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COL. BADEN-POWELL IN A FUTURE BATTLE

British Stormed the Boers, but Their Position Was Impregnable.

WERE FORCED TO RETIRE.

Of the Storming Party of Eighty Two Were Killed and 33 Were Wounded in Fierce Fire.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR FRENCH,

Who Has Colesberg Surrounded, and May Win if More Forces Arrive in Time.

News of Col. Baden-Powell's sortie from Mafeking on Dec. 26, which was first reported from Pretoria, shows that out of a British storming party of 80, the casualties were 21 killed and 33 wounded. The object of the sortie was to capture the Boer earthworks. The works were found to be crowded with Boers awaiting the assault, and a hail of bullets forced the British to retire. Col. Baden-Powell reports to the War Office that the position was impregnable. Among those killed were Captain R. J. Vernon, Capt. H. C. Sanford and Lieut. H. C. Paton.

A despatch from Rensberg, Cape Colony, states that Colesberg has not yet been occupied by the British, but it is believed that Gen. French has the enemy surrounded, and is waiting for reinforcements which have been forwarded, including the Household Cavalry.

Major Harvey of the Tenth Hussars was killed and Major Alexander was wounded while the Hussars were pursuing the retreating Boers after the attack on the British left near Colesberg on Thursday.

A DISASTER AT MAFEKING.

Baden-Powell's Storming Party of 80 Had 21 Killed and 33 Wounded.

London, Jan. 5.—A despatch from Cape Town says it is rumored that Col. Baden-Powell has again defeated the Boers at Mafeking.

An Awful Killing. The British storming party numbered 80 men, of which number 21 were killed and 33 were wounded.

British Had to Retire.

London, Jan. 5.—A Mafeking despatch received, but dated Dec. 26, confirms the report of the British sortie from that place, which was first announced from Pretoria Dec. 30. The Mafeking despatch says: "There was a sortie today with the object of capturing the Boer earthworks, but it was unsuccessful. The works were crowded with Boers awaiting the assault, and a hail of bullets forced the British to retire, killing and wounding a number."

BOER POSITION IMPREGNABLE.

Col. Baden-Powell's Report to the War Office of His Sortie on December 26.

London, Jan. 5.—The War Office has received through Gen. Forester-Walker at Cape Town the following despatch from Col. Baden-Powell, dated Mafeking, Dec. 26:

"We attacked one of the enemy's works this morning, endeavoring to push back the curtain northward. Our force consisted of three guns, two squadrons of protectorate regiment, one of the Bechuanaland Rifles, an armored train, etc. The enemy had strengthened their works during the night and doubled the garrison since yesterday's reconnaissance.

"Nevertheless, our attack was carried out and pressed home with the greatest possible gallantry and steadiness under a very hot fire. But all efforts to gain the interior by escalade failed, the fort being practically impregnable.

"Our attack only withdrew after six of our officers had been hit and a large number of men. Nothing could be exceeded the courage and dash displayed."

"The general situation remains unchanged, and the health and spirits of the garrison are very satisfactory.

"I regret to report the following casualties: Killed—Capt. R. J. Vernon, Capt. H. C. Sanford, Lieut. H. C. Paton, 18 non-commissioned officers and troopers. Wounded—Capt. Charles Fitzclarence, 23 non-commissioned officers and troopers. Prisoners—Three troopers.

General Forester-Walker points out that, while the despatch gives all the names, it falls to show that six officers were hit.

Lord Cecil Not in It. Cape Town, Jan. 5.—With reference to the War reports that Lord Cecil and Lord Charles Bantuck were recently wounded at Mafeking, enquiries have been made through the correspondent of the Associated Press at Pretoria, with the result that it has been ascertained that neither took part in the sortie, and Lord Bantuck's troops were not engaged.

THE LONDON TIMES' ACCOUNT Of Col. Baden-Powell's Unsuccessful Attack Upon the Enemy From Mafeking.

London, Jan. 6.—The Times publishes the following despatch from Mafeking, dated Saturday, Jan. 5: Continued on Page 5

QUEEN'S GAS BILLS AND A SUGGESTION.

The following imaginary letter completes the trilogy: World Office, Toronto, Jan. 5, 1900.

