The Toronto Company Took Part in the stationed at Parrsboro, N. S. The List of officers of the Second Battalion Clanadian Mounted Rifles Engagement at Sunnyside Laager.

Stood the Galling Fire With Admirable W. M. P. Patience, Never Wasting a Shot.

Gen. French's Skirmish May Not Have Been the Brilliant Success Claimed-Report That the Boers Are Back to Their Former Position.

UNDER FIRE. Torento Company Took Part in the Defeat of the Boers at Sunny-

side Laager. Did Good Work in Supporting the Guns-

Forty Boers Taken Prisoners-British Loss Slight

MONTREAL, Jan. 2 .- The Star's correspondent with the first Canadian ontingent sent to South Africa cables: BELMONT, South Africa, Jan. 2.-Canadians have had their first ex-perience, the Toronto company having been with Col. Piloher in his defeat of the Boers at Sunnyside laager yesterday. Our boys, according to reports which have reached this point from Dover farm, where Col. Plicher and his command are now encamped did good work in supporting the guns. The men started out from here with Col. Pilcher on a reconnaissance, which the colonel reports has been successful in every respect. He reports that he had but two men killed and one officer and a lieutenant wounded. None of these were Canadians.

The other companies of Canadians are all here and in good health. The Toronto company is officered as fol-lows: Gapt. R. K. Barker, Lt. W. R. Marshall, Lt. L. S. Wilkle and Lt. F. D. Lafferty.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

BELMONT, Cape Colony, Jan. 2.-A despatch from the Associated Press representative at Dover Farm, dated Jan. 1, says:

"A mounted force consisting of 100 Canadians of the Toronto company and 200 Queenslanders, commanded by Rickards, two guns and a horn

with wonderful accuracy, while Ryan, with mounted infantry, it round and completely und the fire of the Boers, who had ensconced in the bushes. anwhile Col. Pilcher, with the

slanders, taking advantage of cover, made a direct attack, Australians moving slowly, but surely, and only shooting when they saw the enemy retiring under their neady fire. The Queenslanders behaved with great coolness, laughing

and chaffing even at the moment of greatest peril. ENTERED THE LAAGER.

During the advance the Boer fire suddenly ceased. Thirty-five Boers hoisted the white flag and surrendered. A portion of the Torontos moved across the front of the guns and enbered the haager. . The Boers had fled. Fourteen tents, three wagons, a great store of rifles, ammunition, forage sadiles and camo equipment, and numerous incriminating papers were

captured. The Boers left six killed and twelve wounded. The Torontos stood the galling fire with admirable patience. never wasting a shot.

HAS OCCUPIED DOUGLASS. DOUGLASS, Cape Colony, Jan. 2 .-Col. Pilcher has occupied Douglass without opposition and has been received with enthusiasm by the loyal-

GENERAL REVIEW.

