrence Office House, 75 and 80 King Street East and see what a good cup of tea and light refreshment will do for you any hour.

Smokers' presents, Tobacco Pouches—Alive Bolland.

A Charming Gift. A lady always appreciates a box of flowers, a pair of ferns as a Xmas gift.

Patents—Fetherstonhaugh & Co., Kingston, West, Toronto, also Montreal, Ottawa and Washington.

We have some good second-hand Cigar-Alive Bolland. \$2.00 to \$3.00. N. Alwens & Gilbert.

Smokers' presents, Alvo Bolland's Smoking Mixture.

Headache Cured While You Wait. Bingham's stimulating headache powders are not depressing. Money refunded if they fail.

Bluestone High-Pressure Packing. THE GUTTA PERCHA & RUBBER MFG. CO. OF TORONTO, LIMITED. 61-63 West Front St., Toronto, Ont.

NATURAL GAS IN ESSEX IS DOOMED TO PLAY OUT

If the Dominion Government Does Not Make Some Decisive Move at Once Canadian Factories Will Be Closed Down.

Kingsville and Walkerville Industries Notified to Seek Other Fuel—Little Doubt That Canadian Wells Will Suffer the Fate of Ohio Fields—"The Horse is Stolen."

A correspondent of the Detroit Evening News, writing from Kingsville, South Essex, under date Dec. 21, says: "The natural gas fields of South Essex are all but exhausted, and hereafter factories will have to depend on another and dearer kind of fuel."

People Were Deceived. For years past the Canadian people have been lulled by the supply world run out, but they were told by interested parties that the gas was deposited in small pockets which were in no way connected with one another, and that as soon as one was exhausted it was only necessary to shut another well to tap a new pocket.

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RAILWAY FUSION TALKED-OF TO COMPETE WITH THE C.P.R.

J. R. Booth Said to be Negotiating With Mackenzie and Mann for a Connection That Will Lead to the Wheat Fields of the Northwest.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—There is an open secret that Mackenzie & Mann, rimer about that negotiations are on foot for the near amalgamation of the Canadian Northern Railway and the Canada Atlantic, or Booth, system.

THINKS ROSS IS ABOUT TO GO TO THE COUNTRY. Ottawa Events: The success of the Liberal candidate in the Welsh contest for the Local House last week will encourage Mr. Ross to bring on the Ontario election early next spring.

DEATHS. ELLIARD—On Dec. 15, at 1261 College Street, the wife of L. E. Elliard, aged 60; all doing well.

CLARK—At 25 Avenue Road, on Saturday the 22nd inst., Caroline Elisabeth, beloved wife of P. M. Clark.

COOPER—Suddenly, on Friday, Dec. 21, W. H. Cooper, real estate stock broker, in his 64th year.

Funeral from the residence of his father, Mr. W. H. Cooper, 1214 St. Lawrence Street, at 10.30 o'clock on Monday, Dec. 23, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

GOFFREY—At Dawson City, in the Yukon District, on Dec. 18th, 1900, Alexander Goffrey, late of Vancouver, B.C.

Funeral from 106 Argyle-street, at 2.30 p.m., Monday, to the Necropolis. Private.

HILL—At 761 King-street west, Toronto, Elizabeth Alberta Hill, second daughter of W. H. Hill, conductor, G.T.R.

Funeral on Wednesday, 28th, at 2.30 p.m.

HEASLIP—On Friday morning, at his late residence, 12 Waterloo-avenue, Joseph Heaslip.