Hon. G. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario: Dear Mr. Ross,—I have been reading in the newspapers an alleged discussion between Mr. Mulock and yourself in regard to the illegal and extortionate charges of the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto. I have also noticed my name mentioned in this correspondence. As a gas consumer, I wish to say one or two things to you in regard to the issue raised.

In the first place I desire to say that after some study of the question of corporations and their effect for good and for evil on the community, I have been struck by one thing more than anything else, and that is the insouciance of private corporations toward the legislative power which created them; next, their insouciance toward the municipality with which they happen to have an agreement; and, thirdly, their insouciance toward the individual members of the public who do business with them, or whom they serve. I have seen these corporations treat the Parliament of Canada and treat the Legislature of Ontario as though they were the owners of Parliament and the owners of the Legislature, and I have seen them treat the representatives of the people as nothing but bond servants. I have seen them take possession of municipalities and municipal councils and dictate terms to them; and the way they treat the individual members of the public is known to you and to everyone. Only worse than their insouciance is their greed.

This spirit of insouciance must be stamped out, and there is only one way, as things now are, of doing it, and that is, namely, to let each and every one of these arrogant corporations know that they exist by suffrage of the power creating them, and that they exist by suffrage alone, that if they become insolent and arrogant, and, as a matter of fact, an enemy to the public weal, it is easily within the power and well within the duty of the Legislative body creating them to put an end to their existence.

Every act of Parliament can be repealed without a moment's notice. You can pass a law the first day of meeting of the Legislature putting in a receiver and issuing a winding up order for the Gas Co.

And when we find these corporations not only insolent and arrogant, but when we find them refusing to carry out their agreements with the municipalities and with the people, and when we find them actually engaged in the work of corrupting legislatures, municipal councils and individuals, and when we find them interfering with the politics of the country and the politics of a municipality in order to effect their own ends, they have decidedly become a common enemy and ought to be destroyed summarily.

These may be rather advanced doctrines, but they are based on observation of some years, and I believe an experience that will be confirmed by many others who have watched how things are going.

In regard to the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto, they have not only been insolent and arrogant, but they have interfered with the Municipal Council of Toronto, and with the Mayor of Toronto, and have blocked whenever they could any effort the city made or that the people made to compel them to live up to their agreements. This being the case, there is no reason why you, as leader of the Legislature, should not proceed to deal summarily with them. Now, as to whether they have been thus arrogant and whether they have refused to carry out their agreement, I have only to refer you to the decision of Mr. Justice Ferguson. If that judgment was set aside it was only on a technicality. As to the facts of this finding, and the finding based on these facts, there can be no doubt, and you could not have the case for the people more clearly vindicated if you sent in a dozen expert auditors, employed a Royal Commission or had recourse to a parliamentary committee. That being the case, there is no reason why you should not at the forthcoming session of the House, as Premier of Ontario, and the representative of the people of Ontario; who are the largest consumers of gas supplied by this company, that you should not insist on restitution not only to the province but to the people of Toronto; and I say you can do this by one simple little amendment to their act of incorporation to the effect, namely, "that in any case the price of gas to the consumers shall not exceed 60 or 65 cents per thousand feet." It is not for you, after Justice Ferguson's finding, to make inquiry. It is for the company to justify its conduct, and you should have no hesitation in taking the position that it has failed to take. They would like well enough to get you and the province into a prolonged argument and investigation. But the Legislature is supreme, and it need not necessarily be led into an elaborate investigation. The Legislature of Ontario is supreme in this matter, and can act immediately if it wishes. I believe you will have the support of the people of the province if you now take the bull by the horns and give not only this corporation but every other corporation to understand that it exists only on suffrage, and only so long as it carries out its obligations and does not prove to be an enemy to the common good.

If one corporation is made an example of, the others will take a speedy hint. What surprises me more than anything else in our political institutions is the neglect of our legislative bodies to assert their supremacy, and the supremacy of the people, and the way in which the corporations which they have created deny this supremacy and arrogantly and insolently treat the authority and the people who allow them to exist. These corporations seem to treat acts of the Legislature as expressed in law to be broken. Try wringing one of their necks just for an experiment.

