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BIRTH.

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THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, Nov. 28—10 a. m. — To-day and Wednesday, moderate to fresh southerly to westerly winds, generally fair and mild.

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A BAD FALL.

Fireman Houston on No. 16, passenger engine, that leaves here for Walkerville, at 6.30 a. m., met with a nasty accident this morning. Just before the train backed down it ran up to get coal. In crossing the creek bridge, Fireman Houston fell from the engine to the creek bank, a distance of some 18 feet. Engineers Gubb and Ralston, who witnessed the accident, assisted Houston to the train. He was severely shaken up, and complained of his back hurting him. Although his injuries were not considered serious, he was unable to resume work, and went to his home in Walkerville.

PRESENTED WITH A ROBE.

The Young People's Society of the William St. Baptist Church had a sociable time last evening. M. Side occupied the chair and a pleasant program was presented. Mrs. James, gram was presented. Mrs. James, Miss Reeve sang an excellent quartette. Mrs. James and Miss Lilywhite also sang a very pleasing duet in splendid style. Miss Weise contributed a well-executed instrumental solo. Regitations by Miss Williams, Miss Gertrude Breen, of Windsor, and Master Cecil Snyder, were most heartily received. Miss Howie also rendered an excellent piano solo. The Rev. J. J. Ross was presented with a beautiful study robe. Arthur Dunn made the address, and Messrs. Jas. E. Gray, of the Ark, and S. C. Walker, made the presentation.

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The lady who advertised the loss of a handsome fur boa in last evening's Planet can have it upon making application at this office. Mr. Stanley Ball picked it up on Victoria Ave.

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A MEAN THIEF.

George Coyle, son of Fireman Robt. Coyle, had a turkey presented to him by his aunt in the spring. Young Coyle has taken great care of the fowl in anticipation of a Christmas dinner. Sunday night, however, some one entered the chicken house and stole the turkey.

THE FALL ASSIZES

Eric Beach Shooting Case Before the Court.

Willie Houston Brought Into Court a Very Sick Boy—Anxious to Have the Case Over.

At the assizes yesterday afternoon the case of Higgs vs. Higgs, a non-jury action, was first proceeded with, but, after hearing the evidence of the plaintiff, his lordship held that his (the plaintiff's) statements were not, even in themselves, sufficiently strong to make out a case. Judgment was given for defendant with costs. J. B. Rankin, Q. C., for the plaintiff; W. E. Gundy for defendant.

TRUE BILLS.

The grand jury filed to their places shortly before six o'clock and presented the following bills:—

Queen vs. Bates, perjury, true bill.

Queen vs. Duncan, perjury, true bill.

Queen vs. Houston, manslaughter, true bill.

Queen vs. Haines, rape, true bill.

The accused, William Houston, was then carried into the court room. The lad had been very ill and was unable to walk. He had been in bed for two or three weeks but all the parties concerned were anxious to get the case over and he was carried to court. He appeared far from well and painfully excited. He was attended in the court room by his father and Dr. J. L. Bray.

B. B. Osler, Q. C., who represented the accused, said that Dr. Bray had just informed him that the lad was physically unable to stand his trial, yet it was felt that his illness was largely due to the strain hanging over him. He asked his lordship if it would not be allowable to read in the depositions taken before the magistrate, Dr. Bray was present and would give evidence upon oath that imprisonment would be fatal to the lad.

His Lordship—I understand your position perfectly, Mr. Osler, but I am afraid I can do nothing myself. That is a matter for the Executive. In expressing myself to the grand jury I desired the public to know how I viewed the case, which is indeed a most unfortunate one. The parties, who have suffered most are really not to blame. The fact that it was suggested to the boy to take his rifle is very deplorable. A boy should be kept from handling these wretched fire-arms. The circumstances of the case are among the most deplorable I have ever heard.

Mr. Osler—In view, my lord, of the circumstances and facts as revealed in two prior investigations, I feel that I would be justified in anticipating a favorable verdict from a jury. I believe your lordship also realizes this and in view of the lad's illness I am making this application.

