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On March 27, 28, 29

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AT THE THEATRE.

The New Haven Register says: "The Grand was filled with a large audience Thursday night to witness the farce comedy, 'Peck's Bad Boy.' The play seems to still hold popular favor, and the company presenting it is very good. Mr. Whittier J. Baxter gave a very even performance of Mr. Peck and Miss Beattie Sheldon as Henry, the bad boy, captivated the house. A delightful feature of the evening was the clever specialties, and the singing of the International Quartette shows some very good voices." At the Grand Friday night. Popular prices.

A return engagement of "Way Down East" at Pueblo last night brought \$1,346, or nearly \$400 more than when first presented ten days ago.

The fourth number of the Lyceum Course was presented last evening by Albert Armstrong in his dramatic rendering of the Little Minister. This proved one of the best numbers yet. Mr. Armstrong is an entertainer of more than ordinary talent and he cleverly carried the audience with him in portrayal of the chief characters in Barrie's masterpiece. The Little Minister, Babbie, Old Nannie and Dr. McQueen were all shown true to life. The pictures were splendid and Albert Armstrong deserved the crowded house that greeted him.

WAS BEATEN TO DEATH

Brutal Murder of an Aged Woman at Her Home in Galt.

Robbery Supposed to Have Been the Motive—The Police Investigating.

Galt, Ont., March 26.—Mrs. William Cowan, aged 88, a widow who lived alone, was found dead in her cottage to-day by neighbors. There are strong evidences of foul play.

The old lady was found sitting on a chair with her head, which was a mass of clotted blood, thrown back. She had evidently been in her bedroom and on the sofa before dying, for in each place were found great pools of clotted blood. The wall behind where the blood was found was splashed with blood, as if the woman received more blows after taking her seat there. Lying around the floor were various articles of clothing with which Mrs. Cowan had attempted to stop the flow of blood from her wounds. The old lady had not been seen by the neighbors since Sunday afternoon, and it is believed the murder was committed Sunday night. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION

Deadly Disaster in a Large Pennsylvania Mine.

Nine Men Shockingly Killed and Blackened Beyond Recognition.

Connellsville, Pa., March 25.—A special train, composed of a box car and a fast engine, brought into Connellsville to-day the most frightful host of groaning, blackened and unrecognizable men ever hauled into this town. They were the victims of a terrible mine explosion at the Gates mine of the Eureka Fuel Company in the new county. The mine has been worked only a few months. It is too early to hazard a guess at the causes which led to the accumulating of enough gas to make such a fatal explosion. This morning 28 men reported for duty, and went into the pit. Of this number 16 were caught in the awful grip of the scorching breath of the fire, and singed and blackened. As soon after the explosion as possible a force of men was put to the rescue. A great crowd of grief-stricken wives and relatives surrounded the shaft. One by one the burned bodies were brought up. Nine still lived, and these were brought to Connellsville and put in the Cottage State Hospital. The wounded were terrible looking objects. Some had lost their eyes, and others their ears and fingers. It is almost certain that three or four of the wounded will die. All the injured are foreigners.

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Ask for Minard's and take no other.
Minard's Laxative Cures Diphtheria.

GEN. FRENCH AT VRYHEID AFTER SUCCESSFUL MARCH

Twelve Hundred Boers Killed, Wounded or Captured During its Course—Equipment Also Taken.

London, March 27.—A despatch from Vryheid, dated Monday, says:—"General French, with Dartnall's and Pulloner's columns, arrived here to-day, having killed and wounded or captured 1,200 Boers. He has also taken seven cannon, 1,000 rifles, 1,800 wagons and 226,000 head of horse, cattle and sheep.

HIS TOTAL CAPTURES.

The despatch from Vryheid is regarded as giving the total of General French's captures throughout his operations. It indicates, therefore, the capture of one additional gun and of additional Boers and war material.

