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

Browing 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 spe-cial correspondent, has been heard from. He escaped from Pretoria by climbing is a strong determination to succeed in the relief of Ladysmith in the next at-

despatch from Chieveley, dated Tuesday, says the British naval guns began shell morning with lyddite. Ever since the engagement at Colenso the enemy have been energetically improving their cutrenchments. They can be seen gallopspatch also states that Ladysmith had tain. The temperature at General Bull-

On Friday last the British scouts reported

ued a preclamation warning all Brit- Toronto.

The Dunottar Castle, with General Lord Roberts on board, called at Gibraltar yesterday and took on General Lord Kitchener. The vessel sailed in early morning for Cape Town.

Wales Canadian Dragoons, Peterbore; (4) Major R. H. King. 1st Hussars, London.

B" Squadron—Major, Capt. and local Major V. A. S. Williams, R.C.D., Winnipeg.

Captain, Major H. S. Greenwood, of 3rd Prince of Wales' Canadian Dragoons, Peterbore.

London, Dec. 28, 4.30 a.m.—Mr. Winston Churchill's new arrival at Chieveley Camp is perhaps responsible for some overcoloring of the gravity of the situation, but all to-day's news conveys the impression that Gen. Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position. Certainly the Boers are not inactive. At both Modder River and the Tugela they are said to be strengthening their forces and extending defence works which, in both cases, are seemingly almost impregnable.

As showing the difficulty of obtaining accurate information, a correspondent of The Daily News at Capetown, under date of December 21st, announces that "General Buller is coming to Cape Town to meet Sir Charles Warren, and then both will go to Modder River."

Modder River."
As five battalions of Gen. Warren's fifth division are said to have gone to Natal. his arrival at Pietermaritzburg seemed natural.
What Are Buller's Plans? Despatches from Chieveley Indicate that Gen. Buller's forces will remobilize at Frere before attempting another advance. Doubtless he would be glad to retrieve the Colenso reverse before the arrival of Lord Roberts; yet he is hardly likely to attempt another frontal attack. It is more likely that he is preparing to strike, should the Beers make any offensive movement.

rison is more desperate than had been supposed.

The Boers continue fortifying the hills commanding the town. Gen. White, however, heliographs that all was well in Ladysmith on December 26th. Competent military critics in London regard the campaign as at a complete deadlock for the present, owing to the dispersal of the British forces and the lack of adequate transport. They believe it will be many weeks before Lord Reberts is able to reorganize and to make an effective move.

The Boer Trench Work.

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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 on the Strain.

It is also announced that the Boers have raised the siege of Kuruman and have all withdrawn to Magersfontein.

Anxiety is Growing.

at Any Cost.

He escaped from Pretoria by climbing the prison wall, and is now at Chieveley with General Buller's forces. He wires that all ranks have the fullest confidence in General Buller's forces. OF SECOND CONTINGENT

ing the Boer position at 5 o'clock that Lieut, Col. Lessard to be Chief Officer of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, With Lieut.-Col. Evans Second in Command.

spent Tuesday morning shelling the Boer position on Umbulwayna Moun. Lieut.-Col. Drury Will Handle the Brigade Division of Canadian Artillery-Officers of the Three Batteries-Mounted Police Squadrons Later.

Captain, Major H. S. Greenwood, of 3rd Prince of Wales' Canadian Dragoons, Peterboro.

Lieutenants, (1) Lieut. Van Straubenzie, R.C.D.; (2) Lieut. F. V. Younge, Manitoba Dragoons; (3) Capt. R. G. W. Turner, Queen's Own Canadian Hussars, Quebec; (4) Major H. L. Borden, Queen's Canadian Hussars, N.S.

To Be Announced Later.

The other two squadrons will be selected from the Northwest Mounted Police, expounted Police, rough riders and others. They will be selected from the Mounted Police, and will be recommended by the commissioner and afterwards approved by the Minister of Militia.

Artillery.

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Artillery.

The officers of the Brigade Division, Royal Canadian Artillery, are as follows: Staff—In command, Lieut.-Col. C. W. Drury, R.C.A.

Adjutant, Capt. H. C. Thacker, R.C.A. Medical officer, Surgeon-Major Arthur Worthington, 53rd Battalion Sherbrooke. Veterinary officer, Vet. Lieut. J. D. S. Massey, R.C.A., Kingston.

Officers of the Batteries.

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Mr. Captain, R. C. A., Date of Officers, Toronto Field Battery.

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Guelph.

"E" Battery—Major, Major C. H. Oglivie, R.C.A.
Captain, Major R. Costigan, 3rd Field
Battery, Montreal.
Lieutenants, (Capt. E. H. LaLiberte, 1st
Field Battery, Quebec; (2) Lieut. A. T.
Oglivie, R.C.A.; (3) Capt. W. C. Good, 10th
Field Battery, Woodstock, N.B.

Attached for Duty.

The following officer will be attached for The following officer will be attached for duty: Capt. H. J. Mackie, 42nd Bartalion, Lanark. He will take the place of Capt. Panet, who is now in South Africa.

MILITIA ORDER ISSUED.

