SEVEREFIGHTIN

to be unique in the history of Free-

masonry.

Ex-Minister Sivewright has furnished an ambulance corps for the Boers.

The corps landed here en route to

Pretoria and the officials refused to

permit them to proceed to their des-tination. Capt. Scott, the command-

ant here, overruled this refusal, in-

would be better employed in serving

GOOD HOSPITAL WORK.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 20,-Sir Wm

MacCormack, president of the Royal

his services to the army, reports that

excellent hospital work was done in

connection with the engagement at

field for Estcourt at two o'clock in

the afternoon. Others quickly follow-

ed, and the field was cleared of the

wounded at five o'clock. The volun-teer ambulances worked splendidly. Bight hundred wounded passed

through the Chiveley hospitals, from

which all the patients were trans-

ferred to the hospitals by the morn

RE-ASSURING REPORTS.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 21 (delayed in transmission.)—The Cape governments received most reassuring account

from all the country magistrates regarding the attitude of the colonial

The Boer prisoner who escaped yes

SENTRIES ARRESTED. LONDON, Dec. 27.-A Cape Town

tries have been arrested as the re-sult of the discovery of a piot to con-rive at the escape of Boer prisoners.

WARREN'S LIGHT HORSE.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 19 (delayed in

trarsmission).—Another regiment of irregular horse is being raised. Gen.

Warren has accepted the honorary

will be called Warren's Light Horse

SURPRISED THE BRITISH.

CHEVELEY, Natal, Dec. 20 (de

ayed in transmission).—The Boers coday surprised a picket of Hussars

to the eastward of the camp here.

Two of the British and seven of their

RIGHT THOUSAND RESERVES.

LONDON, Dec. 27.-The Daily News

Cape Town correspondent says he earns from well-informed Afrikander

Band sources that there is a reserve

of 8,000 European officers and men at

nodern tactics, particularly the hand-

ANOTHER SEIZUBE.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 21 (delayed in

transmission).—A British cruiser has seized another ship laden with stores

destined for the Transvaal. The selzed vessel has been taken to Port Eliza-beth.

BOERS MOUNT A BIG GUN

MODDER RIVER, Dec. 20 (delayed

in transmission).—The Boers have mounted a 90-pounder, to counterbal-

ance the British naval guns throw-

ing lyddite shells. All of its shells have thus far fallen short.

THE LONDON VIEW.

LONDON, Dec. 27, 4.50 a. m.-De-

spatches from South Africa are still

greatly delayed. But they are arriv-

ing more freely, which shows that the censorship has been relaxed.

There appears to be no great change in the situation. A despatch from Lourenzo Marquez dated Dec. 21, gives

the following from the Boer head

"The British naval guns at Colens

have been cannonading Burwer bridge.

over the Tugela River, with a view of

"The bombardment of Ladysmith is

proceeding slowly. Gen. Joubert has arrived here and been accorded a

BRITISH PRISONERS

sent to Pretoria, including Col. Bul-lock, Major Walters, Major Bailwark

"More British prisoners have been

Major Foster, Capt. Dick, Captain Nortorn, Capt. Fitzherbert, Captain

Ford, Capt. Hutchinson, Lieut. Bon-

hearty welcome. He

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however, that the corps

Eight Killed and Fifteen Wounded at The Boer gunners fied." Ladysmith on Friday Last.

Unconfirmed Report that a Canadian Picket was Cut Off Near Belmont,

Occupation of Dordrecht by Major Dalgety's Force of Mounted Police Considered Important in Some Circles-More Artillery for Gen. Buller.

GENERAL REVIEW.

Severe Fighting at Ladysmith on Friday Last.

LONDON, Dec. 27.-There is change in the main situation in South that is temperarily applicable to both forces, though both are busily strengthening their positions and collecting their resources. The greater part of the British fifth army division has reached Cape Town. The best opirien confirms the expectation that Roberts arrives, though the Cape to hiat that some large movement will be accomplished very soon.

