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ERASMUS IS AMONG THE BOER PRISONERS

Public Feeling Stirred by Liberals on British Soldiers Published on the Continent.

London, Jan. 4.-Lord Kitchener re ports to the war office, under date of Johannesburg, January 3rd, as follows: "Bruce Hamilton, operating to the eastward of Ermelo, since December 29th, has captured 100 prisoners, including General Erasmus."

Jublic feeling here has been deeply stirred by the libels on British soldiers in South Africa, circulated on the con-

attaches in South Africa to announce disposition is evinced to have authori- sions of rubber land. cusations investigated.

Anxious To Go. Chicago, Jan. 4.-Rev. Dr. Hiram W. Thomas, recently pastor of the People's to the white man's work in Africa." church of Chicago, has announced in a of the Chicago branch of the American Transvaal League, the willingness of the interest of non-combatants

gathered at reconcentrado camps. gathered at reconcentrado camps.

Mr. van Vlissingen will apply to the state department at Washington redisposal of King Edward for charitable disposal of King Edward for charitable country in

for by Lord Kitchener, but the minister rendered railroad enterprises in these of militia had anticipated this request, countries. Sir Ernest was interested in "This channel has been added to be

nnesburg. Dec. 27.—When the community. In racing, Sir Ernest has mile or two? ext contingent comes, can you arrange long been prominent. to send some trained trackers? (Signed)

A few days ago the government cabled the war office an offer to enroll five rses for service with the third conngent. The reply received by His Ex-

"London, Jan. 3.—Referring to your elegram of the 24th December, the rate shown by the Russian official publicafield hospital as for the rest of the contract trans-Siberian railway. According to the pebbles are round and show plainly tingent. The offer of five nurses for Odessa Noxosti, the line, when it was general service is gratefully seconded begun 10 years ago was estimated to un from the centre of the earth worm.

As the report is merely a formal matter, yet time. It contains quarts, yet time. It contains quarts are time. It contains q

treal, promoted from a lieutenacy, and the other subalterns are: Lieut. C. P. B. Simpson, of the 5th Hussars, Montreal; Major-W. Rodden, 3rd Victorias, Montreal, and Lieut. R. H. Moir, of Ottawa, late of Strathcona's Horse, Respectively. late of Strathcona's Horse. Recruiting for the field hospital corps will take place on Wednesday and Thursday next. Twenty-one drivers and 35 privates are to be enrolled. The recruiting officers vill be the same as for the Mounted Rifles. The uniform of the corps will be the same as that of the Mounted Rifles worn on the arm and the men of the transport section will have em-

ATROCITIES IN THE CONGO FREE STATE

Officer Says Present Conditions Are a Disgrace to Civilization—Cannibals Employed to Massacre Natives.

London, Jan. 2.-Captain Guy Burtinent. Lord Roberts's letter, contra-dicting the stories of the violation of ploy of the Congo Free State, after six Boer women and the employment of Boer female refugees for immoral purposes, has intensified this feeling, especially as regards the anti-British tendencies of the German press.

The Pall Mall Gazette declares that the conditions prevailing in the Congo Free State, after six years' service, declared, in an interview to-day with a representative of the Associated Press, that the conditions prevailing in the Congo Free State, after six years' service, declared, in an interview to-day with a representative of the famous Conglomerate quartz region. The sellers are as numerous as the Claims themselves.

Mr. Hepburn was fortunate in securing the services of "Bob" Henderson, the famous discoverer of the Klondike, the famous discoverer of the Klondike, the famous conglomerate quartz region. The sellers are as numerous as the claims themselves. it is positively incumbent on the Gerand and far worse that ever before. He man government to order its military nictured expectation of the man government to order its military nictured expectation of the man far worse that the expectation of the man government to order its military nictured expectation of the man far worse that the expectation of the exp man government to order its military pictured atrocities of the most horrible

tative denials issued and have all ac- As a typical case of the means employed by the Free State govern-In the meanwhile, the irritation ment, Captain Burrows corroborated Hepburn stipulate that in considera-

considering the advisability of supplying false teeth to the forces. Sixty per cent. of the applicants for enlistment in Gen. Baden-Powell's police have been rejected on the ground of bad teeth, and hundred of applications for service with the Yeomanry were disqualified for the same cause. The dental hospitals of London have notified the war office that they are prepared to make good the decider of the public, whose indignation has not made known whom he represents, or if he has any one in particular backing him. The most interesting feature of the case just now is the report of Mr. Hepburn has not made known whom he represents, or if he has any one in particular backing him. The most interesting feature of the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Henderson on the conglomerate as a mineral and geological formation. He has this to say:

