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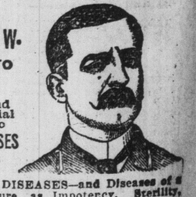
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DETAILS OF THE DISASTER AT SPION KOP COMING OUT

The Story From British Sources Reads as if the British Went Squarely Into a Trap—Summit of Spion Kop Was a Perfect Hell.

No Mortal Could Stand the Fire—Even Long Range Guns Were Brought Into Action By the Boers—Buller's Official Losses in 10 Days Number 910 Men—List of Officers Killed and Wounded—The Whole Situation Now Depends on Lord Roberts—His Plans Are Unknown.

The first British account of the taking and abandonment of Spion Kop has just come to hand in a despatch from Frere, dated Friday. It appears that the Boers held positions in the kopjes all round the almost inaccessible plateau. The story says: "The ridge held by our men was faced by a number of stray little kopjes at all angles, whence the Boers sent a concentrated fire from their rifles, supported by a Maxim-Nordenfeldt and a long range gun. What with the rifles and the machine guns, the summit of Spion Kop was converted into a perfect hell. The shells exploded continually in our ranks, and the rifle fire from an absolutely unseen enemy was perfectly appalling. Mortal man could not permanently hold such a position. Our gallant fellows held it tenaciously for 20 hours, and then, taking advantage of the darkness, abandoned it to the enemy."

The War Office yesterday issued a list of officers killed, missing and wounded after the attack on Spion Kop, on Jan. 24. Twenty-two officers were killed, 19 were wounded and four are missing. The list is given below. But the War Office has not, as yet, given out any list of losses among the non-commissioned officers and men.

There was no further official news given out in London yesterday, except the usual bulletin from Cape Town that the situation there was unchanged.

London takes Gen. Buller's retreat calmly, and there is more determination than ever to fight the war out to a successful issue.

The latest news from Natal is most unfavorably commented on by the German press. Some of the Berlin papers argue that Gen. Buller's retreat is the decisive move of the whole war.

Dr. Leyds, the Boer agent, is still talking at Berlin, but a statement is made from official sources that Dr. Leyds has no standing in Germany.

London, Jan. 30.—(4.15 a.m.)—History pauses for a time in South Africa. It is one of those unsatisfactory pauses that are nearly as trying to British nerves as a sequence of reverses; and, apparently, it will terminate only when Lord Roberts gives the word for the movement into the Free State, which, according to the most cheerful view, he will be unable to do for a fortnight.

All Depends on Roberts.

Whether he will permit Gen. Buller to make another attempt to relieve Ladysmith is quite outside the knowledge even of those closely connected with the War Office. With the troops due to arrive next month he may think himself strong enough to try two large operations. Combining the forces under Gen. Methuen, French and Gatacre, and adding to them the arriving troops, Lord Roberts would have 70,000 for the invasion of the Free State, with 40,000 or 50,000 guarding communications and 40,000 trying to rescue Ladysmith.

Public is Impatient.

The public burns with impatience that something should be done, but there is nothing to do but to wait on the preparations. Oceans of ink are poured out in advance. Orators are at work in the provinces telling the people that England has "set her teeth in grim determination to see it thru."

More Men Must Go.

The Government's declaration in Parliament, the counter-suggestions of those outside the Government, and the consequent discussion in the press and on the platform, will immediately enthrall public interest. The thing on which everybody seems agreed is that more men must go.

20,000 Men at Sea.

There are 20,222 men and 155 guns at sea; 11,000 infantry and 9000 cavalry, including 5000 yeomanry, are practically ready to embark. Therefore, the Government, without doing more, can place at the disposal of Lord Roberts 40,000 additional men and 155 guns. The further purposes of the War Office are supposed to embrace somewhere in the neighborhood of 50,000 more men. As the indication is that candidates will be rather scarce, the War Office will issue orders for the reservists who were found unfit at the previous mobilization examinations to report for further examination. Applicants for cavalry service are still freely offering as yeomanry.