The war office has issued further list of casualties at Ladysmith, indicating that there was fighting there on Dec. 22. The list places the killed at eight and the wounded at fifteen, the latter including Lieut. Col. J. F. M. Fawcett and four other officers of the 5th (Royal Irish) Lancers. Heliothe 5th (Royal Irish) Lancers. Heliograph messages are seen passing frequently bettern Ladysmith and Pietermaritzburg, but no details are vouch-safed of what is happening. A newspaper correspondent at Pietermaritzburg in a despatch dated Decayo, reports that a heliograph from Ladysmith said: "Anxiety on our account is needless; provisions are ample. The health of the troops considering the season is good, and their spirits are excellent. The task before us does not exceed our resources."

The Daily News correspondent at Ladysmith sent a heliograph message on Dec. 15, reporting "another"

xer, a maxim gun and a creusot his seems to be a nelated report of he sortic that occurred on Dec. 8. The occupation of Dordrecht by fajor Dalgety's force of mounted poce, who are co-operating with Gen.
catacre, is treated by some of the ewspapers as being of considerable apportance, but nothing is known beomd the bald official announcement the fast.

There is nothing later than Dec. 20 ing the disaffection in Cape y. The absence of anything alarming encourages a hopeful by a section of opinions here.

IN THE HOSPITALS.

RMARITZBURG, Natal, Dec 19 (delayed in transmission).— Your correspondent visited the convent correspondent visited the convent hespital at Estcourt yesterday. The rooms are large and are very well-suited for the purpose. The 140 wounded men there are progressing favorably and appear to be well cared for. Major Dowman is in charge. The correspondent visited the hospital horse today. It is although on high today. It is situated on high ground above the town. Col. Long and Major Salford are doing as well as could be expected, though they are dangerously wounded. No bullet has been extracted from Col. Long's body, British artillery was necessary

order to prevent the Boers bringing artillery across.

The weather is much cooler. Measages from the front are two days in

BOER SYMPATHIZERS.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 19 (delayed in transmission).-An ong the latest instances of the growing sedition in Cape Colony are the cases of three members of the house of assembly, one of whom presented an Orange Free State flag to the Boer commander occupying the district the member ents, at the same time express ing the hope that the commande would carry it to glory and victory. Another has openly declared his sympathy with the Boers, and is now recruiting for the enemy; while the third allows his son and daughter to

wear the Free State colors. There has been an cutbreak of glanders among the 1,100 American mules at Stellenbasch, a short distance from Cape Town. Twenty-six of them have been killed and 78 are

A TEMPORARY BRIDGE.

LONDON, Dec. 27.-The Telegraph's correspondent at Chiveley, in a despatch dated Dec. 20, says that the Boers have constructed a temporary bridge across the Tigela River, near Peters Station, and from that place have sent a commando, which is now building entrenchments on Mount Llandwanu and the hills further east. The correspondent supports the previous British statements of heavy Boer lesses on Dec. 15. He save that certainly more than 300 were killed.

DURBAN. Dec. 19 (delayed in transmission).—It is stated that every A despatch to the Daily News from member of the well known Ermio Ladysmith, dated Dec. 15th, says: transmission).-It is stated that every

DUTCH DISAFFECTION. Despatchs from various points indicate the steady growth of Dutch dis-

The Times advises stern treatment of the disaffected Dutch colonists and the enforcement of the penalties of treason against persons and pro-

The 16th Lancers win go to South Africa from India, at the special request of Lord Roberts.

The transport Tantallon Castle has arrived at Cape Town with a num-ber of howitzers and quick-firing which Gen. Buller urgently

CANADIANS CUT OFF.

Despatches from Modder River, dated Thursday, Dec. 21, report that intermittent firing was continuing on both sides. A number of Free State Burghers had surrendered. There is an unconfirmed report that a Cana-dian picket was cut off near Belmont. It is also asserted that fever is raging among the Boers.

A despatch from Chieveley Camp, dated Thursday, Dec. 21, says: "Lyddite shells are daily thrown Boer camp to prevent them working at the trenches. The firing of the big guns is heard daily from the direction of Ladysmith.

THE SECOND CONTINGENT.