General French's Skirmish May Not Have Been as Successful as at First Claimed

LONDON, Jan. 3. 4 a. m.-The latest news of Gen. French's operations show that his clever surprise of the Boers and his successful skirmish with them was not the impressive victory that a section of the press claimed. The flacts seem to be that the Boers not only suffered very little, but during the darkness rallied and turned yesterday. Following the enemy's remilse at Enslin, when they last atthe surprise on the British by attacktempted to cut the railway communiing them the next day with their supcation with the south, yesterday's posed crippled guns, some of which victory will probably put an end to were evidently those that Gen. Gatthe Boers' attempt to break General acre lost at Stormberg. Jen. French's despatch does not detail his move-Methuen's line of communication and to raise a force of disloyal colonists to ments later than 2 p. m. January 1st, and the final issue of the movement harrass his flank. It is useless to is unknown. Nothing reliable has been deny that the open disaffection of the received confirming the rumored oc-Afrikanders has been recently increasing. Cavalry reconnaissances cupation of Colesberg. have hitherto repressed revolts and Col. Pilcher's forced march westyesterday these reconnaissances culward from Belmont and his successminated in a wholly successful moveful attack on the enemy's laager at ments. An attacking column under Sunnyside gave a much appreciated opportunity to the colonial contin-Gen. Wood of the Engineers started yesterday from Belmont, moving in gents, whose ranks include 100 men the direction of Douglas, and General from Toronto under Capt. Barker, and 200 from Queensland. Reports print-Babington, with the Ninth and Twelfth Lancers and bodies of mounted here say that when the Canadians, who accompanied the artillery, reed infantry and horse artillery, left yesterday morning for Roodevierg ceived the order "double into action, Drift on the south side of the Riert they were most pleased, many of them exclaiming "At last." The despatches River. Meanwhile Col. Pilcher moving from Belmont under Gen. Wood's, say "the Canadians pressed forward orders, attacked and defeated the to within a thousand yards of the enemy, who had fled from their laager Sunnyside commands, killing and wounding a number of the Boers, and up a hillside and opening a hot fire they completely subdued that of the taking forty prisoners. The British Meanwhile the Queensland casualties were three, including Lieut. Bcers. troops with Col Pilcher were advanc-Adie of the Queensland mounted infantry, who was wounded. ing in another direction. They fully satisfied the confidence placed in them, cleverly securing cover, firing only when they saw the enemy and LONDON, Jan. 2 .- The war laughing and chatting." publishes a telegram received from The suddenness of the surprise was the Boer commandant general at Preevident by the fact that guns were toria, under date of Dec. 29, in reply within 1,500 yards of the laager and to a request from the British complanted two shells among the Boers mander at Cape Town for particulars before they knew of the presence of as to the condition of the wounded the British. The strength of the English soldiers now held as prison-Boers is unknown. They were probers by the Boers. ably local rebels under Boer leaders. The affair, of course, was a small one, but is regarded as being valuinformation desired. His telegram states that nine of the wounded Britable in checking a rising among the ish prisoners are still in the hospital Dutch colonists and in clearing the at Pretoria and thirty others are belines. ing taken care of in the Boer hospital Nothing of importance is reported at Dundee. from Gen. Buller or Gen. Methuen, nor has anything been received from Mafeking. It will probably be some TORONTO, Jan. 2 .- The Telegram's days before Col. Baden-Powell's report concerning the recent fighting there is received. Commandant special cable from Llondon says: The Daily News publishes a letters from its Orange River correspondent, who Snyman the Boer commander al Mafeking, reported to his government says the Canadian party arrived on the morning of the departure of the Australians. They swore mightily in two languages on discovering they three days ago that the British had attempted to capture the Boer fort, here, but were repulsed after sever were to remain at Orange River infighting that was carried up to the very walls of the fort, with a loss of stead of proceeding directly to the front. One man on fatigue duty with fifty-five killed and wounded. the Canadians, was pointed out as part owner of a large line of Atlantic

BERLY SON, ST. JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 6, 1900

RUNAWAY TRAIN DESTROYED.

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BOERS RETURNED.

RENSBERG, Cape Colony, Jan. 2.

the Boers who had apparently been re

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which Gen. French drove them. Their

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THE BOER STORY.

Sunday) the British, in great force,

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LONDON, Jan. 2. - Sir William

homson, K. B., late president of the

Royal College of Surgeons, has been

appointed chief surgeon to the forces

FEVER ON THE INCREASE

(Special Despatch to the Sun.)

LONDON, Jan. 2 .- The war office

ias issued a message sent by General

White at Ladysmith, on Dec. 31, in

which he states that dysentery and

ARAB CHARGE FOR " BOBS."

(Special Despatch to the Sun.)

chief has offered horses to the English

authorities for use in South Africa

The Maharajah of Patiala will send

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CALCUTTA, Jan. 2.-Every native

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as follows: In Command-Commiss Horehmer, N. W. M. P. Second in Command-Lt. Col. S. B.

teele, N. W. M. P. Adjutant-Inspector N. Baker, N.

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Majors-Jas. Walker, Calgary, and Capt. Jas. Howe, N. W. M. P. Captains-Supt. G. Sanders and In-

spector A. E. R. Cuthbert, N. W. M.