Buller Lost 912 Men in 10 Days.

General Buller's operation has cost 912 men, so far officially reported within 10 days. Applying to the 206 Spion Kop casualties reported to-day, the role proportion, the losses of officers indicate probably 500 casualties yet to come.

Total Casualties to Date.

The total casualties of the war, compiled from official reports, are 9523, nearly a division. Of these, 2486 are killed, 4811 wounded and the rest prisoners.

The aggregate British home troops in South Africa number 116,000, the Natalians 7158, and Cape Colonials 21,000.

AN AWFUL TIME AT SPION KOP.

From This Story It is No Wonder That the British Abandoned It in the Night.

London, Jan. 30.—A special despatch from Frere Camp, dated Friday, Jan. 26, 9.10 p.m., says: "I have just ridden in here, having left General Buller's forces in the new positions, south of the Tugela, to which they retired, in consequence of the reverse at Spion Kop.

Fighting Was Desperate.

"The fighting, both before and after the occupation of the mountain, was of a desperate character.

"Spion Kop is a precipitous mountain, overtopping the whole line of kopjes along the Upper Tugela. On the eastern side the mountain faces Mount Alice and Potgieter's Drift, standing at right angles to the Boer central position and Lyttleton's advanced position. The southern point descends in abrupt steps to the lower line of kopjes on the western side, opposite the right outposts of Warren's force; it is inaccessibly steep until the point where the nek joins the point to the main range. Then there is a gentle slope, which allows easy access to the summit.

Nek Held by the Boers.

"The nek was strongly held by the Boers, who also occupied a heavy spur parallel with the kop, where the enemy was concealed in no fewer than 35 rifle pits, and was thus enabled to bring to bear upon our men a damaging crossfire, the only possible point for a British attack being the south side, with virtually sheer precipices on the left and right.

Boers Were Everywhere.

"A narrow footpath, admitting men in single file only to the summit, opens into a perfectly flat tableland, probably of 300 square yards area, upon which the Boers had hastily commenced to make a transverse trench. Our men were able to occupy the further end of this tableland, where the ridge descends to another flat, which was again succeeded by a round stony eminence held by the Boers in great strength.

Summit a Perfect Hell.

"The ridge held by our men was faced by a number of strong little kopjes at all angles, whence the Boers sent a concentrated fire from their rifles, supported by a Maxim-Nordenfeldt and a big long-range gun. What with the rifles and the machine guns, the summit was converted into a perfect hell. The shells exploded continually in our ranks, and the rifle fire, from an absolutely unseen enemy, was perfectly appalling.

Shells in the Trench.

"Reinforcements were hurried up by General Warren, but they had to cross a stretch of flat ground, which was literally torn up by the flying lead of the enemy. The undulished trench on the summit gave very questionable shelter, as the enemy's machine guns were so accurately ranged upon the place that often 16 shells fell in the trench in a single minute.

Mortal Man Could Not Hold It.

"Mortal man could not permanently hold such a position. Our gallant fellows held it tenaciously for 20 hours, and then, taking advantage of darkness, abandoned it to the enemy."

SLAUGHTER OF BRITISH OFFICERS

At Spion Kop on Jan. 24—Twenty-Two Killed, 19 Wounded and Four Missing.

London, Jan. 29.—General Buller wires from Spearman's Camp, Jan. 29, the following casualties among the officers of the Fifth Division and mounted brigades under General Woodgate, at Spion Kop, on Jan. 24th:

KILLED.