His Lordship—I cannot dispute that it will be quite possible for the jury to acquit, but your application can only be dealt with by the Executive, Mr. Osler.

After consultation with Mr. Houston, Mr. Osler asked that the case be laid over till morning.

His lordship acquiesced.

TUESDAY MORNING.

On opening court this morning Robt. Haines was arraigned on the charge of rape. The alleged victim was Dolly Davis and the date of the assault claimed to be the 14th of May last. Both belong to Chatham. The prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Walter Beggs and Robert Duncan were called for arraignment on the charge of perjury, but were not present. Both were out on bail and his lordship directed that bench warrants be issued for their arrest.

The trial of Haines was then proceeded with. W. R. Riddell, Q. C., conducted the prosecution, while the prisoner was defended by Chas. D. Macdonald.

Dolly Davis told the prosecution side of the story. She said she was in her 19th year, and on the evening of May 14th had attended a meeting at the Salvation Army. The prisoner accompanied her home to the McKerracher home, where she was working, when the alleged offence was committed.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Macdonald the girl said after the offense had taken place the prisoner and herself had a conversation about photographs, promising an exchange. Prisoner gave witness his photo, but she had lost it.

For the defence the prisoner took the stand on his own behalf. He said he met the girl by prearrangement and on the conditions that they were to be married on August 25, the girl consented. After the offense they discussed photographs and prisoner gave her his. He was 21 years of age, his 21st birthday having passed since his arrest.

Mr. Riddell put the prisoner through a very severe cross-examination, during which he said he had often met the girl and on one occasion had spoken to her mother about her.

The girl and mother were recalled and denied this story.

Both counsel, Messrs. Macdonald and Riddell addressed the jury prior to the noon adjournment.

The jury found Haines not guilty. The judge in discharging him, said he could not see what other verdict they could find.

HOUSTON CASE POSTPONED.

B. B. Osler, Q. C., on behalf of the accused in Queen vs. Houston, asked a postponement of the case until the next assizes as the accused boy was too ill to be present. He asked also that the boy be admitted to bail.

W. R. Riddell, Q. C., for the crown, said in view of Dr. Bray's affidavit he could not oppose the request. He asked, however, in view of the true bill returned by the grand jury, that the bail of $1,000 be doubled.

Mr. Osler consented to this and his lordship made the order traversing the case to the next assizes.

Robert Duncan was then arraigned charged with perjury. He pleaded not guilty. The accused was represented by J. B. Rankin, Q. C.

Walter Beggs, arraigned on the same charge, presented the same plea. J. B. Rankin, Q. C., defended.

The Duncan case was then proceeded with.

The steamer Siemens, her consort Holley and Steamer North Star went ashore below the Soo this morning entirely blocking the passage in all the fall rush.

Robert Henry has been nominated by the Conservatives of South Brant for the legislature.

Ex-President Weir, of the Bank Ville Marie, has been convicted of falsefying the bank statements.

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THE LANCERS ALL SAFE

British Casualties in the Battle of Graspan Total 195

London, Nov. 28.—A despatch from Gen. Buller gives a list of the casualties among the troops engaged in what was hitherto known as the battle of Gras Pan, but which is now officially designated the battle of Enslin. It proves that the British success was heavily bought. The losses announced to-day, added to the naval brigade casualties previously given, make a grand total of 193 as the cost of Gen. Methuen's second battle.

The Yorkshires, apparently, bore with the naval brigade the brunt of the fighting, as there were, in addition to three officers, 48 of the rank and file killed, wounded and missing.

The fact that the list contains the casualties of the Ninth Lancers seems to dispose of fears that they were surrounded and captured.

Gen. Buller's list shows that among the wounded of the Second Yorkshire light infantry were Capt. C. A. Yates, Lieuts. H. C. Fernyhough and C. H. Ackroyd. The casualties among the non commissioned officers and men of the various regiments engaged were: Killed, 10; wounded, 71; missing, 9. Besides this the naval detachment lost 4 officers and 10 men killed and two officers and 89 men wounded. Grand total of killed is thus 24; wounded, 169; missing 9.

General Bullers cables that none of the Ninth Lancers are reported missing.