Subalterns-Inspectors J. D. Moodie, J. V. Ragin, M. J. A. Davidson, A. C. MacDonpell, T. A. Wraughton, Capt. Inglis, Calgary; Lt. John Taylor, Man-tioba Dragoons; T. W. Chalmers

(Note-Two years ago Captain How was superintendent of Mounted Police in the Regina district. He is a na-tive of St. John and a son of the St. John former postmaster. As inspector he served in the Riel rebellton and still carries the mark of a severe wound received at Duck Lake, where he was second in command under Cro-

KINGSTON, Ja. Jan. 2.—A detach-ment of the Wist India regiment (colored) embarted today to re-inforce the Bermuda gart of the sepected

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Jan. 2 .- The necessary 18 men having been, secured and a few more being anxious to go, Capt. Good has received word to continue enrolling and to report. Fred Everett arrived from Boston today, having been wired yesterday, and Wheeler Leighton is expected tomorrow morning. The citizens are preparing to give the boys a grand end-off in the nature of a banquet and promenade concert in the Opera House on Saturday evening. An enthusiastic meeting of townspeople was held in the town hall last evening. An executive committee was appoint. ed, who have named the necessary sub-committees.

of the boys going from here.

SPENT CHFISTMAS AT DURBAN.

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S ESTIMATE.

n will be requ RENSBERG, Jan. 2.-A train conch no engin the British lines today, and ran down

AN ENORMOUS ARMY. will be in command on will be in command on nen. Thirty thousant, ers, in view of what these figures mean, cannot see how the British can fail to crush the Boers by nere force of numbers. tarted the train is unknown. What MILITIA FOR FOREIGN STATIONS. The Queen has accepted the services of we've battailors of milita for foreign sta-ions. Seven of these are assigned to South eachery is suspected. One man has

Africa. The Earl of Albemark will command the City of London Infantry division instead of Col. Sir Charles Howard Vincent. The Daily Telegraph has received the fol-lowing, dated Jan. 2, from Frere Camp: TUGELA RIVER FORDABLE

"The weather is fine. The Tugeis Rive, is now fordable. Gen. Buller's army is in fine form, ready and confident for the work before it." The Berlin correspondent of the Standard

to have been disabled yesterday resays: "The British representative at Berne has lodged a protest with the Swiss government calling attention to the fact that recruiting pened today, shelling the British avairy with considerable accuracy, calling attention to the fact that recruiting for the Transvaal is in progress in Swiss territory. Mauy voung men who had en-gaged to go to England for service were told on arriving at Marseilles that England no longer needed them, but that they could go to the Trarsvaal. It is said that many have accepted this suggestion, and one hundred are reported to have sailed for Delagoa Bay in a French vessel." though their shells did not explode and were ineffective. The British held all the positions they took yesterday. PRETORIA, Jan. 1. - Last night

CONTRABAND QUESTION. Lisbon correspondent of the Stand-

ard says: "It is reported here that Great Britain offi-cially acknowledged the correctness of the attitude of Portugal regarding Delagoa Bay. It is also asserted that inquiries instituted by the British consul at Lourenzo Marques show that since hostilities began nothing contraband has been imported there except barbed wire and breadst-iffs." rd says:

IN CONJUNCTION WITH PILCHER. MODDER RIVER, Jan. 2.—Yesterday's cavairy expedition under Gen. Babington, commanding the 9th and 12th Lancers, proves to have been in co-operation with a similar movement from Belmont. This, directed by Gen. Wood, consisted of a flying column and a force under Lieut. Col. Pilcher from Bel-mont. This force moved into the territory between the Orange and Riet rivers. At Sunnyside, northwest of Douglass, it en-countered a considerable commando, be-lieved to be wholly composed of disloyal British subjects. Gen. Babington's force proceeded in the same direction, but on the north side of kiet River. The result of this reconnais-sance has not yet been reported. War-Last IN CONJUNCTION WITH PILCHER.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