Staff-Capt. M. H. Virtue, Second Lancashire Fusiliers.
Capt. S. M. Stewart, Second Lancashire Fusiliers.
Lieut. F. R. Mallock, Second Lancashire Fusiliers.
Lieut. E. Fraser, Second Lancashire Fusiliers.
Capt. C. Muriel, Second Middlesex.
Lieut. W. Lawley, Second Middlesex.
Lieut. H. A. Wilson, Second Middlesex.
Major A. J. Ross, Second Lancashire Regiment.
Capt. M. W. Kirk, Second Lancashire Regiment.
Lieut. A. H. Wade, Second Lancashire Regiment.
Lieut. Pipe - Wolferston, Second King's Scottish Borderers.
Capt. C. G. Birch, First South Lancashires.
Lieut. F. M. Rachael, First South Lancashires.
Lieut. H. W. Garvey, First Borderers.
Capt. the Hon. W. H. Petre, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.
Capt. C. S. N. Knox-Gore, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.
Lieut. C. G. Grenfell, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.
Lieut. P. F. Newton, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.
Lieut. P. S. McCorquodale, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.
Lieut. Hill-Trevor, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.
Lieut. Randall, Imperial Light Infantry.
Lieut. Knockschand, Imperial Light Infantry.
Total—22.

WOUNDED.

Gen. Woodgate, in command, dangerously.
Col. Bloomfield, Second Lancashire Fusiliers (taken prisoner).
Major W. F. Waller, Second Lancashire Fusiliers.
Lieut. R. S. Wilson, Second Lancashire Fusiliers.
Lieut. L. E. Charton, Second Lancashire Fusiliers.
Major E. W. Scott-Moncrieff, Second Middlesex.
Capt. G. W. Saville, Second Middlesex.
Capt. R. De H. Burton, Second Middlesex.
Capt. G. W. Bentley, Second Middlesex.
Capt. W. Sanbach, Second Lancashires.
Lieut. A. Dykes, Second Lancashires.
Lieut. J. A. Nixon, Second Lancashires.
Lieut. G. R. Stephens, Second Lancashires.
Capt. F. M. Carlton of the Staff.
Lieut. A. W. Forester of the Staff.
Lieut. J. W. Baldwin of the Staff.
Capt. R. A. Bettington, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.
Lieut. Howard, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.
Capt. Coleman, Imperial Light Infantry.
Total—19.

MISSING.

Capt. W. F. Emslie-Hicks, Second Lancashire Fusiliers.
Capt. G. B. French, Second Lancashire Fusiliers.
Major G. A. Carton, Second Royal Lancashires.
Lieut. Power-Ellis, Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry.
Total—4.

BOERS BOMBARDING KIMBERLEY

Firing on the People Instead of the Fortifications—A Child Was Killed.

London, Jan. 30.—The Times has the following heliograph message via Modder River from Kimberley, dated Jan. 26: "The bombardment continues. It is now directed toward the inhabited portion of the town, rather than the fortifications. Between midnight and 4 p.m. yesterday 140 shells were fired. They seem to have been of Transvaal manufacture, not bursting widely. One child was killed and four persons injured."

WHO WILL HOLD DELAGOA BAY?

Indemnity Will Be So Large That Britain Will Get Lorenzo Marquez.

London, Jan. 30.—The Lisbon correspondent of The Standard says: I hear that the indemnity to be awarded Great Britain in the Delagoa Bay arbitration will be so large that Portugal will be obliged to make over the railway and port of Lorenzo Marquez to the British Government.

LORD DUNDONALD IS SAFE.

The Cavalry Commander and Forces Are on the South Bank of the Tugela River.

London, Jan. 29.—(3.36 p.m.)—Great anxiety has been removed by the announcement that Lord Dundonald's cavalry forces, which it was feared had been isolated among the hills in the neighborhood of Acton Homes, are safe on the south bank of the Tugela.

INITIATIVE WITH THE BOERS.

What Will They Do?—Will They Attack Ladysmith or Act Against Buller?

London, Jan. 30.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, in The Morning Post, says: "Defeat is bitter, but it is right to face it, and to take reasonable means to turn it into vic-

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To-Day's Program.