W. F. Miesken.

P. S.—It is only fair that I should corroborate Hon. Mr. Mulock's claim in regard to the blunder twine and coal oil monopoles; if I have heard him once I have heard him twenty times on the floor of the House—prior to 1896—denounce in the most unmeasured terms these monopolistic harpies which had dounced upon the Canadian farmer, got their talons under his hide and were tearing the vitals out of his thoracic cavity. And, as for the question of cold feet, raised by the P.M.G., I may say that never before have I seen so many cases of this peculiar malady as I have since the frost of Monday last. The number of newspaper editors who contracted cold feet on that day is appalling. And, still more marvellous, they insist on going to the public with them, saying: "Behold our cold feet!" The doctors say it's an epidemic.

W. F. M.

From \$50 to \$500 at Dineens'. The choicest and costliest fur-lined overcoat made this season at Dineens' was an extra long box back garment of royal black beaver, lined throughout with Alaska buck skin and finished with Imperial Russian sable collar and lapels. It was made for a well-known railway magnate, and cost an even \$500. There is quite a stretch of value between a \$50 fur-lined overcoat and one costing \$500—but, aside from the actual and intrinsic higher worth of the fur in the latter, there is not such a greatly noticeable difference in style between the two. From \$250 down to \$50 embraces the varieties of fur-lined overcoats at Dineens', owing to the fact that Dineens' special \$50 fur-lined overcoats are made in quantities of never less than 50 at a time, better value can be embodied at that price than if they were made in smaller lots, and with Dineens' advantages in furs, no tailor could possibly produce a garment equal to this \$50 special for less than \$75. The same ever since these "specials" were first offered at Dineens' has been to sustain the fur above any fur-lined overcoat offered anywhere in Canada at the price. The fur quality is the very choicest for the money. Everything about them has been figured down to finest cost and the profit is so very slight that the special price of \$50 naturally means "spot cash."

W. J. Siddall, architect, 75 Yonge, Toronto

Teas and Receptions. Many of these social entertainments are on the tapis for this month. Flowers for decorative purposes will be required, and Dunlop's ability to supply the very finest varieties at moderate prices is well known. Salesrooms, 5 King west and 445 Yonge-street.

W. H. Stone, undertaker, 242 Yonge Street, Phone 532.

Where Gentlemen Congregate. From Mafeking. London, Jan. 6.—The Times publishes the following despatch from Mafeking, dated Saturday, Jan. 5: Continued on Page 5

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DOVER FARM.



Mr. Bull: W'y, bless my soul, that "Colonial Boy" seems to be able to strike 'arder than 'is dad.

THINGS ARE AT LARGE IN TORONTO THESE DAYS

Miss Rachael Ferguson Knocked Down By a Highwayman While Returning From Work Last Night and Robbed.

Such Occurrences are Too Frequent in Toronto These Days and the Crooks Ought to Be Rounded Up—The Young Lady Died This Morning.

Despite crimes of almost nightly occurrence in spite of the extra vigilance displayed by the police in all parts of the city, the latest victim of the deadly work of the criminal Miss Rachael Ferguson, a particularly bright young woman, who lives at 28 First-avenue, Miss Ferguson was found last night in a state of insensibility, lying just behind one of the big gates leading to the jail, east of the Don on Gerrard-street.

Cries of Murder. Her piercing cries of "Murder!" brought Miss Tolchard of 733 East Gerrard-street, Miss Tolchard was passing at the time and heard the screams. She hurried to Dr. C. H. Smeath's drug store at 227 Broadview-avenue, and gave the alarm. Accompanied by one of the clerks, Miss Tolchard ran back to where the cries emanated from, and was just in time to see an unknown man leap the picket fence which surrounds the prison grounds.

Girl Unable to Speak. By this time Miss Ferguson was unable to speak and in such a condition that she could not give any description of the man who compelled to carry her over to the surgery of Dr. Smeath, some distance away. The physician applied restoratives and ordered Miss Ferguson's immediate removal to her home. Dr. Smeath accompanied the patient in the ambulance and remained in constant attendance at her bedside till after midnight.

Her Painful Injuries. The injuries received by Miss Ferguson were very painful. The right side of the face is terribly swollen and the skin discolored. On the other side are several ugly-looking cuts, which rendered Miss Ferguson almost unrecognizable even by her relatives.