The Pretoria and Bloemfontein correspondents of the Times send long despatches claiming that Lord Kitchener's policy and operations have failed to achieve the results hoped for, and pointing out that the British public must be prepared to return to the original policy of occupying towns and studying the country with military posts as the only means of effecting complete pacification. This process, the correspondent says, will occupy much time and necessitate a constant supply of fresh troops. The strain on both officers and men has been and will be immense, and arrangements must be made to send absolutely fresh troops to the front in order to enable the others to be sent home. "Until this aspect of the case is grasped by the authorities," say the editors of the Times, "there is a possibility of the war lasting for years. It is quite useless to renew peace negotiations. Nothing approaching 'terms' as the word is generally understood, would be possible or even possible with the Boers."

MILNER DISSATISFIED.

The Daily Express prints a rumor that Sir Alfred Milner is dissatisfied with his qualified authority and has asked the Government to give him "either a free hand or no hand." Mr. Chamberlain is said to have

replied that it would not be advisable to disassociate the authority of Sir Alfred Milner from that of Lord Kitchener, and the rumor goes that Sir Alfred contemplates resigning. "It is an open secret," says the Daily Express, "that Sir Alfred Milner has long chafed at having Lord Kitchener at his elbow to check or modify his proposals."

KRUGER OPTIMISTIC.

The Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail wires the substance of an interview with Mr. Kruger, whom he found in a "most optimistic frame of mind." General Babington's victory over General Delarey had been, Mr. Kruger thought, exaggerated in the reports. "He said the Magaliesberg Range and Rustenburg were again in the possession of the Boers," continues the correspondent, "and the old guerrilla game would continue until England had been forced into making peace overtures."

COLONIALS CAPTURED.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Express reports the capture by 100 Boers of 130 colonials in a rocky defile near Richmond, last Thursday. He asserts that the Colonials lost 13 men before they surrendered, adding that they were all liberated after having been stripped of their accoutrements.

It is reported from Bloemfontein that Gen. De Wet is again in the Orange River Colony.

KRUGER TO LECTURE IN U. S.

Le Rappel, of Paris, gives space this morning to the following remarkable communication from Amsterdam:—"Mr. Kruger will start for the United States next month on the invitation of the American pro-Boer Committee to give a series of lectures. The committee hopes to collect \$50,000,000, and to form a volunteer flotilla with which to transport men and ammunition to the Transvaal."

THE SENATORIAL SCANDAL INVOLVES A CABINET MINISTER

Serious Character Investigation is Assuming—Sir Richard Cartwright Alleged to Have Been a Party to the Demand

Made for \$10,000.

Ottawa, March 27.—Room 8 on the Senate side was thronged yesterday morning when the investigation into the Cook charges was opened. Sir Mackenzie Bowell presided and all the members of the special committee were in their places. Parties interested were looked after thus:—The Senate Committee, by C. H. Ritchie, K. C.; H. H. Cook, by A. H. Marsh, K. C.; those against whom the charges are made, by S. H. Blake, K. C.

H. H. Cook took his seat at the end of the table, and in reply to Mr. Ritchie's questions told the following story. In 1896 he became an applicant for the position in the Senate, and pressed his claims, until disappointment compelled him to quit. After the death of Sir David Macpherson in 1896, about the 20th or 21st of August, he had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who advised him to see Sir Oliver Mowat and Sir Richard Cartwright. The applicant went to Sir Oliver, whose support he failed to obtain. Then he went to Sir Richard, who said he would be prepared to support his appointment, but not for first place. There was another who had precedence, Sir Richard said—"My dear Cook, the first appointment cannot go to you, but there will be a vacancy very shortly, because Senator Ferguson is very ill." Cox was the other Senator who had the precedence, but Sir Richard did not mention Cox. He said that Mr. Cook and the other would walk into the Senate on the same day, although the other would have the precedence in the appointment. No reason was given why the other had the first call, except this, "That he has more recent claims upon us, and we have to appoint him."