Cissie Loftus at Shea's, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Arizona," at the Grand, 8 p.m.
"A Female Drummer," at the Toronto, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Said Pasha," at the Bijou, 2 and 8 p.m.
"A Ticket-of-Leave Man," at the Princess, 2 and 8 p.m.
The Empire, 8 p.m.
Board of Trade elections, 3 p.m.
Young Liberal Club banquet, at Rossin House, 8 p.m.
License Commissioners meet, 3 p.m.
County Council, in session, 10 a.m.
British Empire League, at St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.
Dufferin School Art League Conversat., in the Normal School, 8 p.m.
Parks' concert, in Massey Hall, 8 p.m.

MR. GREENWAY'S DUPLICITY

Has Prevented Liberals From Entering the Field in South Winnipeg and Emerson.

HUGH JOHN AND MR. McFADDEN

Will Be Returned by Acclamation—Protests Filed in Some of the Constituencies.

Winnipeg, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Nominations for the provincial bye-elections in South Winnipeg and Emerson will take place to-morrow at noon. As a result of the revelation of Greenway's duplicity in the railway deals, no Liberal will enter the field, and Premier Macdonald and Hon. Mr. McFadden will be returned by acclamation.

This is the last day on which the members who were gazetted Dec. 30 can be petitioned against, and protests were filed by Ewart, Fisher & Wilson against the elections of Dr. W. J. Neilson in North Winnipeg, Dr. O. J. Grain in Kildonan and St. Andrew's, and Dr. S. W. McInnis in Brandon city. Tupper, Phippen & Tupper protested Mr. Burrows in Dauphin, R. H. Myers in Minnedosa and Hon. Col. McMillan in Centre Winnipeg.

Application for a Recount.

This morning, before Judge Walker, A. J. Andrews made an application, on behalf of J. T. Mortimer, election agent for A. W. Puttee, for a recount of ballots cast in the recent election for Winnipeg. The recount takes place to-morrow. Mr. Martin's friends claim that reports show eight of a majority, supposing all ballots marked outside the disc are counted. Puttee's friends are also confident of winning at the recount. There will be rejoicing among the Sifton Liberals if Puttee is elected at the recount.

Judge Scukler, of the Elevator Commission, is in the hospital with bronchial trouble.

CANADA'S EXHIBIT AT PARIS.

Forestry Products Will Make Seven Carloads and Will Be Very Complete.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The last shipment of forestry products for the Canadian forestry exhibition at Paris was made to-day. It consisted of two car loads of wood specimens and manufactured articles "in the white." These were from all parts of Canada, and included an immense section of Douglas fir from British Columbia. Altogether seven car loads of material have been shipped for the forestry exhibit, which is the most complete yet sent out of Canada. It is exclusively a commercial exhibit, and consists of sections of trees, square timber, deals, lumber and manufactured articles, showing the natural color and grain of the wood. In another part of the exhibition Canada is making a very fine showing of farming implements, furniture, etc., and these will illustrate the various purposes to which Canadian woods are put.

DOINGS IN THE FOREST CITY.

Ten Youngsters Captured in a Club House and Fined $2 Each—Collection for St. James'.

London, Ont., Jan. 29.—A raid was made early on Sunday morning on a club house on Clarence-street by the police, and 10 young men, all under age, were arrested and taken to the police station in the patrol wagon. The neighbors had been complaining for some time of the disorderly character of the place. The young men were all fined $2 each before the Police Magistrate this morning and given a sound warning.

A special collection was taken up at the First Methodist Church yesterday to help raise the debt on St. James' Church, Montreal. The sum of $225 was subscribed, and that amount will no doubt be largely augmented. A similar collection was taken up at Dundas Centre Church and a large sum realized.

Rev. David J. Burrell, D.D., of New York, conducted the reopening services at St. Andrew's Church yesterday, and it was very appropriate that he should do so, for the edifice was consecrated to the service of God many years ago by Dr. Ormiston, who was succeeded by Dr. Burrell at the Marble Collegiate Church.

THAT FATALITY AT ROSEBANK.

