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Births, Marriages, Death

DIED.

JOLIFFE—On Friday, Dec. 15, 1899, Caroline, S. J., eldest daughter of Henry Joliffe, Esq. Funeral (private) Sunday, at 3 p.m., from family residence, 470 Dundas street. 23u

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AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF ST. JOHN'S Lodge, 209(a), A., F. and A. M., G. R. C., will be held (Friday) evening, December 15, at 7:30. Work in third degree. Visitors welcome. Arthur W. White, Wor. Master; T. A. Rowat, P.M., Secretary. b

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EAST Middlesex Reform Association will be held Saturday, the 16th inst., in hall over Huron and Erie Loan Company office, at 1:30 p.m. Full attendance requested. S. B. Gorwill, president; W. B. Laidlaw, secretary. 26k bw

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AUCTION SALE

I HAVE received instructions from Mr. Coles, agent for shippers of East India Rugs, Benares Brassware and Ceylon Curios, to sell at public auction at store next door to Smallman & Ingram's, at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday, December 14 and 15. This is a splendid opportunity to purchase good Christmas presents. The quality is strictly first-class. Rugs consist of Mizapore, Cashmere and other high grade Oriental Rugs. The Brass is genuine hand worked Benares ware, and of the very best quality. Goods now on exhibition. Sale is without reserve.
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Westminster Nominations.

A MEETING of the electors of the township of Westminster will be held on Friday, Dec. 22 at 12 o'clock, in O'Dell's Hall, for the purpose of nominating a reeve and councilors for the year 1900. GEO. RIDDELL, Clerk. 251&bw

WESTMINSTER TAX NOTICE—I WILL be at the Fraser House, London, every Thursday and Saturday in December, and at Odell's Hall on Dec. 22, to receive the remainder of taxes. E. S. Hunt, Collector. 29u

D. L. MOODY

The Noted Evangelist's Condition Not so Favorable.

West Northfield, Mass., Dec. 15.—Dr. N. P. Wood, physician to Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, issued a bulletin today in which he said Mr. Moody has not been as well during the past few days and that complications have arisen which have caused much anxiety.

F. F. Yeomans, engineer; F. Smith, fireman; Thomas Herth, baggageman, and J. Hann, flagman, were killed in a railway collision near Laureys, N. J.

A Successful Sortie Made

By the Beleagured Garrison of Ladysmith.

Destruction of the Modderspruit Bridge Accomplished.

Report That Gen. Clery Is Intrenched North of Ladysmith,

Having Succeeded in Getting to the Rear of the Boers.

List of British Officers Killed or Wounded at Magersfontein.

Enemy Believed to Have Lost Over 700 Men in the Fight.

Boers Defeated in a Fight Near Naauw Port Losing 40 Men.

Sixth British Division Mobilized—Four Battalions to Start at Once—Another Siege Train To Be Sent to South Africa.

London, Dec. 15.—The war office has received the following dispatch from the officer commanding at Orange River, dated Thursday, Dec. 14:

"Yesterday part of the mounted infantry, under Capt. Bradshaw, and the Yorkshires and Lancashire guides, under Lieut. McFarlane, patrolled in the direction of Ramah and Zoutspan Drift, about ten miles east of the Orange River, to reconnoiter and report the strength of the enemy, holding the drift. The mounted infantry found a strong detachment of the enemy at the drift, and a sharp engagement ensued. The enemy ultimately retreated to Goemansberg.

"Capt. Bradshaw and three men were killed; Lieut. Gregson, of the East Kents, and seven men were wounded.

"The Boers had five men killed and several wounded."

BOER STORY OF THE MAGERSFONTEIN FIGHT

Pretoria, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—The following official announcement has been made: "Gen. Cronje reports that on yesterday there was desultory fighting till six, when heavy cannon fire was resumed. The Scandinavians stormed a difficult position, but it became untenable, and they suffered severely. I was unable to send help. The British were in overwhelming force, but must have had at least 2,000 men put out of action either in killed or wounded."

Another official report from Capt. Finhart says: "There were no signs of surrender, the burghers fighting with conspicuous bravery, and maintaining their positions under heavy British fire. Our cannon were of very little use."

Pretoria, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—The British were greatly assisted by balloons. Twenty-four ambulances were working backward and forward between the fighting line and the enemy's camp.

Our loss is not definitely known. estimate it at 100 killed and wounded.

NO ARTILLERY DUEL.

Frere Camp, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Noon.—The expected artillery duel between the British and the Boer forces did not come off today. The British bombarded positions around Colenso, but the Boers did not reply.