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The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, will doubtless get all the additional war supplies he requires, though special measures will be a strongly and the governmen they are prepared to make good the deficiency or entirely equip applicants who are otherwise eligible, at £1 per head.

Anxious To Go.

There have been a lot of old channels in the prehistoric ages in this country. I am of the opinion that they flowed to the westward, with their system for the collection of rubber and source in the ridge which now has some sanguine prophets also believe

STARTED AS A CLERK.

Harding vit. of the treaty of May Stn. entered the London mancial house of lact is, and that would account for the Bischoffsheim & Goldsmid, as a clerk, break in the white channel that has never been accounted for.

South Africa.

The river must have been a big much to do with the great English boom. and had already recruited a squadron of the issue of the Mexican five per cent. petown with the contingent. The ed. Lady Cassel, his wife, died in 1891. coarser gold. Does any one supatch of Lord Kitchener to Lord While he is of a Jewish family. Sir the round gravel and boulders

TRANS-SIBERIAN ROAD.

What It Will Cost Before the Line is in

Running Order. London, Jan. 2.-The Odessa corres pondent of the Times says reticence is

ONE HUNDRED CLAIMS ARE UNDER CONTRACT

Klondike District.

John Hepburn, "The Conglomerate. King," as he is now known in the North, arrived home from Dawson on the steamer Amur yesterday. He has been North for several months, and during his absence effected one of the biggest deals ever put through in the North. Several groups of 100 ciaims in all, more or less, have been transferred to

No cash changed hands in the making attacks in what they know regarding the alleged atrocities. In all quarters, the keenest sions of rubber land. character perpetrated on the natives by of the deal. It has the aspect of "tyto complete the purchase are left for the

against Germany is being vigorously fare the statement of an American mission tion of \$1 in hand paid the seller. against Germany is being vigorously fanded by several of the London dallies. Dr. Conan Doyle's pamphlet on the subject of the South African charges will shortly be published. It deals with every specific charge he has been able to investigate, and it will be sold without profit both here and in the five European countries for which it has been translated. A New York firm has been the statement of an American mission agrees to give the purchaser an option on a certain claim. For a one-fourth interest in each claim Hepburn agrees to do the requisite assessment work and pay for the grant. If the work cases for thirty days the claim profit both here and in the five European countries for which it has been translated. A New York firm has been the statement of an American mission agrees to give the purchaser an option on a certain claim. For a one-fourth interest in each claim Hepburn agrees to do the requisite assessment work and pay for the grant. If the work cases for thirty days the claim reverts to the former owner. The work is to be done on every twelfth claim within the legal period of one pean countries for which it has been translated. A New York firm has been given the United States rights on condition that it sends free a copy to every United States senator, congressman and government officer.

In connection with the war, it is interesting to note that the war office is considering the advisability of supplying false teeth to the forces. Sixty per cent. Shares in them are invariably held by

source in the ridge which now has the recruiting of natives continues, the Congo Free State will remain a disgrace to the white man's work in Africa."

source in the ridge which now has its summit in the Rocky mountains. It do not agree with Joaquin Miller that the war will be sufficiently near its end to enable the government to lay before the nation during the sestion detailed plans for the settlement of South Africa. going up to the headwaters of the plans for the settlement of South Af-STARTED AS A CLERK.

Stewart it will be seen that the elevation of the apparent course of the old channels is 7,000 feet. The Klondike heavy grades, with every evidence that

state department at Washington requesting its good offices to get from the British government the necessary pass-ports to enable Dr. Thomas and his wife to visit the reconcentrate or consumptives), has browned to reconsumptives, has browned to visit the reconcentration recently issued by Gov. Richard Yates.