CONTRABAND OF WAR. BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The press continues to discuss the capture of the Bundesrath with some show of irritation. In a semi-official note the Post remarks that in consequence of the seizure Germany has taken steps and Great Britain is expected to deal in the mat-ter in a spirit of "good official relations." The Neuste Nachrichten says: "There is every reason to believe the in-cident will speedily be closed." Official circles considered it imperative that Great Britain adopt some definite atti-tude regarding the whole question of con-traband of war, and are surprised she has not adopted a firmer policy on the subject from the beginning. HAMBURG, Jan. 2.—The papers here an-nounce that the German foreign office has summoned the managing director of the German East African Line, Herr Woerr-r ann, to Berlin, in connection with the seizure of the company's steamer Bundes-reath of the company's steamer Bundes-

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MORE LETTERS

From the New Brunswick Sol-

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C. W. Anslow, of Newcastle Tells of the Trip to the Cape-Fred McCain of

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Lieut. C. W. Anslow of the 12th Field Battery, Newcastle, who resigned his commission to go in the first contingent, writes as follows to Major Maltby, commander of this battery:

> S. S. SARDINIAN, Nov. 18th, 1899.

Major R. L. Maltby: Dear Sir-As I am writing a lot of etters to friends, I will drop you a ine or two also.

We crossed the equator this morning at 10.30. The weather is beautiful. I have often seen it hotter at home. We are all well and jolly. It seems to me we are on a "big picnic." We are well fed. We get lots of apples, oranges, lime juice, etc., so we cannot complain.

We picked up the drill first rate and can keep out of the "Awkward Squad." We only have one hour's drill a day, but will get lots of it when we land. We were all sick crossing the "Banks," but our sickness only lasted a day. We saw a number of whales the third day out, and could see them spout quite plainly.

We had a funeral on Friday of the first week at sea. The poor fellow who died was from Ottawa.

Bert and I were orderlies this week until today. We had to draw the rations, wash dishes, etc. I liked the job first rate, but would not want it permanently. "G" company has a fine lot of officers. We are in "No. 4 section." Lieut. Kaye is our section commander. We have great fun in morning s we strip

the hose turned on us. It is excellent,

as it wakes us up in fine style for the

commando, in the Colesberg district, and tried to storm the position. They repeated the attack this morning, but were forced to retreat, the Boers holding the position. sier.) The loss of the British is not known FOR GARRISON DUTY. out it is reported to have been heavy. The Boers' consider it a great comliment to the Transvaal that Lord Roberts has been selected to the sureme command of the British forces that if the imperias moops in Jameica go to South Africa Canadian milicia will be sent here for garrison duty. APPOINTED CHIEF SURGEON. (Special Despatch to the Sun.)

AT WOODSTOCK

It is proposed by the ladies who will meet tomorrow afterroon in Graham's building to form a branch of the Red Cross society. The county and town councils will be asked to contribute fowards assuring the lives

battery, under Major DeRougemont, forty mounted infantry, under Lt. Ryan, and 200 of the Cornwall Light Infantry, the whole commanded by Col. Pilcher, left Belmont yesterday at noon on a march westward, covering twenty miles before sunset. The force encamped at Cook's Farm, where the troops were welcomed enthusias tically. At 6 o'clock this morning the force approached a spot where a lasger of Boers was reported. Col. Pilcher, on approaching the position, which was a line of strong kopjes, detached Major DeFougemont with the guns, Torontos and mounted infantry, to work towards the right, making a turning movement himself, with the landers towards the south pos-Queens ition. The manoeuvring was a com plete success. The British shells were the first indication of the presence of the troops. The Boers left their laager and opened fire, but the Queenslanders, completing the movement, the laager was captured with forty prisoners. The British casualties were two men killed, three wounded and one missing. The whole force worked admirably. The two men killed belonged to the Queensland contingent."

FULLER PARTICULARS.

BEILASONT, Cape Golony, Jan. 1 .-Another despatch from Dover Farm, dated Jan. 1, says:

"The colonial troops, who have been longing to b? allowed to meet the Boers, have at last been given an opportunity to do so, and scored a brilliant success. The raid conducted by Col. Piloher was very difficult, owing to the fact that the movements of the troops are usually communicated to Boers by natives. In order to prethe vent this, Ool. Pilcher, in making his forced march from Belmont, left a British treoper at every farm house with instructions not to allow the natives to leave their huts, the patnols calling the names of the natives hourly in order to prevent their escape.