In a Lonely Spot. The spot where the crime was committed, although a lonely one late at night, is passed after working hours by hundreds of persons on their way to their homes in the northeastern part of the city. Miss Ferguson left the Smith Co.'s store at Adelaide and Jarvis-streets, where she is employed as bookkeeper, about 6 o'clock, and it was nearly a half hour later that she was attacked. The victim of the highwayman has not sufficiently recovered as yet to tell exactly how she was waylaid.

Brute's Motive Was Robbery. The police say the only motive of her assailant was robbery. It is thought that he laid in wait inside the jail gate, and as Miss Ferguson approached dealt her the terrible blow on the side of the face which rendered her unconscious. Realizing that he might be disturbed before relieving Miss Ferguson of her valuables, the thief then dragged her inside the gate and completed his work. The cowardly assailant only got a solid chest and a purse containing a small amount of money for his trouble. In forcing the chain from its place in the jacket the thief broke it off near the end, leaving the watch, a valuable one, safe in his pocket.

The Police at Work. Immediately after the assault and robbery had been reported to the police, Inspector Armstrong and Precinct Detective Forrest of the Wilton-avenue division commenced an investigation. They found, with

the aid of a lantern, a steel chain which Miss Ferguson had attached to her muff. This they discovered lying on the path over which the thief ran in making his escape. The authorities have received a good description of the highwayman from Miss Tolchard and his capture is looked for at any moment. Mr. Peter Ewan, deputy governor, who lives at the other side of the jail entrance, heard no outcry.

Miss Rachael Ferguson, the victim of the assault and robbery, is 22 years of age. She came to the city about two years ago, and has since lived at the home of her uncle, Mr. John Twiz.

Died This Morning. At midnight the victim of this dastardly assault took a turn for the worse and, notwithstanding all the efforts of her physicians, she passed away at 2:15 this morning.

An Inquest Ordered. Coroner Greig has ordered an inquest. Miss Ferguson formerly resided in the vicinity of Port Hope.

CAPE TOWN HOSPITAL SCHEME. Duchess of Marlborough and Other Ladies Appeal to the States and Canada.

London, Jan. 5.—The Duchess of Marlborough, the Countess of Essex, Lady Georgiana Curzon, Mademoiselle de Vonaunder and the leading members of the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital Fund, appeal, through the Associated Press, to the people of the United States and of the Dominion of Canada to help and maintain a hospital for the wounded British soldiers.

The Duchess of Marlborough said to a representative of the Associated Press this evening: "The hospital scheme has the sanction of Lord Lansdowne and Lord Winterton. We have already secured £10,000 and need £30,000 to provide 150 beds for the duration of the war. It has occurred to the ladies of the committee that we may properly count on the assistance of the American and Canadian people in our efforts to establish a hospital at Cape Town, and as the matter has not been presented to their notice we believe they only need to know our wants to grant us generous aid."

THE RISE IN BROOM CORN Has Caused the Manufacturers to Put Up the Price 25 Cents Per Dozen.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—At the closing session of the broom manufacturers of the United States and Canada, resolutions were adopted endorsing the action of the United Broom Corp. Supply Company in advancing the cost of the raw material. It was decided to advance all grades of brooms 25c a dozen to bring the manufactured products on a par with the price of the raw material. Under this action the jobbers price for brooms is \$3 a dozen to jobbers, and \$3.25 to retailers.

FIGHTING SAN JOSE SCALE, Illinois State Entomologist is Trying a New Method.

Richtev, Ill., Jan. 5.—State Entomologist E. C. Green is here attempting to put an end to the San Jose scale. The chemical used consist of sulphuric acid, water and cyanide of potassium. Tents are used to cover each tree. The sulphuric acid is put into equal parts of water, then the cyanide of potassium is dropped into the mixture, making a deadly fume, which reaches all parts of the tree. Fruit growers here believe the treatment is going to prove satisfactory.

THE BUCKET SHOP IS BLAMED ONCE MORE!

The Banque Ville Marie Case Is Now Shown Up in a New Light.

HERBERT WAS A VICTIM.

Started In to Gamble in a Montreal Bucket Shop Last Year and Lost \$125,000.