The Chicago branch of the Sates under the Dritish and Largue is getting alling again of the United States under the United States to strictly enforce to appetition calling again of the Fresident of the United States to strictly enforce at the United States and States and the United States and Romans and the United States and Romans and the United States and Romans and R

hospital corps, trained scouts and nurses has been authorized by the war office. Scouts, or trackers, as they are termed in South Africa, were specially asked by Norway and Sweden for assistance in South Africa, were specially asked by Norway and Sweden for assistance in these lands are proposition to the knowledge in Saanich belonging to the lands are proposition to the knowledge in Saanich belonging to the lands in Saanich belonging to the late Chas.

"This channel has been added to by coming in contact with more quartz on trained scouts raised in the ranching dis- loan, and was among the first to put Eldorado, and that has had a lot to do riets of the Northwest, and which is faith in the twopenny tube as one of the with the richness of it in that locality. now at Halifax waiting to embark for London underground railroads is term-Capetown with the contingent. The ed. Lady Cassel, his wife, died in 1891. coarser gold. Does any one suppose that Ernest does not belong to the Jewish ado and Bonanza have travelled but a

"In place the conglomerate is four miles wide, and is eight miles in length. Its depth is not known. It is an immense body of gravel cemented together and almost identical to the Rand in South Africa. The Rand, Victoria, B. C., election should have perhaps, has more pyrites of iron or some such substance. In deciding been in the hands of the operation of the whether it is placer or quartz a fine that the last month. So far it has not arrived, the last month. pay, etc., will be the same for the tions in regard to the actual cost of the first time. It contains quartz, yet the Service is gratefully accepted. begin 10 years ago, was estimated to Chamberlain." begin 10 years ago, was estimated to in that fashion. Yet powder must be prise is caused here over the matter. The nurses will be chosen from pursing but the difference, estimated and isters of military services. Surgeon actual, up to a year ago, was over day to classify it as quartz. While deut.-Col. Duff. of Kingston, will be 430,000,000 roubles.

is as much as 400 feet in thickness. As 💠 🗫 🗫 🕶 🕶 🕶 💮 it carries gold all through, what may we expect when the bedrock is reached? "The conglomerate all carries gold and assays from \$3 to \$25. The peb-bles carry gold, and so does the sediment. I have seen free gold in it time and time again. Some of the croppings are far richer than others, but suppose it averages \$6, it will surpass anything ever before heard of. It will all be worked with stamps and

"Parties who have gone to bedrock A Victorian Effects Large Deal, Taking have found it extremely rich. This is near the source, and in the Indian river deposit we certainly may expect to find richer pay there. With rock improving in value from the surface to bedrock, in my opinion, the parties who will invest and sink will be well repaid for their efforts."

there is no possible means of com-

puting how long it might take to ex-

Mr. Henderson was engaged at intervals for several months in looking up the conglomerate formation.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT Will Be Occasion of Great Pomp and Ceremony-The Session.

his name under options or contracts of London, Jan. 4.—When King Edward sale in the famous Conglomerate quartz opens parliament on January 16th, which will be an occasion of even greater pomp and ceremony than was his last appearance in the House of Lords, one of the most interesting sessions of recent years will be commenced. Before its conclusion the whole status of the Liberal party is likely to be altered, and Lord Rosebery's future de-

> which no middle-road pronouncements can heal, and in which Sir Edward Gray, H. H. Asquith, Sir H. H. Fowler, R. W. Perks, R. B. Haldane and other Imperialists, together with a few Unionists, will flock to Lord Rosebery's standard and initial an organization with the hope of securing control of all the Liberal elements. Prior to the general election temporarily, this diversion of the opposition will greatly facilitate the government's programme, the chief item of which is a sweeping reform of

Company Will Transfer Property to

United States For \$40,000,000

position to sell the Panama canal pro-South Africa.

Asked For Scouts.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Organization of a complete contingent of six squadrons of Mounted Rifles with hearer company, hospital corps, trained scouts and nurses has been authorized by the war office.

The river must have been a big in Eries and was chiefly responsible in ene, and in cutting into the side of a gigantic quartz ledge tore it down and piled and cemented the peblies with silica and lime, and leaving the mass in a great heap, of which nobody knows has been authorized by the war office.