LIEUT. ADIE WOUNDED.

In the maneouvres at Oook's farm, Col. Pilcher sent mounted patrols east. One of these, consisting of four men. commended by Lieut. Adie, suddenly encountered fourteen Boers, who opened fire. The lieutcnant was severely wounded and Private Butle gave up his horse in order to carry the Neutenant out of range. Anothe private whose horse had bolted, pluckly returned to render assistance. He was wounded in the leg, and his horse was killed.

Meanwhile Lieut. Ryan, who had worked magnificently, reported that the veldt on the right of the enemy was clear, whereupon Major De Rougemont ordered the guns to a trot. They arrived within 1,500 yards of the lasger, unlimbered, and planted five shells in as many minutes, within the bager. Immediately the enemy could be seen streaming over the kopie. They were completely strpie. They were completed

DOUBLE QUICK INTO ACTION. A representative of the Associated Press had the privilege of carrying an order to the Taronto company to double quick into action. The order was received with great satisfaction. The company rushed forward until within 1.000 yards of the enemy's posiwhen it opened a hot fire upon tic n. the kopje and completely subdued the Boer fire.

The British artillery shelled the po-

SECOND CONTINGENT.

More Men Than Required in the West -Rev. G. W. Lane One of

the Chaplains. OTTAWA, Jan. 2 .- According to re-

ports received by the militis depart-ment, spiendid enthusiasm has mark-ed volunteering in the Northwest. So striking has been the remonse to the rived. The correspondent of the Morning Standard at Modder River, cablstriking has been the response to the call to arms that recruiting is closed and the government has had to de-cline the offer of a detachment from British Columbia. The number of men required could have been procured in the for most ing, says the Canadians already there are exactly the right stamp of men for light cavalry work. Bennet Burleigh, a veteran war correspondent, writing to the Dally Telegraph, says

Colonel Girourard, who is a Canadian and son of Justice Girourard of the Rev. W. & Lane, a prominent Meth-odist minister, has been appointed one of the chaplains to the second supreme court, on viewing, the con-struction of the bridge at Frere, Natal, had nothing to suggest. He ex-

MONDAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

WOUNDED PRISONERS.

SWORE IN TWO LANGUAGES.

steamers, and another at the time en-

gaged arguing a point with a refractory mule, as nearly worth a million dol-

for Belmont, standing on open trucks,

oblivious of the down pour of rain, and cheering the Duke of Cornwall's

Light Infantry, which has just ar-

office

DURBAN, Jan. 1.-The American and foreign military attaches spent MODDER RIVER, Jan. 2, 12.20 p. Ohristmas in Durban. They will ren.-The British inflicted an importturn to the front today. and defeat on the Boers at Sunnyside

n South Africa.

camp.

Roberts.

LOCAL WAR NOTES ABOUT G CO.

Privates Campbell, McRae and O'Reilly are among the 19 men chosen to compose the Maxim gun section. The contingent car-ries two Maxims. Privates Adams and Pickens have been

Articles Adams and Fickers and Universal League of Peace, have convoked a meeting, to be held next Thursday, if favor of appealing to the United States gov-ernment to offer to mediate in the South African war. Private Stevenson of Fredericton has been transferred to C Co., and acting Corp. Lorsch

from C Cc, to G Co. RECRUITING AT SUSSEX.

SUSSEX, Jan. 2.-Your correspondent is indebted to G. S. Kinnear, lieutenant and adjutant of 5th Hussars, for the following