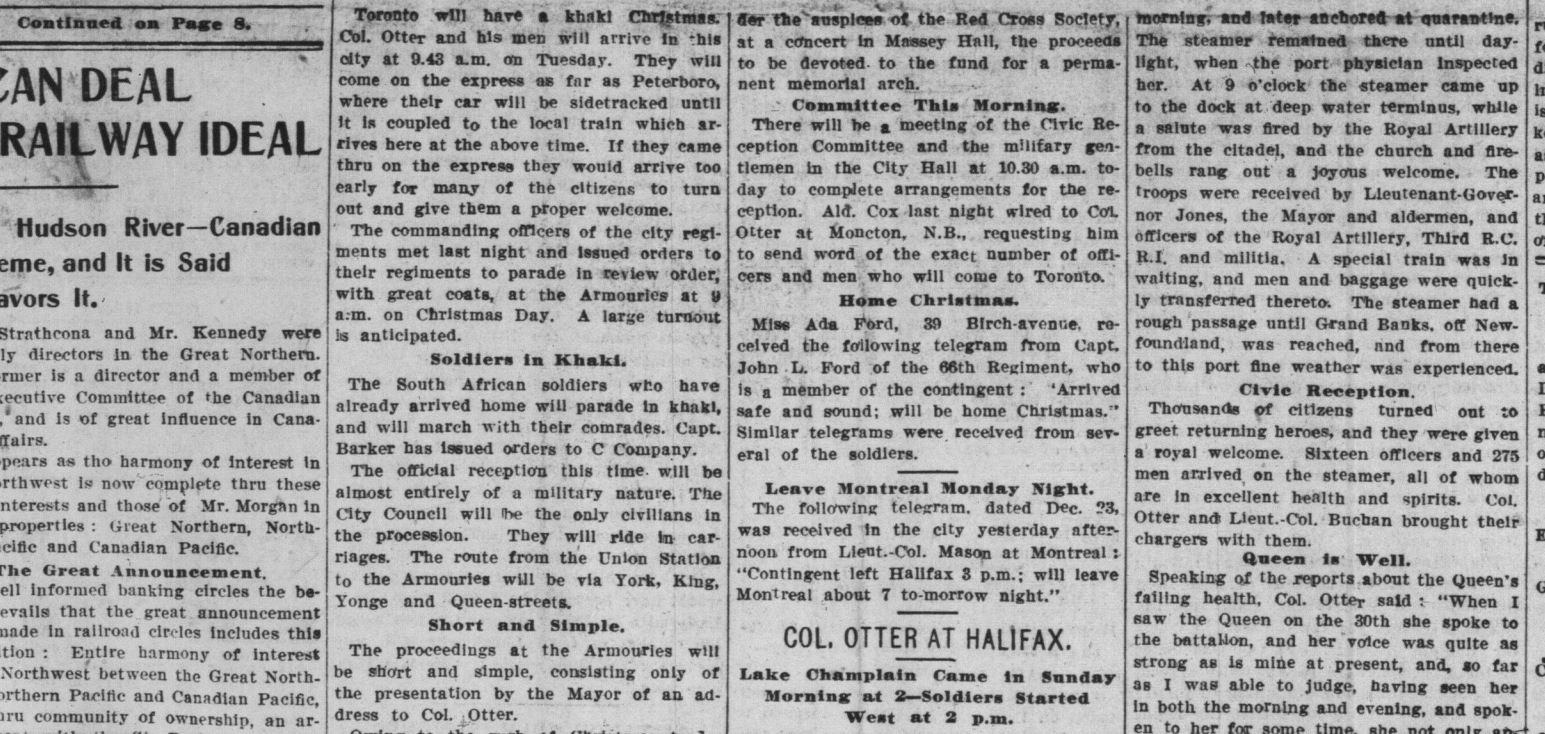
Funeral from the above address Monday, 24th inst., at 1.30 p.m., to Humboldt Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

Funeral from the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. George Scarce, Greenwood-avenue, Dartville, at 12.30 p.m., on Monday, Dec. 24th, to St. Paul's Church Cemetery, reaching there about 8 o'clock p.m.

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Unknown Man Got Among the Ice and Was Carried Down to Death.

Efforts were made to save him.

But the Ice Was So Treacherous the World-Be Rescuers Were Powerless.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 23.—The first fatal accident for this season in the River Thames occurred on Saturday night.

Christmas comes but once a year; no better present to your convivial friends than a case of "Saugen Spilts."

Now It's Rush. Ladies! Don't forget that Jameson's clear stout and exclusive gifts in cigar, molasses, smoking cabinets and distinctive and elegant pipe racks.

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