Inquest Will Be Continued on Friday—Was There a Second Despatcher's Message?

County Crown Attorney Lieut.-Col. Farewell of Whitby is at the Walker House. Asked as to what would be the outcome of the inquest in the G. T. R. collision and fatality at Rosebank last week, he said that it all depended on whether Engineer Hutton received a despatcher's order supplemental to the one which was found on his body. There is an effort being made to secure some evidence in this direction, and the inquest will be resumed at Rosebank next Friday, when all the remaining witnesses will be examined, and doubtless a verdict will be reached.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S OFFER.

It is Proposed to Raise and Equip a Mounted Force of 250 Men.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 29.—The Citizens' Committee of Victoria passed a resolution this morning inviting the co-operation of other cities and municipalities in the province to raise and equip 250 mounted men to supplement the Provincial Government's offer of 100, Victoria's quota to be 50.

Cook's Turkish Baths—204 King W.

Struck by a Train.

Trenton, Ont., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Yarrow, an old lady of this place, while crossing the C.P.R. track here this afternoon was struck by a shunting engine and instantly killed. Deceased was very hard of hearing and did not hear the approach of the train.

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Declared Free of Plague.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 29.—The ports of Rio Janeiro and Santos have been officially declared free of the bubonic plague.

CANADA'S BIGGEST EARNER.

Gross Earnings of Canadian Pacific Railway Company for 1899 $29,230,038

AND THE NET PROFIT $10,475,372

Net Profit for December, 1899, Increased $96,870, and for the Year Increase Was $1,754,794.

Montreal, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—For December, 1899, the gross earnings of the C.P.R. were $2,970,214; working expenses, $1,594,238; net profits, $1,375,981. In December, 1898, the net profits were $1,279,111, and for the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 1899, the figures are as follows: Gross earnings, $29,230,038; working expenses, $16,999,873; net profits, $12,230,165. For the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 1898, there was a net profit of $10,475,372, showing that the increase in net profits over the same period for 1898 as compared with 1899 is $96,870, and from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1899, there was an increase of $1,754,794.

AWFUL BOILER EXPLOSION

Five Men Were Killed and a Dozen More Were Injured in a Rolling Mill at Pittsburg.

MUTILATED BEYOND RECOGNITION.

Many Were Scalded by Escaping Steam—No Cause of Explosion Yet Known.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 29.—The steel department of Phillips, Nimick & Company's rolling mill on West Carson-street was completely wrecked and a dozen men were injured by an explosion of a battery of four large boilers this afternoon. The loss to the plant will be enormous. All the injured men were quickly removed from the ruins. Five were mutilated almost beyond recognition, and one or two more deaths may result. The injured were taken to a temporary hospital, and local physicians were summoned to relieve their sufferings.

The roof of the boiler room was completely lifted from the building, and the flying iron and steel fell in all directions. Heavy beams and portions of the masonry were thrown from the foundations. The men were crushed to the ground on the spot where they were attending to the rolls, and those beside the boilers were scalded by the escaping steam. The cause of the explosions cannot be known until a thoro investigation can be made. No estimates of the property loss could be made to-day.

FOR STRATHCONA'S HORSE.

Recruiting Will Commence on Feb. 5, and All the Men Will Be Westerners.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—Recruiting for Strathcona's Horse will commence on Monday, Feb. 5, at the following Mounted Police posts:

In the N.W.T.—Moosomin, Regina, Maple Creek, Medicine Hat, Calgary, MacLeod, Lethbridge, Pincher Creek, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Battleford.

In Manitoba—At Portage la Prairie, Brandon and at the barracks, Winnipeg.

In British Columbia—At Golden, Revelstoke, Vernon, Kamloops, Fort Steele, Nelson, Vancouver and Victoria.

It is probable that the first train with men and horses will leave Calgary about the 10th or 12th February for Ottawa, and that all will leave Calgary by the 15th February. The above recruiting stations were arranged by Comptroller White and Col. Steele, and approved by Hon. Clifford Sifton and the military authorities.