MONDAY'S LESSON

London, Dec. 15.—The necessity of England being on guard against the machinations of some of the continental powers is the lesson of the recent setback of the British in the Transvaal as seen by the military expert of the London Post in its issue of today. The expert says: "The Boers' success has exhibited the British Empire in a very unfavorable light. The British cause has no friends in Europe. Ought not the government in a crisis of this kind to commission every ship in the Queen's navy? Foreign intervention is not expected, but suppose it comes?"

STOCK EXCHANGE WENT WILD.

London advices concerning yesterday's report that Ladysmith had been relieved say that the report was gotten up by a clique who were trying to stop a slump in South African shares. Until an official denial came from the war office, however, the stock exchange went wild. Brokers sang, cheered and threw their hats in the air, and altogether acted like crazy men.

THE SITUATION IS NOT DESPERATE.

New York, Dec. 15.—Not so many more British troops are needed in the Transvaal but capable generals, is the estimate of the situation in the Transvaal from the view-point of the London correspondent of the Tribune. The situation is not desperate to his view. Lord Methuen's army has not been crushed, nor ought there to be serious difficulty in protecting its line of communication which is guarded by not less than 10,000 troops. Gen. Buller will receive the belated Howitzer batteries today and be ready for operations on a large scale, which may transform the fortunes of the campaign.

Around Ladysmith.

THE LATEST SORTIE.

London, Dec. 15.—A special dispatch received here from Weenen, Natal, dated Monday, Dec. 11, states that the Ladysmith garrison had made a sortie and destroyed the Modderspruit bridge.

4:45 a.m.—The war office is still without news from Ladysmith other than that already published. The general belief is that the large Boer forces Lord Methuen encountered at Magersfontein were partly drawn from Natal, and that Gen. Buller will strike a blow before these have time to return.

IN BEHIND THE BOERS.

New York, Nov. 14.—A London special this afternoon says: Reports are current that Gen. Clery succeeded in getting to the north of Ladysmith, and is entrenching his forces behind the Boer position. If this is true, it means that Clery succeeded in crossing the Tugela by flanking the Boers, while Buller kept them at Colenso by threatening their front with his army at Frere.

Frere Camp, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Firing can be heard this morning in the direction of Colenso, and an artillery duel is expected today.

SIXTH DIVISION READY TO START.

London, Dec. 15.—The war office last evening made the following announcement: The 6th division has been mobilized and four battalions of this division will have embarked on Sunday. The government has also approved of the immediate mobilization of the 7th division.

The Queen has sent a message of deep sympathy to the widow of Gen. Wauchope.

ANOTHER SIEGE TRAIN.

Orders have been given at Woolwich to prepare another siege train to go out with the 7th division.

The newspapers are calling upon the government to employ the Cunarders as well as the White Star steamers as transports, seeing the urgent necessity of getting more men to the Cape as speedily as possible. Forty thousand men could be still sent from England without calling upon the militia for foreign service. The militia effective is 100,000 men, and from this body 20,000 carefully selected men could easily be spared for South Africa. Moreover the colonies are again proffering assistance. The greatest need, therefore, is speedier transports. Sir Charles Warren, who arrived at Cape Town yesterday, will probably join Lord Methuen and take command of the combined forces.

British Losses.

AT MAGERSFONTEIN.

London, Dec. 15.—The war office has received the following list of the officers killed or wounded at Magersfontein:

Highland Brigade—Killed—Gen. Wauchope, Lieut.-Col. J. N.C. Goode, Capt. Elton, Lieut. Edmonds, Capt. J. R. Clark, Lieut. Cox, Capt. Cowan, Capt. Lamberton, Lieut.-Col. Goff, Major Robinson, Capt. Wingate and Lieut. Cowie.

Wounded—Col. Kelham, Major Berkeley, Major Duff, Capt. Featherstonhaugh, Capt. Noyes, Capt. Wolfe-Murray, Capt. Richardson, Capt. Campbell, Capt. Gordon, Capt. McNab, Lieu. the Hon. W. C. Baillie, Lieut. Scott and Lieut. Waterhouse.

Many of the above-mentioned officers were dangerously wounded.

Second Royal Highlanders—Wounded—Lieut. Wauchope, Major Cuthbertson, Capt. Cameron, Lieut. St. J. Harvey, Lieut. Berthon, Lieut. Tait, who was formerly the amateur golf champion.

Missing—Capt., the Hon. Cumming Bruce, Capt. MacFarlane, Lieut. Ramsay.