Horsemen Insisted on, Oftawa, Dec. 27.-The following mi'itia order is issued to-day: Lieut. C. J. Catto, officers.

the J4th January, 1990.

Descriptive Returns of Horses.

Anxiety is Growing.

The Cape Town correspondent of The times, under date of Friday, Dec. 22, says:
"Auxiety regarding the attitude of the colonial Dutch is steadily growing. They hake no effort to conceal their sympathy with the two Republics, and the only question now is whether, if the military situation is not changed, they will keep from per releilion.

"Even in districts that have not been visited by the Boers, in the eastern part of the province, the Dutch farmers are riding about armed. This is the case also in districts only fifty miles from Cape Town, where a seditions movement is busily propagated. The British forces are inadequate to gaard 10,000 miles of communications.

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On Friday last the British scouts reported that the Boers had crossed the Tuge!a River in force. Three British regiments, supported by the artillery and all the available mounted volunteers, advanced under command of Lord Dundonald. The Boers retired across the river, and the British captured 500 cattle.

Mounted detachments from Kamberley went out under Col. Peakman on Wednesday last and advanced to Toll Pan, where they began to shell the Boers at 2500 yards. As the Boers were strongly entrenched, the British withdrew to Kimberley.

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Canadian Mounted Rifles.

Squadron's staff—Lieut.-Col. Lessard, R.C.D., in command.

Second in command, Lieut.-Col. T. D. B. Evns. R.C.D.

Adjutant, Capt. C. M. Nefles, R.C.D.

Transport officer, Capt. C. F. Harrison, Sth Princess Louise Hussars, N.B.

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Veterinary officers comman

ish subjects not to assist the inhabitants of the Transvaal or the Orange
Free State, or to sell or transport merchandlse thereto, under penanty of the law.

The officers of the two squadrons are as follows:

"A" Squadron-Major, Capt. and local Major Forrester, RT.D., Toronto.
Captain, Captain C. St. A Perce, R.C.D.
Lieutenants, (I) Lieut. J. H. Elmsley.
a Canadian picket had been cut off near Belmont.

St. C.D.; (2) H. Z. C. Cockburil, G.G.B.G.;
(3) Capt. W. D. Johnston, of Prince of Wales' Canadian Dragoons, Peterboro; (4)
Major A: H. King, 1st Hussars, London. applicants are an excellent lot of men and Hamilton's quota will therefore be the

> "Colt" Metcalfe Accepted.
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> Kingston, Ont., Dec. 27.—Up to last night at Tete du Pont barracks 57 had been accepted out of 87 applying for service in South Africa. Of batterymen 60 were examined and 40 accepted. Colt Metcalf of football fame, has been accepted. He furnished his own horse. Lieut. Col. Montizambert, D.O.C., is a volunteer for the front. Lieut. Col. Stone addressed the volunteers this morning.
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> The Kingston detachment of the contingent is listed to start from Tete du Pont Barracks on Friday, Jan. 5. The force will mobilize at Halifax.
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> Hinch, one of the deserters from A Battery, has given himself up and is now a prisoner at large. He will probably go to the Transvaal. "Colt" Metcalfe Accepted.

St. Catharines Recruits.

St. Catharines, Ont. Dec. 27,—Major Merrit received orders from Lleut. Col. Montizambert to go on with the enrolling and enlisting of recruits. The men are to be medically inspected by Surgeon-Major McCoy of the 19th Battalion. Drivers are invited to bring their own horses, which will be inspected by Veterinary-Major Elliott, 2nd Dragoons. The Board of Officers will assemble at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning, when all horses are required to be present for inspection. The 7th Field Battery will probably be required to furnish eleven gunners and seven drivers, but further instructions will be given on receipt of the nominal roll of the battalion and from the daily reports of recruiting officers.

order is issued to-day: Lleut. C.t.J. Catto,
48th Highlanders, is granted leave from the
23rd instant to the 30th April, 1900; (a)
Second Lieutenant H. G. Carscallen, 4th
Field Battery, has been granted an extension of leave from the 1st October, 1899, to
the 14th January, 1900.

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St. Andrew's Institute concert, 8 p.m. E. A. Macdonald's meeting in the Pa-Contingent recruiting at the Armouries, 10 a.m.
Julia Arthur at the Grand Opera House, 8 p.m.
Andrew Mack at the Toronto Opera House, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Homeo and Juliet" at the Princess, 2 and 8 p.m.
Shea's vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.
The Bijou Theatre, 2 and 8 p.m.
Empire Music Hall, 8 p.m.

CROWN ATTORNEY CURRY ACTS UNDER THE VERDICT

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

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

death on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the cor-E. H. KEATING, manager Toronto ner of Church and Wellesley-streets, Railway Company, JAMES GUNN, superintendent Torono Rallway Company. ROBERT FEWSTER, motorman, Towhile driving across Church-street, by being mn down and killed by car No. ronto Rallway Company. CHARLES H. RUST, City Engineer 528 of the Toronto Railway Company, of Toronto.