THE KEEPER SAYS THIS ON OATH.

This Evidence is Said to Relieve Jim Baxter to a Large Extent of the Odium Cast on Him.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Things took a new turn to-day in the Banque Ville Marie case—Lemieux was up for his second trial and the evidence of B. Pelletier, who keeps a bucket shop, was of the most important kind and relieves Mr. Baxter to a large extent of the odium that has been cast upon him.

Herbert Lost \$125,000. Fellows testified that Herbert had lost \$125,000 during one year in the former's office. He did not know where the money came from. This big sum makes up for a large portion of the missing funds.

AN OLD TORONTO BOY DEAD. Robert Moss, Nephew of Hon. Charles Moss, Well Known in This City, Died Thursday.

Word comes from St. Louis of the death of Mr. Robert Moss, an old Toronto boy, who was well known here in many circles. His death occurred on Thursday night. He had been ailing for some time past, but had only been seriously sick for the past week.

Deceased, who was 34 years of age, was the son of the late Chief Justice Moss of Ontario. He was born in Toronto and up to six years ago had been a respected student of this city. He was educated at Upper Canada College, and on leaving that institution entered Osgoode Hall. About ten years ago he graduated. For about four years he practiced law in Toronto and then went to Winnipeg. From there he journeyed to St. Louis, where he had been practicing until the time of his death.

When residing in this city deceased took an active interest in athletics. He played lacrosse for several years and was an excellent cricketer and baseball player. Mr. Moss was a nephew of Hon. Charles Moss, Justice of the Court of Appeal, and a brother of Mr. John H. Moss, the legal firm of Barwick, Aylesworth & Wright. His mother resided at 53 Isabella-street. The remains will be brought home for burial.

A FORTUNE FOR EXECUTORS. Robert T. Lincoln and Norman B. Ream get \$425,000 From the Pullman Estate.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Robert T. Lincoln and Norman B. Ream, executors of the estate of the late George M. Pullman, were yesterday allotted as compensation for their services the sum of \$425,000. The widow's award was \$20,000, all of which will be applied to the payment of her debts in the Greenleaf Cemetery to the memory of her husband. The final accounting will probably be made next week. The estate will figure up nearly \$14,000,000.

Round Up the Thugs. Toronto seems to be a rendezvous for thugs and highwaymen these nights. Almost every night some respectable citizen is snatched and robbed on the streets. Thugs have come to a pretty pass when these backstairs attack women on the public highway, as one of them did last night. The way to get rid of this class of ruffians is for the police to round up every man who has no visible means of support. Some of these fellows are well dressed. They go abroad at night. It is time the Toronto police did something to round up the thugs. Are they afraid of them?

Leather Couches, Easy Chairs for house and office. Office Specialty, 77 Bay.

Still Fair and Mild. Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 5. (8 p.m.)—Pressure is decreasing throughout the Northwest Territories and Manitoba, attended by rising temperature, and there is at present no indication of anything but mild weather in Canada.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 45-50; Quebec, 35-40; Winnipeg, 45-50; Montreal, 35-40; Ottawa, 35-40; Toronto, 35-40; St. John's, 35-40; Halifax, 35-40.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair and mild. Upper St. Lawrence—Fair and mild. West of Lake Ontario and Gulf—Fresh Victoria winds; fair and comparatively mild.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh westerly to southerly winds; fair and mild. Lake Superior and Manitoba—Fair and a little milder.

Overcoats are cheaper than doctor's bills. Oak Hill overcoats are cheaper than even at 315 King-street east and 110 Yonge-street.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. Jan. 5. At. From. La Bretonne... Havre... New York. Green... Glasgow... Portland. St. John... London... Halifax. Concordia... Glasgow... John, N.B. State Nebraska... Glasgow... New York. Florida... Hamburg... Philadelphia. Campania... Queenstown... New York.

Sailed. From. For. Glen Head... Belfast... St. John, N.B.

Funeral on Sunday, Jan. 7, to Port Credit.

WATT—At 167 Rossborough-street east, on Wednesday evening, January 3rd, 1900, at the residence of the bride's parents, Thursday, Jan. 4, Anna Maria Gibson, wife of J. L. Watt.

Funeral on Sunday, Jan. 7, to Port Credit.