tion of the question of the defence of the empire, particularly with regard to artil-lery, will shortly call for the expenditure of £5,000,000 to make good deficiencies and to place the nation on a par with other great powers. "The new equipment will be provided as speedily as possible; and, while sufficiently mobile for use in the field, it is intended to be advarable to the necessities of what are adjutant of 3th Hussars, for the following information: Acting in district order of 30th of Decem-ber, 1899, Lieut. Col. H. Montgomery Camp-bell opened at 10 o'clock today, Jan. 1st, 1900, a recruiting office in Masonic hall, Sus-sex. The office will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. each day until a sufficient num-ber of recruits have been secured. The office is under command of Col. Campbell, assisted by Lt. G. S. Kinnear. The medical officer is Surgeon F. R. Murray of Sussex. Says the Vancouver World, Dec. 23: City Solicitor Hamersley today received a cable from his son, Lieut. H. St. G. Hamersley of the Royal Artillary, to the effect that he has been ordered to Africa, and was sail-ing on the same vessel as Lord Kitchener. Lieut. Hamersley received his schooling at at Royal Military College, Kingston. J. W. G. Morrison, a clever student at Dahousie College, who has been in Boston spending a portion of the holidays, called on Colonel Irving on his return to Halifax, and asked whether a company from the contingent. He states that a friend of his can fauster a company within six days' notice. The company would consist of men who had seen service in the Spanish-Ameri-can war. A recruiting office for men for the mountto be adaptable to the necessities of what are known as guns of position." LONDON, Jan. 3.-The Times publishes the following, dated Jan. 2, from Lourenzo Marques: "It is asserted that Major Daly and 41 meh of the British medical corps, who were left at Dundee when the town was evacu-ated, are now on their way from Pretoria to Delagoa Bay."

will be in attendance and take the names of those desirous of volunteering. Dr. Thos. Walker has been selected as the medical examiner. Lt. Col. McLean will make the final selection of the mer

THE LONDON VIEW.

LONDON, Jan. 3, 4.45 a. m.-The morning papers are unanimous in praising the gal-lantry of the Canadian and colonial troops. The Times says:

PRAISE FOR THE CANADIANS.

PRAISE FOR THE CANADIANS. "The Mother Country will share with the Canadians and Australians in the pride and gratification they must feel at the fine qualities displayed by their troops in this dashing little engagement." "The Canadians and Australians have been spoiling for a fight. Now they have had their opportunity any they have greatly distinguished themselves by their coolness and discipline. From the view point of Im-perial unity, the little fight may fairly be described as one of the most gratifying events recorded in the recent history of the British race." termingled with songs. Those who

DAY OF SMALL MERCIES.

DAY OF SMALL MERCHES. Although the continuance of minor suc-cesses gratifies the British public, it is not forgotten that the larger aspects of the campaign are unchanged. As the Daily Mail remarks: "It is a day of small mercies." The importance of both Gen. French's and Col. Pilcher's victories lies in the effect they are likely to have upon the colonial Dutch. The latest despatch from Douglass confirms the earlier report that the Boer laagers consisted chiefly of British subjects, who, on the arrival of the small Free State commando, accepted, probably, an invita-tion to throw in their lot with the Boers, thus terrorizing loyalists who are now jubi-lant. lars. The correspondent says that as he writes, the Canadians are leaving

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matter of great rener to the transmission of the standard, however, remarks: "Until the Tugela has been crossed and Ladysmith relieved, it would be idle to deny that the political position in Cape Colony is one of very great danger; and if, unhappily, Gen.

29, off Delagoa Bay, on the ground that she had contraband of war on board. ANOTHER SEIZURE.

GUNS OF POSITION.

LONDON, Jan. 3 .- The Daily Mail makes

the following statement this morning: "We understand that the defence commit-tee of the cabinet, after careful considera-tion of the question of the defence of the

HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

A GCOD TEST.

ODDFELLOWS' GATHERING.

there were some lively speeches, in-

took part were C. B. Allan, W. Frank

Hatheway, B. A. Stamers, H. E. Cod-

ner, C. N. Skinner, James Dinsmore, Dr. James Christie, John Bennett, M.

D. Brown, Oliver Howard and Jere-miah Thompson. The national an-them was sung, and the members dis-

persed after singing Auld Lang Syne.

Children Cry for

CASTORIA.

James De Long and Mrs De Long of

day. HAMBURG, Jan. 2.—The Hamburger Cor-respondenz announces that the German bark Hans Wagner, of Hamburg, was seized by the British at Delag a Bay on Dec. 21, and that her owners have lodged a complaint with the British foreign office. The men kick like steers on account of the smallness of the canteen. We buy out the whole shop in about a half hour, and then we have to wait for our turn again. Nothing strong is FAVOR MEDIATION.

sold in the canteen. BRUSSELS, Jan. 2.—Senator, Lejeune, former minister of justice and now member of the council of state, former Senator La-fontaine and other leading members of the

Osburne Matheson has been transferred to "F" company, but he does not mind it. "F" is a French company.