ARTHUR KINSELLA, who drove the sleigh which collided with the street par at the time Mrs. Rogers was instantly killed. on the Church-street route; about 9.30

Question: "How is it your wines are from two to three dollars per doz, better value than I buy elsewhere?" Answer: "They are bought in the primary mar. "They are bought in the primary mar. "Ret for cash, my expenses in rent, etc., are at least two thousand dollars less than many. Who pays expenses? Harry B. Hodgins, cor. Queen and John Sts.

Both the weather and good taste favor the present immense popularity of fur-lined overcoats for men. The demand at Dineens' this season for Dineens' special \$50 fur-lined overcoats exceeds that of any previous season in the long experience of the house. Perhaps the comparisons that are made between the style, quality and workmanship in Dineens' \$50 special and anything of the kind shown anywhere else for \$75 may account for the good sale of these garments. The muskrat lining is a superior quality of fur, the great collar and lapels are of the choicest otter, and the beaver shell is of a grade of material used only in the best work. An inspection of Dineens' special \$50 fur-lined overcoats satisfies the most fastidious judge of style, quality and finish.

*O.E., Pavilion, Friday—W. E. Ramser H. M. Bennett, H. Crane, G.R. Joseph.

F. Hancock Matthews sings "Absent Minder Beggar," Pavilion. Friday.

Wireless (Telegraph Station, Bremen, Dec. 27.—The North German Lloyd steamship company has arranged with Sig. Marconi to erect a wireless telegraphic station on Borkum, Island, 4 the westernmost of the East Frisial Islands, opposite the mouth of the Ems. To be operated in connection with a station on the Murkum fireship for signalling the arrival of the company's vessels.

G. W. Muller's Claim.

With more than one hundred brands of imported cigars, representing nearly every famous tobacco-growing district in Cuba and the Philippines, G. W. Muller claims to be able to select the exact cigar which has cigars ranging in price from \$2 to \$10 per box of 25 cigars.

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La Patrie Has an Article Acknowledging That This Country is

All Members of the Imperial Family.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The French press is pulling itself together in first-rate Who falls for freedom falls for God.

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MARRIAGES.

MACMURCHY-CRAICK—At the residence of the bride's father, Port Hope, by the Rev. A. G. Sinclair, M.A., on Wednesday, December 27th, Helen J. S., younger daughter of James Craick, Esq., to Angus—MacMurchy of Toronto.

BARTON-MACDONALD.—On Tuesday, December 26th, at No. 3 Rusholme road, by few places.

BARTON-MACDONALD.—On Tuesday, December 26th, at No. 3 Rusholme-road, by the Rev. R. P. Mackay, Charles Arthur Barton, manager Canada General Electric Company, Peterboro, to Mabel Effe, daughter of Randolph Macdonald.

DEATHS.

DUNN.—At Detroit, on Dec. 27, 1899, John, the youngest son of the late Jonathan Donn, and brother of James R. Dunn, City Weigh Master.

ERSKINE—Suddenly, on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1899, at 707 East Queen-street, Robert Erskine, aged 48 years, native of Antrim, Ireland.

Funeral on Friday, 29th inst., from his

Funeral on Friday, 29th inst., from his late residence to Norway Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimentor.

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GATES—At his father's residence, 242 Gerrard-street east, Tuesday, Dec. 26, Percy Harold, the youngest and dearly beloved son of William and Mary A. Gates, aged 1 year 8 months and 7 days.

Funeral Thursday at 3 p.m. to St. James Cemetery.

FITZGERALD—On Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 99 St. Joseph-street, Georgina B. Fitzgerald, widow of the late Edward Fitzgerald, Q.C.

Funeral on Friday, Dec. 29th., at 3 p.m.

Friends are requested bot to send flowers.

MUIR—At 225 Spadina-avenue, Wednesday morning, Fred M. Muir, aged 24 years and 3 months.

Funeral Thursday at 2 p.m.

REID—On Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, at 264 Welling on-street west, Margaretta Pratt, beloved wife of George Reid.

Funeral Saturday afternoon, Dec. 30, at 2 o'clock, No flowers.

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. Pacaud.

Montreal, Dec. 27 .- (Special.)-"All electoral agitation should cease, and not be re-sumed before the spring of 1900." This is the way Sir Wilfrid Laurier tells the faithful readers of his Quenec organ that no appeal to the people will be made at present. Mr. Pacaud, after having, so it is alleged, interviewed the Prime Minister, is alleged, interviewed the Prime Minister, wrote an article for Le Soleil, headed, "There will be no general election how."

"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 till August, 1901., or 19 months heace, and there is no reason either of public or party import why a dissolution should take place before the legal expiration of the parliamentary term. Canada is not engaged in any diplomatic or other conflict with the

Latest Poem on the War by Alfred

England. New York, Dec. 27 .- In this week's edition of The Independent, issuing to morow, will appear a late poem of four stanzas, by Alfred Austin, the poet laureage of Eng-MUST AVOID CONFLICTS OF RACE stanzas follows Mothers." The last you

And Live in Peace Together, Being The wife's, the widow's stifled wall,
These nerve the hand, these brace the spear, And speed them over veldt and vale.

Overcoats are cheaper) than pneumonia. Oak Hall Clothlers have some great clearing values in men's and boys' coats, at 115 King-street east and 116 Yonge-street.