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TWENTIETH YEAR

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THE SCAPEGRABBER READY TO TAKE HIS SHARE IN HER ATTACK?

All Ranks Have the Utmost Confidence in Him, and There is a Determination to Relieve Ladysmith at Any Cost.

Growing Anxiety Regarding the Disaffection of the Dutch in Cape Colony—Farmers Are Arming—Boers Chased Back Over the Tugela River—How Young Churchill Escaped From Pretoria.

Winston Churchill, The Morning Post's special correspondent, has been heard from. He escaped from Pretoria by climbing the prison wall, and is now at Chieveley with General Buller's forces.

A despatch from Chieveley, dated Tuesday, says the Boer position at 5 o'clock that morning with British shells was the engagement at Colenso the Boers have been energetically improving their entrenchments. They can be seen galloping freely from hill to hill.

On Friday last the British scouts reported that the Boers had crossed the Tugela River in force. Three British regiments, supported by the artillery and the available mounted volunteers, advanced under command of Lord Dundonald.

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Mr. Churchill's references to Ladysmith imply that the situation of the garrison was more desperate than had been supposed.

The Boer trench work is so good that it enables the enemy to hold a long line with very few men and to travel great distances under perfect cover, so as rapidly to reinforce any point attacked.

The Times, which comments editorially upon the severe strain, says: "It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that our troops are due to the unreality of the artificially practical losses given in the manoeuvres at Aldershot."

Despatches from Modder River represent Dutch disaffection in Griqualand West as growing very serious. The case also in the entire Dutch population has joined the Boers.

The Cape Town correspondent of The Times, in his dispatch, says: "Anxiety regarding the attitude of the Orange Free State is steadily growing. They make no effort to conceal their sympathy with the two Republics, and the only question now is whether the military situation is not changed, they will keep from open rebellion."

Even in districts that have not been visited by the Boers, in the eastern part of the province, the Dutch farmers are ridiculing all efforts to force the Boers to lay down arms.

London, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the Times from Pietermaritzburg, dated Thursday, Dec. 21, says: "A strong suspicion exists here that the ostensibly innocent party of Ladysmith, by General Buller's advisers in Helouan Bay, really concealed a plan to attack Ladysmith."

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OFFICERS IN COMMAND OF SECOND CONTINGENT

Lieut.-Col. Lessard to be Chief Officer of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, With Lieut.-Col. Evans Second in Command.

Lieut.-Col. Drury Will Handle the Brigade Division of Canadian Artillery—Officers of the Three Batteries—Mounted Police Squadrons Later.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—(Special)—The list of officers of the contingent, which was given out by Mr. Borden to-night, with the designation of two squadrons from the North-west, which have not yet been appointed, is as follows:

Canadian Mounted Rifles. Squadron's chief, Lieut.-Col. Lessard, R.C.D., in command. Second in command, Lieut.-Col. T. D. B. Evans, R.C.D. in command.

Officers of the two squadrons are as follows: Squadron-Major, Capt. and local Major Forester, R.C.D., Toronto.

Other two squadrons will be selected from the Northwest Mounted Police. Mounted Police, rough riders and others.

Officers of the Brigades Division, Royal Canadian Artillery, are as follows: Lieutenant, Lieut. J. A. P. Drury, R.C.A.

Attached for Duty. The following officers will be attached for duty: Capt. H. J. Mackie, 4th Battalion, Lanark. He will take the place of Capt. Fane.

MILITIA ORDER ISSUED. Descriptive Returns of Horses Required—Good Shots and Good Horsemen Insisted on.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The following militia order is issued to-day: Lieut. C.J. Catto, 18th Highlanders, is granted leave from the 23rd instant to the 20th April, 1900; 4th Field Battery, has been granted an extension of leave from the 1st October, 1899, to the 14th January, 1900.

Descriptive Returns of Horses. District officers commanding and officers commanding Canadian Mounted Rifles will be good enough to insure that descriptive returns of all horses purchased are made in accordance with the recognized form of the military authorities.

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St. Catherine's Reports. St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 27.—Major Merritt received orders from Lieut.-Col. Montzambert to go on with the enrolling and enlisting of recruits.

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To-day's Program. St. Andrew's Institute concert, 8 p.m. E. A. Macdonald's meeting in the Park, 8 p.m.

Contingent recruiting at the Armouries, 10 a.m. Andrew Mack at the Toronto Opera House, 2 and 8 p.m.

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and bed \$1.00, 202 and 204 King W.

Pembra's Turkish Baths. Excellent sleeping accommodation. 129 Yonge. Use Shannon Letter Files. The Best Office Specialty Co., 77 Bay.



MR. BULL: So we'll take the muzzle off the lion and let him have a go.

CROWN ATTORNEY CURRY ACTS UNDER THE VERDICT

Has Drawn Up Informations Charging Those Alleged to be Responsible for the Death of Mrs. Rogers With Manslaughter.

That Battle Alice Rogers met her death on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the corner of Church and Wellesley-streets, while driving across Church-street, by being run down and killed by car No. 228 of the Toronto Railway Company, on the Church-street route, about 9.30 p.m. We find that the fender in use was not the best available; that the speed of the car was so great as to be inconsistent with safety to life, and we find the responsibility for these conditions rests with the Toronto Railway Company.

The Crown Attorney says he believes Mr. Rogers is responsible, because the car was not provided with more effective fenders. The City Engineer is alleged to be liable because he did not regulate the speed of the cars.

Mr. Gons is also held responsible because he arranged the time-table which forced the motorman to run at a high rate of speed. The above-named parties will not be called into court before the beginning of next week.

HER HEART STOPPED. FELL DOWN AND DIED.

Mr. Robert Erskine, the well-known east end expressman, died suddenly yesterday at the noon hour. He left his home at 707 East Queen-street about 9.30 o'clock to go to Winchester-street. There he placed a load of lumber on his wagon and started down the Don-road with the intention of going to a Queen-street mill, where the lumber was to be delivered.

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TARTE IS SWINGING ROUND

La Patrie Has an Article Acknowledging That This Country is British.

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PARLIAMENT WILL RUN OUT ITS TERM

No Dominion Elections Will Take Place in the Year 1900,

SO LAURIER'S ORGAN SAYS.

The Present Parliamentary Term Does Not Expire Until 19 Months Hence.

NO PUBLIC OR PARTY REASON

Why an Appeal Should Be Made to the People Now, Writes Mr. Picaud.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—(Special)—"All electoral agitation should cease and not be resumed before the spring of 1900."

This is the way Sir Wilfrid Laurier tells the faithful readers of his Quebec organ that no appeal to the people will be made at present.

"We have every reason to believe," the article continues, "that the Federal Government has no intention of bringing on the general election just now."

"The term of the present Parliament will not expire in August, 1901, or 19 months hence, and there is no reason either of public or party interest why a dissolution should take place before the legal expiration of the parliamentary term."

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