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St. Michael and St. George for important confidential services to the Egyptian confidential services to the Egyptian confidential services are until to the side of a gigantic quartz ledge tore it down and was allowed, costs to be his in any event, and the trial of the action was allowed. Costs to be his in any event, and the trial of the action was allowed. Costs to be his in any event, and the trial of the action was allowed. Costs to be his in any event, and the trial of the action of the Atlantic Leased Lines Rental Trust.

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One dent, going directly to the state de-

partment for that purpose.

The submission of this offer carries out a plan which has been under consideration for the last two weeks.

IS CAUSING A DELAY. Writ For Victoria By-Election Cannot Be Issued Until Judges' Report Is Received.

Ottawa, Jan. 3 .- (Delayed in transi and consequently a writ cannot be issued

LIKE TEARING THE HEART STRINGS.

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COMING TO AN END.

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thor of "Amateur Cracksman,"

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CUMBERLAND NOTES.

Pumping has just commenced in No. 4 out. This will soon be increased to & Co.,

Ine total output of the mine at present approximate 1,200 tons daily, and is steadily increasing. New faces are seen on the streets continually, and that the question of costs of the party of the Jans. except (and this is nearly all houses on the streets continually, and that the question of costs of the party good of the Jans. except (and this is nearly all houses on the streets continually.

go into the firemen's coffers after all ex- in Saanich belonging to the late Chas. enses are paid. On the same evening the Presbyterian church people had their annual meet-

ing. Secretary Somerville read the accounts, which proved very satisfactory. After the meeting the Ladies' Aid provided refreshments in the basement of the church,

LEGAL NEWS.

Long Array of Cases Came Before Mr. Justice Martin For Disposal.

In Chambers this morning, before Mr. Justice Martin, the following applications Boyle vs. Victoria Yukon Trading Co.

-M. Griffin, for defendants, applied for an order for discovery of documents. J. H. Lawson, jr., asked that the order apply to both parties, and it was so Bartlett vs. Tiarks-Application for

and the action was ordered to be set as this that mistakes arise, and men

> against Mrs. Dunsmuir, made to absolute. After considerable argument, white wages at an impossible rate.

the scheme.

The new year was ushered in by the ringing of the church bells, blowing of whistles and firing of rockets ard guns.

One of the great events of the season was a New Year's dance given by the in any event, and the trial of the action appear.

> for plaintiff, moved for decree directing | luck next t H and Wm Reav The motion was finally adjourned until to-morrow for

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further argument.

A FULLER EXPLANATION.

To the Editor:-I am so much away now that I do not see all that is written in the papers, but I find that Mr. Mus-Colonist of December 27th, which needs

I will make it as short and convincing as I can and then ask to be excused from further controversy.

Mr. Musgrave says that he based his comments on my lecture upon the Colonist report, which he took to be a fairly was the tenant of the Quamici

leave to compound various claims of the strongest contradiction I could pen the interior of which was ablaze. The fire creditors against the Tiarks estate to the Times of December 5th and the scorched his face badly.

down for trial at the next sittings of the condemn justly the paper which shelters court in Rossland. Styles vs. Harris, Mrs. J. O. Duns- grave asks me for a "particular instance slope, but the pumps are not all in yet.

The upper workings have been opened up and 700 tons a day is being taken out. This will soon be increased to

Paris, Jan. 4.—The directors of the Panama Canal Company, with President Bo in the chair, met at the company's occupied.

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Collision a creditor of the

My misfortune has been that Mr. Musgrave, for whom I have always enter-tained a considerable esteem, did not do me the honor of coming to hear what I had to say. Let me hope for better CLIVE PHILLIPPS-WOLLEY.

NIHILISTS SUSPECTED.

Russ, Jan. 2.—A dispatch to the Pa-trie from Kiev, European Russia, under to-day's date, says a bomb exploded last night under the balcony of the palace of the Grand Duke Constantine. The explosion occurred at a moment when the salons were thronged with guests. A great panic followed, but nobody injured, though the damage done was considerable. All the windows near the scene of the explosion were shattered. Nihilist students are suspected of committing the outrage.

was the tenant of the Quamichan hotel at correct one, seeing that Mr. Wolley allowed it to remain uncontradicted.

This is incorrect, I think. I wrote