Last Sunday we passed the Cape Verde Islands. As we passed by St. Vincent's harbor we saw a number of British transports and cruisers homeward bound or for the Cape. Wednesday morning early we sighted a steamer ahead coming in our direction. When we came up with her we lowered a boat and sent our mail horre via England. I did not get my letters off, as the rush was terrible. A storm is working up tonight, but I don't think it will be much.

We had fire drill today. All hands were ordered to sit down and keep perfectly quiet while the boats were lowered, then to get up quietly and go to the boats allotted to each company. I will have to close now as it is nearly time for retiring. We turn in at nine p. m. and get up at five a. m. Our company sleep in hammocks, which are folded up and piled away every morning. Remember me to inquiring friends. The boys all send "best wishes" for a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year." Good bye.

Fred McCain in a letter to Harry Goldworthy, Military road, St. John, says, among other thirgs:

. . The boys are a good crowd of fellows to get along with. We have concerts and other amusements every night. We drill one hour every day and that is all we have to do but keep rifle and person clean. We get If you have backache and there are good food and plenty of it. For brick dust deposits found in the urine breakfast we have bread, butter, coffee, with sugar, and cheese. For after it stands for 24 hours you can be sure the kidneys are deranged. To dinner we have potatoes, meat, soup effect a prompt and positive cure and and pickles. We have apples or orprevent Bright's disease, suffering and anges once a day and lime juice twice anges once a day and mine parce twice daily. . . . We have had some rifle practice, and I am glad to say that G Co, came out second. I did better than I expected, getting 39 out of a possible 40. There was a swell death, use Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, the world's greatest kid-The gathering of Oddfellows at their

The gathering of Oddfellows at their hall, Union street, yesterday morning was a pleasant affair. Grand Warden C. B. Allan presided. He reviewed the work of the order during the past year, and told of its growth all over the continent. For a couple of hours the continent. For a couple of hours only thing we are short of is cigarettes. I heard one fellow offer \$1.50 for a package, or 50 cents for one cigarette. He could not get one.

THE POPE'S SUCCESSOR.

ROME, Dec. 31.—It is asserted that the fope, after the recent ceremony of opening the Holy Door of St. Peter's Cathedral, addressed his initimate entoumage and said: "I thank Divine Providence for granting the grace of being able to celebrate this for my successor will be roung, as compared to grant the grace of the second will have time to see many glories of the Papacy and the church." Later Leo clearly designated Cardian Minamb Alage and Said St. Later Leo clearly designated Cardian of Induigences and Saced Relics, and his successor. Cardinal Gotti, the famous genoese monk, is a man of great piety and modesty. He is now about sixty-four years of the church, he always alweps in a cell and on a hard mattress.

James De Long and Mrs De Long of Brockville, parish of Wilmot, Carle-ton Co., celebrated their golden wed-ding Dec. 18th. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cluff of Northampton, Carleton Co., will shortly celebrate their golden wedding and have a grand family reunion.

FRERE CAMP, Jan. 1.-The Boers inquired by heliograph today: "Why is Roberts coming? What has Buller The British replied: "How did you like cur lyddite in the late battle?" The Boers signalled in response: "Rats." CAPT. WILSON WOUNDED. PRETORIA, Jan. 1.—Three British pris-oners, who were taken at Malagro, say that Captain Gordon Cheeney Wilson, husband of Lady Sarah Wilson, and five other offi-cars whose mess they refuse to give.

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A recruiting office for men for the mount-A recruiting office for men for the mount-ed rifles will be opened at the Fusiliers' Club this morning. Staff Sergeant Moore will be in attendance and take the names of those desirous of volunteering. Dr. Thos or Lady Sarah Wilson, and uve other on-cers, whose names they refuse to give, were wounded in a recent sortie from Mafe king.

The Boer commander furnishes the