A Lively Week in Furs at Dineens'.

Fur sleigh robes and heavy fur-wear for ladies and men are leading specials now offered at Dineens' before stock-taking. No better value in the world can be shown than Dineens' special $50 fur-lined overcoats for men. Only a few of these coats are left, and, at the advanced prices for furs, coats in the same fur qualities cannot be reproduced even at Dineens' at the special price of $50. No finished fur garments are ever carried over the season at Dineens', and before stock-taking Dineens are also offering a number of specials in ladies' electric seal, raccoon, Bokhara, sable and astrachan jackets, and all the recently imported Parisian fur caperines, collarettes, Victorias and scarfs.

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Deft Cigarmakers in Canada.

Both the "Cambridge" and "Oxford" cigars are made in Canada, but the tobacco leaf from which they are made is grown in Cuba, the wrapper coming all the way from Madras. The cigar makers who prepare them for G. W. Muller's fastidious ideas are perhaps the highest paid artisans in Canada. They have the real Cuban roll, and it is an open secret that only the deft-fingered Cubans understand the true knack of the perfect roll. Mr. Muller reports a great increase in the demand for the "English University" cigars. $2.25 for 50.

Osman Digna in Prison.

Cairo, Jan. 29.—Osman Digna, the only emir who escaped death or capture in the battle at Omdebrikas, and who has since been captured, was brought to Cairo yesterday and was placed in confinement with the other prisoners at Rosetta.

Leather Couches and Easy chairs. Office Specialty Co., 77 Bay street.

To See Mr. Tarte To-Day.

Messrs. D. W. McNair and J. Stewart Clark of New York and Mr. C. A. Austin of Simcoe are registered at the Rossin House. They are here in the interests of the Grand Valley and Port Dover Electric Railway, and are to interview Mr. Tarte to-day, who is attending the banquet of the Young Liberal Club at the Rossin House.

Thirteen Men Drowned.

Bilboa, Spain, Jan. 29.—The Spanish steamer Valle has foundered off the coast, 13 of the crew being drowned.

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QUEBEC ORGANS DISAGREE

As to the Cause of the Defeat of the Ministerial Candidate in Lotbiniere.

SOLEIL SAYS NO DISCIPLINE.

Telegraph Says Self-Appointed Liberal Leaders Are Antagonistic to the Veterans.

Montreal, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—There is an ugly difference between the Liberal organs over the defeat of Mr. Boisvert, the Ministerial candidate in Lotbiniere.

The Soleil says that the lack of discipline which has been made manifest in this election will probably open Sir Wilfrid Laurier's eyes to the situation of the party in this district, and convince him that he needs to modify it before the next elections.

The Telegraph, on the other hand, says that The Soleil is wrong in laying the blame at the door of the rank and file of the party, when the fault lies rather with the coteries of intriguers and self-appointed leaders, who are forcing the Liberal masses into a position of antagonism by their insulting and systematic ostracism of the victims of Liberalism, and by their interested scheming to shape the management of the party's affairs to their own ends, their own likes and dislikes, and their own ideas of the eternal fitness of things.

"These are the people who are doing all the harm, who are misleading the real leaders of the party, who are placing the Ottawa Ministers in false positions, and who are sapping the very foundations of the party's popularity by scattering the seeds of division and revolt, or indifference, among the Liberal rank and file.

"And these are the people also who should claim Sir Wilfrid Laurier's attention and the sooner the better. The result in Lotbiniere is their work, and we shall certainly see more like it if they are allowed to rule the roost much longer."

There is no doubt that some of the Young Liberals, who have long been anxious to see Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere out of the Cabinet, are doing their best to blame his selection of Mr. Boisvert and his management of the election for the defeat. Lotbiniere is Sir Henri's old county, and he was supposed to thoroly know it.

TROOPS LEAVE ON FRIDAY.