The Marquis of Winchester, of the Coldstream Guards, was killed. Capt. J. Sterling, Lieut.-Col. Codrington, Major the Hon. W. Lambton, of the same brigade, were wounded. Of the rank and file six were killed and 46 were wounded.

Twelfth Lancers—One killed, and 18 wounded.

Ninth Lancers—One killed and 9 wounded.

Second Seaforths—Missing—Major MacKenzie and Capt. Brodie.

Field Artillery—Twenty-one wounded. Surgeon-Major Burtiechall was taken prisoner

Mounted Infantry — Killed—Major Milton and Major Ray.

BRITISH TOTALLY UNPREPARED.

London, Friday, Dec. 15.—The correspondent of the Standard at Modder River, describing the fight at Magersfontein, says: Six miles had to be covered before the Highland Brigade could reach the Boer stronghold. It is not yet clear through what mischance the force, which was led by guides, came upon the Boer trenches so unexpectedly and so suddenly. Beyond question the Boers were aware of the approach of the British and had prepared to receive them. According to one version, two Highlanders, through nervousness or clumsiness, discharged their rifles prematurely, but it is equally probable that the advance Boer scouts conveyed the intelligence. Our men were totally unprepared. They had not even fixed bayonets. The disaster was all the more exasperating because of the consciousness that they were thus unprepared, and with bayonets fixed the trenches might have been successfully rushed, with far less sacrifice of life."

THE FALLEN.

Modder River, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Ambulences started early yesterday morning under a flag of truce to gather and bury the dead who fell at Magersfontein. Brig.-Gen. Wauchope, who led the Highland Brigade, was found dead near the trenches, shot in the chest and thigh. A few wounded were found near the trenches. Several wounded Boers were taken to the British hospital. The side of the hill and the immediate neighborhood of the Boer trenches showed dead bodies all about.

BOER LOSS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 700.

One wounded Boer informed a correspondent of the Associated Press that their loss was terrible. The whole Scandinavian contingent was destroyed.

Judging from information gleaned from the Boer wounded and prisoners taken in different parts of the field, the Boer losses must exceed 700. The destruction wrought by the naval guns was enormous. Word was passed along the Boer lines to prepare to retreat at nightfall. All confess that it was their greatest loss during the war. The British troops have returned to Modder River owing to the lack of water near the position held yesterday.

WHERE IS METHUEN?

The London Daily Chronicle's Modder River dispatch, which is at variance with all the other reports, represents Lord Methuen's forces as retiring Tuesday on the camp at Modder River, as the result of renewed artillery firing that day. The correspondent says: "Tuesday forenoon the Boers brought heavy guns into action. The British artillery replied, but failed to silence them. Lord Methuen thereupon withdrew his forces out of range, and concentrated at Modder River."

WIPED OUT A BOER PICKET.

While the guards were advancing on the plain, which the Boers were shelling from the adjoining ridges, they encountered and cut up a strong picket posted on a hill for purpose of observation. All the members of the picket were either killed, wounded or taken prisoners.

SKIRMISH NEAR NAAUW PORT.

London, Dec. 15.—The war office received the following dispatch from Gen. Forestier-Walker at Cape Town: "Gen. French wires, under date of Dec. 13, reporting a skirmish at four o'clock in the morning with 1,800 Boers, who were advancing southward toward Naauw Port. The skirmishing continued all the morning, the Boers fighting on a front of 14 miles. The enemy retired with a loss of 40 killed and wounded. Our casualties were one killed and seven wounded, including one officer and two missing."

AT THE CAPE.

"Lord Methuen's check following Gen. Gatacre's repulse," says the Cape Town correspondent of the London Daily News, "has a most depressing effect upon the loyalists, who are by no means a growing body. They are filled with dark forebodings. Dutch disaffection is rapidly growing. A large section is restless, and would need but little persuasion to join the Boers. There are disturbing reports from the eastern districts of Cape Colony, where many secret meetings have been held. The imperial authorities are arming the loyal farmers in the Stutterheim and Kei districts."

LONDON PRESS REPORTS.

The Globe says: "The country is prepared for any sacrifice. In the famous words of Gen. Sheridan, 'All must now go in.'"

The St. James' Gazette says: "When we have retrieved our defeats and have restored the supremacy of our flag, we can criticise and investigate. Today we must act." Continuing, the paper urges the government to take the White Star steamships, from the Oceanic down, and send another army corps to South Africa.

The Westminster Gazette, Liberal newspaper, which had actively opposed the war, says: "We are bound to carry the campaign to a successful issue," and adds, "the reckoning with the government will come later."

DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE TALKS.

The Duke of Devonshire, lord president of the council of ministers, speaking last evening, congratulated the country upon the calm it was displaying during a serious crisis and upon the fact that, despite the diversity of political opinion, there was only one voice regarding the duty of the government to prosecute the war. "The longer and more arduous the struggle becomes," said his grace, "the more fixed should be our determination never again to let our African colonies bear the suffering and loss which they are now experiencing." He denounced criticisms on British commanders in the field, and in dilating upon the attitude of foreign nations, he said he thought "too much attention had been paid to the comments of foreign newspapers, especially in view of the fact that the attitude of every power had been strictly correct."

BERESFORD'S ADVICE.

Speaking in Hackney, London, last evening, Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford said: "Large reinforcements to all our auxiliaries for fighting must be dispatched immediately, and more ships must be placed in commission in order that Great Britain may be prepared for eventualities. The Boers are a mobile force, and they have heavy modern artillery. We need more quick-firing guns. I must say I have never thought that we are sending out enough men. In the fire department, when it is thought that four engines are needed to cope with a conflagration, it is a wise plan to send eight. The war office should have acted on the same principle. This war is one of the biggest upon which we have ever embarked, owing to the surrounding political circumstances, and, if necessary, every mother's son among us must go to the front. British pluck and money will win, and then, with equal rights for all, the British flag will fly over the whole of South Africa."

BUGLE NOTE.

There was a scene of great excitement on the Montreal Stock Exchange Thursday morning, when a cable was received, reporting the relief of Ladysmith and the capture of a large number of Boers. The brokers took off their hats, and, wildly waving them in the air, gave three cheers and a tiger, and then sang "Rule Britannia."

Gov. McCallum will visit Conception Bay, Nfld., next week and endeavor to swell the number of recruits for the British naval reserve from 500 to 1,000 men. It is believed that he is acting under instructions from the British colonial office to secure a body of recruits to supplement the naval forces dispatched to South Africa.

The Canadians.

DEATH OF PRIVATE CHAPPELLE.

London, Dec. 15.—Private Chappelle, of the Royal Canadians, died of tonsilitis at Belmont, Cape Colony, Dec. 12.

Private M. C. Chappelle was a member of "G" Company, and belonged to the 74th Battalion, Sussex, N. B.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 15.—Montrose O. Chappelle, who enlisted from Moncton with the Canadian contingent, and who died Wednesday at Belmont, was born at Bale Verte, where he resided up to the time of his departure for South Africa. He was 22 years of age, and was one of the first to volunteer in New Brunswick. He had been in Moncton working three weeks preceding his enlistment. Chappelle was a member of No. 6 Company, 74th Batt., and received his first military training under J. A. Tingley, of Montreal, captain of F Company. He was a superior marksman and led his company in target practice for three successive years, and wore the stripes of a sergeant on his arm. His old captain, J. A. Tingley, speaks in terms of the highest praise of him, both in and out of camp. George B. Chappelle, of Bale Verte, and Malakoff Chappelle, of the 71st Fredericton, are brothers.

CANADIAN KILLED.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Word reached the city yesterday of the tragic death of Robert Buchanan, formerly of Toronto, who, with three of his relatives, fell in the charge of the Gordons at Elandslaagte. James Buchanan, a brother, received notice of his death. In May last, Robert, who was a member of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, left the regiment and returned to Scotland, where he enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders, and went out with them to South Africa. His uncle, Capt. Buchanan, was in command of the company in which he served, and two sons of the captain were also in the regiment, one a sergeant and the other a corporal. All four of them were victims of Boer bullets at Elandslaagte. The bodies of the captain and his two sons were found near the top of the hill. The officer was face downwards, with an ugly wound in his head, and lying across him were the bodies of the sons. The young men had evidently run to his assistance when he fell, leading his company, only to fall in their turn. The body of Robert Buchanan was found near the Boer laager. He was a very popular member of C Company, 48th Highlanders. Buchanan is the second ex-member of C Company, 48th, that has met death in action during the past two years. The first was Pte. Oldbury, who was killed in the charge of the Lancers at Omdurman.

GROUNDLESS RUMORS.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The following letter from Government House appears in last night's newspapers:

"The attention of the governor-general has been called to a statement in the press to the effect that I had telegraphed to Cape Town for information in respect to a rumor that Major Rogers and Pte. Latimer had been

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J. W. Adams, pioneer engineer of the great Brooklyn bridge, is dead in New York, aged 87. He was a civil war veteran.

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