LADYSMITH ALL RIGHT.

London, Nov. 28.—The War Office has received the following from General Buller, dated Pietermaritzburg, Nov. 28:

Our last news from Ladysmith, Nov. 24, said all well. An old message, dated Nov. 19, just arrived, begins: "Joubert has explained firing on one (Red Cross?) flag, previously reported. Have accepted explanation as satisfactory.

"Lieut. Lethbridge, rifle brigade, died of wounds. Other wounded generally doing well. Health of troops good.

"Six wounded Dublin Fusiliers, captured with the armored train south of Colenso, sent here to-day."

Apparently the government is monopolizing the single cable working to South Africa, as up to 2 o'clock this afternoon no news from the seat of war has been made public, with the exception of Gen. Methuen's despatches. This is particularly tantalizing at the present crucial moment. While the latest news is of a fairly reassuring character from the British viewpoint, much of it is assumed to be true on insufficient evidence.

THE ADVANCE TO KIMBERLEY.

London, Nov. 28.—The fact appears to be that Metheun's scouts have lost touch of the burghers, portions of whose forces, after withdrawing out of reach of observers, may, it is claimed, make a detour with the object of interrupting the British line of communication.

Sharp fighting may be expected at any time on the southern frontier. Possibly Gen. Gatacre's first battle will be in the rough passes of the Stormberg mountains.

In the reconnaissance of Sunday, Nov. 26: Ninth Lancers, wounded, Lieut. J. G. Sterling and one trooper.

A corrected list of the British casualties at Gras Pan shows that Flag Captain Reginald C. Prothero, of the Doris, and Lieutenant of Marines Walter T. C. Jones, also of the Doris, previously reported wounded, were killed.

The additional casualties telegraphed by Gen. Buller appear to be the first intimation of the actions of Gen. Methuen's forces which have not yet been reported. As the Ninth Lancers participated in a reconnaisance on Sunday, they must have safely returned from pursuit of the Boers after the battle of Gras Pan.

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BULLER'S LATEST.

He Reports the Railway now Open to Frere.

Gives Gen. Hildyard Great Credit for the Beacon Hill Fight—The Boer Retreat.

London, Nov. 28. — The War Office has received the following despatch from Gen. Buller, dated Pietermaritzburg, Natal, Sunday, Nov. 26:—

"Hildyard, from Estcourt, made a successful attack Nov. 23 with three battalions, one field battery, a naval gun and 700 mounted troops, on the enemy occupying Beacon Hill, which dominates Willow Grange, and had interrupted his communication. As a result of the operations the enemy is retiring and the railway and telegraphic lines have been restored between Estcourt and Weston. Our loss was about fourteen killed and fifty wounded. Hildyard has advanced to a position near Frere, as he hopes to cut off the enemy, who is believed to be retiring on Colenso via Weenen. Barton from Weston has advanced to Estcourt. As soon as communication is restored I will telegraph particulars. So far as I can make out the operation is one for which Hildyard and the troops deserve much credit. The railway is now open to Frere."

THE BOER RETREAT.

The Colonial Office has received the following despatch from the Governor of Natal, dated Pietermaritzburg, Sunday, Nov. 26:—"The Boers are retiring on Weenen. Our troops are occupying a ridge three miles north of the Mooi River. It appears that the Boers have found our position too strong, and are retiring towards Ladysmith with the loot they have collected. The river is in flood. Buller has arrived. Telegraphic communication with Estcourt was restored early this morning."

For the moment the Boer invasion southward in Natal seems not only to have spent its force, but to have developed into a retrograde movement; but with forces so mobile as those of the Boers, it is difficult to surmise where they will appear next. Apparently Gen. Clery's advance to the relief of Ladysmith has really commenced. So far as ascertainable, Gen. Hildyard's force, which is already at Frere, must number 10,000 men, and should be able to reoccupy Colenso, where it may have to await reinforcements of artillery and cavalry before joining hands with Gen. White. Gen. Barton now occupies Estcourt, and Mooi River will be occupied by reinforcements from Pietermaritzburg. The whole situation has been distinctly cleared since.

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