Farewell At Home Given by Col. Evans Yesterday—Matchboxes and Money for Troopers.

The powers that be at Ottawa have at last fixed the date of the departure for Halifax of the three troops of Mounted Infantry stationed at Stanley Barracks. It will be on Friday next.

Lieut.-Col. Evans and the officers of the Mounted Infantry held a farewell at home at the barracks yesterday afternoon and, notwithstanding the intensely cold weather, a large number of guests were present.

The city's gift of souvenir match boxes and money to the Toronto members of the contingent was presented to the men yesterday, and there was accordingly great rejoicing.

With the serving out of blankets yesterday for the horses the entire kit for both man and mount is now complete, with the exception of the khaki uniforms, which they will receive upon arriving at Halifax.

WENT INTO THE FIRE.

C. Charters Wanted to Get Some Valuables and Barely Escaped Burning.

Mr. C. Charters, who conducts a provision store at 157 Dundas-street, had a narrow escape from death by a fire which occurred at his place of business early yesterday morning. He got his family out in safety, but was unable to make his escape by the stairway the second time when he returned to the burning building in the hope of saving some valuables. He climbed out on the window sill and was rescued just in time by a fireman who went to his assistance. The fire did about $1000 damage to the building and contents.

ST. GEORGE IS A FREE MAN.

No Evidence to Connect Him With the Alleged Attempt to Poison His Family.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—Edward St. George of Waterstreet, who was arrested some time ago on the charge of attempting to poison the inmates of his house, was honorably acquitted, and Magistrate O'Keefe in dismissing the case said there was no evidence to connect St. George with the alleged attempt to poison the family, nor was it even clear that there was poison in the teapot. St. George was accordingly acquitted, and received the congratulations of his friends.

Toronto Quick Lunch, 81½ Yonge-St. next to World Office. Open day and night. Salada Ceylon Tea Five cents. Boston Beans 5 cents. Tenderloin Steak 20 cents, Oyster Stew 10 cents. 2

Snow in New York State.

Saratoga, N.Y., Jan. 29.—Sixteen inches of snow have fallen here since last evening, and the storm is still in progress at midday.

DEATHS.

BLEVINS—At his late residence, 257 Gerrard-street east, on Monday, Jan. 29, 1900, John Blevins, barrister, (City Clerk, a native of Armagh, Ireland, in 71st year of his age.

Funeral on Thursday, Feb. 1 next, at 3.30 o'clock p.m., to St. James' Cemetery.

BLAKE—In this city, on Monday, Jan. 29, Mary A. Blake (Polly), eldest daughter of Mrs. T. Blake, 138 Palmerston-avenue.

Funeral will take place from the above address on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, to St. Mary's Church (Bathurst-street). Interment at St. Michael's Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

CHILLIPS—At his late residence, Murray-street, Bracondale, on Sunday, Jan. 28, 1900, Reuben Phillips, aged 63 years.

Funeral Thursday, Feb. 1, at 3 p.m., to Prospect Cemetery.

STODDART—On Sunday, Jan. 28, 1900, at her mother's residence, 23 Alexander-street, Mary E. (Minnie), eldest daughter of the late John Stoddart.

Funeral private, on Wednesday, Jan. 31st, at 2.30 p.m.

TOMLINSON—In Malton, on Monday, Jan. 29, 1900, Joseph Tomlinson, aged 50 years.

The funeral will take place from his late residence on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1900, at 2.30 o'clock. Interment at Shiloh Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH WILL BE COLORLESS

Her Majesty Will Regret the Terrible Bloodshed Consequent on the War

AND PRAISE THE SOLDIERS.

Patriotism of the Colonies in Sending Troops to Africa Will Be Acknowledged.

IRISHMEN MAY MAKE A SCENE.