Mr. Ritchie—Did he indicate the nature of the claim?

Mr. Cook—Well, he assisted in the election.

Mr. Ritchie—On the stump?

Mr. Cook—No, my impression was—The rest of the answer was objected to.

Mr. Cook—He stated he knew who the party was, although he would not tell me, and I knew the service he rendered to the party was assisting with money in the last election.

After this interview with Sir Richard Mr. Cook had an interview with Mr. M. C. Cameron, with the knowledge of Sir Richard. The subject was the same matter. It was in the year 1896 that Mr. Cook received his first letter from Mr. Cameron at Ottawa. It was returned after perusal.

But Mr. Cook kept a copy. It ran as follows:—"Dear Cook—Saw the friend mentioned on the subject of our conversation. Am to have another interview in a day or two. Meantime, keep quiet. Yours truly—M. C. C."

There was another letter on the 26th August, from Cook to Cameron, of which Mr. Cook kept a copy. Its most interesting expression was the hope of support from some members of the "Old Guard." Then, on the 27th, Cameron wrote Cook disclosing the

names of the other applicants—Cox, J. K. Kerr, Jaffray, Cockburn, J. Ames, Innes, Schan. The last three were then in Ottawa pressing their claims, with Cockburn leading. But Cox still had his "precedence," while Cartwright was "second" for Cook. "Meanwhile," added Cameron, "if you can pull any strings quietly, do it." On the 29th August there was a letter from Cameron to Cook alluding to a long interview with Mowat, but he found one man standing in the way. "Wealthy," was the only hint Cameron would give as to the identity of the individual. But he added, hopefully, "Billy Patterson and Cartwright were seen, and the talk was strong and sound." Then followed the mysterious hint, "There is one way by which the matter can be put through. I won't mention the way until I see you." An appointment was offered Cox the following Thursday. On that day Mr. Cameron was going west, and Cook writing back on the 31st August, said how anxious he was to accept the appointment. Cameron telegraphed on Sept. 1st to meet him on the arrival of that Friday morning train going west at Toronto. But something happened, and on Sept. 9th there was a letter mentioning "nothing new to report except that James Young, of Galt, was sticking like a 'bum'." said Mr. Ritchie.

Like a "bum," corrected some one, "bum," said Mr. Ritchie.

On the 1st October Cameron telegraphed Cook to meet him in Toronto. Cox went to the Union Station, and when Cameron stepped off the train he said:

"I am going to get breakfast; come while I am eating." So they sat down at the time in the dining-room of the Union Station, and this is Cook's evidence of what followed:—He (Cameron) pulled a letter out of his pocket, and opened it with a knife. He said, "Cartwright gave me this on leaving, and I have not opened it myself." He gave me the letter, and asked me to give it back again. He gave me the letter for the purpose of reading it. I read it. It said—"Friend Cook must do something. Something like that." I asked him what that meant. He said it meant to the senatorship. I said, "What is 'something'?" He said \$10,000. Then we walked out from the table. I was very indignant. I said I would not give a cent for that appointment or any other.

Mr. Ritchie—What did he say?

Mr. Cook—Before he stepped off the car I was talking pretty loud. I was considerable excited. He begged me to speak low, for fear some people should hear what I said.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell said:—You recognized the handwriting?

Mr. Cook—Yes.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell—Did you see the signature of the letter?

Mr. Cook asked to be allowed to retain the letter, but Mr. Cameron said, "I have got strict instructions not to let it out of my possession." Cameron said Cook would be in a better frame of mind later on, and within a week they met again in the Rossin House in the presence of Cook's

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You are probably thinking of taking a trip sometime soon and may need a nice trunk or valise. We have now in stock an extra good line of both, from the cheap canvas telescope at 50c., to the much finer article of leather. Trunks of different kinds and sizes, at low prices, trunk straps, shawl straps and lunch boxes.

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