W. T. Stead, the Anti-War Crank, Will Send a Message to Speaker Gully.

London, Jan. 29.—It has been learned by the Associated Press that the Queen's speech, with the reassembling of Parliament, to-morrow, will be colorless. There will be a short reference to the war, chiefly confined to regrets at the terrible bloodshed, and encomiums of the men who have laid down their lives for the country. The whole proclamation will indicate that there is not the slightest idea of giving up the war until Great Britain's end shall be gained.

A Word to the Colonies.

The speech will further say that relations with all foreign states are very friendly, and will express great pleasure and gratification at the patriotism shown by the colonies at a critical period in sending troops to South Africa, and at the patriotism exciting in the Empire generally.

It will also express gratification at the offers of troops from Indian native chiefs, and will allude to the satisfactory completion of the treaty relations as to Samoa.

Nothing Serious Ahead.

A Cabinet Minister who was interviewed by a representative of the Associated Press said:

"I do not believe the session opening to-morrow will materialize into anything serious. Some of our Irish friends may try to expire on the floor, but I find in moments of serious national crises Irish eloquence has little effect, and such orators generally take a back seat. The diatribes on the Government will doubtless be a little more vicious than formerly, but I believe sober-minded men of both parties realize that, however much there may be to criticize, the Government is doing its best, and that it would be almost unpatriotic to tie its hands at such a time. We are not nervous as to the result of the session."

Crank Stead's Open Letter.

Mr. William T. Stead has addressed an open letter to the Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr. William Court Gully, asking him to bring it to the notice of the House.

The writer says: "The consequence of going to war with a lie in our right hand is now manifest, even to the dullest understanding. The responsibility for the lie, which is now working out its natural consequence in South Africa, originally lay upon the Colonial Secretary alone, but by a conspiracy of falsehoods, the select committee of 1897 was hocussed into returning a false verdict, which, being afterwards accepted by the House of Commons, involved Parliament itself in the responsibility for a fatal fraud."

Mr. Stead then asserts that "the war was undertaken to conceal the truth and

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Two U. S. Gunners Killed.

New York, Jan. 29.—The Herald has a special from Hong Kong, which says that two gunners, Nelson and Campbell, were killed, and Lieut. Beatty, and Gunners Conroy and Bite seriously wounded, by the bursting of a gun on the United States gunboat Wheeling, on Saturday. The gunboat was saluting in honor of the German Emperor's birthday.

Very Cold Weather.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 29.—(8 p.m.)—The disturbance which was moving up the Atlantic coast last night now covers New Brunswick and the Northwest, and has reached Lake Superior. Gales have prevailed in the Maritime Provinces, attended by rain. The weather has turned decidedly cold again in the Northwest.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 30—44; Kamloops, 16—36; Calgary, 24—34; Qu'Appelle, 18 below—14 below; Winnipeg, 18 below—zero; Port Arthur, 14 below—16; Parry Sound, 10—20; Toronto, 2—14; Ottawa, 6—16; Montreal, 10—16; Quebec, 14—26; Halifax, 20—36.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes—Strong southerly, veering to westerly and northwesterly winds; a light snow fall; a little higher temperature at first, then colder again at night; Wednesday decidedly cold.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Cold, with a moderate snowfall.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fair and cold to-day; light snowfalls at night or early on Wednesday.

Maritime Provinces—Strong breezes and moderate gales, westerly to southwesterly; fair and colder to-day; light snowfalls in some localities on Wednesday.

Lake Superior—Clearing and very cold today and on Wednesday.

Manitoba—Fair and very cold.

Oak Hall Clothiers Overcoats are fine cold resisters for this kind of weather. Prices are down to the lowest point for the end of January sale.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Jan. 29.	At.	From
Carthaginian	Glasgow	Philadelphia
Rhein	New York	Bremen
La Normandie	New York	Havre
Ultonia	Boston	Liverpool
Ems	Gibraltar	New York
Numidian	Liverpool	Portland
Monterey	Liverpool	St. John, N.B.

Sailed.	From.	For.
Alcides	Glasgow	St. John, N.B.
Manches. Com.	Manchester	Halifax

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