Lt Col Tucker Has Not Yet Given up Hope of Getting One of the Transports Sent Here.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.-Lt. Col. Tucker has not yet given up hopes of secur ing the despatch of one of the transports from St. John. He has handed to Hon. Dr. Borden a memorandum setting forth the advantages of the

Capt. Weatherly, architect of the nilitia department, left for Halifax tonight to superintend the refitting of the transports Laurentian, Monte-ruma and Pomerenian. Major Hurd-man of the Ottawa Field Battery is slated for a commission in the artil-

AT MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.-Military mer ere are growing very warm over the eatment they are receiving from the lilitis department. In the first connigent the biggest Canadian city as slighted, and now the second conopened here to receive them.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.— The present week will see Toronto's quota to the second contingent in a fair state of Africa early next month. It is unenlistment and mobilization of the corps were received from Ottawa yesterday morning, but as various officers at Stanley barracks spent Christ-mas with friends, any information re-ceived was not made public.

Surgeon Major Nattress finished the nedical examination of the regulars this morning. Tomorrow morning he will have instructions to prepare for the examination of the volunteers from the militia.

AT KINGSTON.

KINGSTON, Dec. 26.— Thirty-six members of "A" battery have so far been examined and accepted. The full strength of the battery, 132, will be se-cured without trouble. Of these, 66 will make up one section of "E" bat-

AT QUEBEC. QUEBEC, Dec. 26.-Enrollment here for the second contingent is going on very slowly, and with the exception of Major Ogilvie and 39 men of "B" field battery, very few have sent in applications to D. O. C. Lieut. Colonel

IN THE FAR WEST. VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 26.- I does not seem as though British Columbia will be allowed much room on tia officers here have not yet received from Ottawa any orders for recruits, though the whole contingent could be raised here. There are many disappointed men in Vancouver and other parts of the province who are anxious at pights. to enlist for the Transvaal.

AT HAMILTON HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 26.- A re cruiting office will be opened here to-morrow morning by Major Hendrie. Eighteen men, eleven gunners and battery. Double this number of applications have already been received A number of horses will be purchased here for artillery and cavalry.

WESTERN MEN CHOSEN. WINNIPEG. Dec. 26 .- Capt. Williams, D. O. C., has selected 44 men from the Royal Canadian Dragoons to complete one troop of the squadron for South Africa.

N. B. AND N. S. WAR NOTES.

No. 2 Company, 3rd Regiment C. A., met at their drill shed, Carleton, last evening. Since the close of the drill season the company has added recruits to the roll. Four men have handed in their names for the Transham, Li-sut. Smythers, Lieut. Thorne,
Lt. O'Conneyshy, Lt. Kuntbauld, Lt.
Christian, Lt. Briggs, Lt. Birch, Lt.
Halford, Lieut. Tarbull and Lieut.

Briggs and Lieut. PLENTY OF ACCOMMODATIONS

FOR HORSES.

had other buildings in which fifty horses could be put up if necessary. There would be no trouble in pro-viding room in St. John for all the horses and all the men, said Mr. Lock-

Major McDougall of Moneton on Saturday received the following ap-plications for cavalry service in the Transvaal: F. L. Doyle, Irvine Melcolm. Arthur Porteous, Heary Bodman, J. H. Lockhart, Clarence Chandler, Tom McGeary, Henry S. Johnson, Moncton: J. I. Stevenson, Richibucto; E. E. Mugridge, Alfred Roberts, Ern-

Rev. A. H. Cameron, Presbyterian nirister, Brandon, Manitoba, has volunteered to go with the second Can adian contingent as chaplain. Mr. Cameron belongs to New Glasgow, and is a brother to W. D. Cameron

im, Kentville, N. S., has offered to go as nurse with the second Canadian

Capt. Mackenzie of Chatham, N. B has the following names of young men who have volunteered to go with the second contingent to South Africa: Wm. Mackay, Stanley Morrison, G. H. Hall, W. D. McLoon, Jack Mc-Culley, Daniel Murphy, J. Dougall, Millet Stewart.

THE MOUNTED POLICE. detachment of the Northwest Mounted Police arrived in Vancouver, Dec. 20th, from Calgary. They were in charge of Staff-Sergeant Pringle, Nova Scotian, who has many friends in Vancouver. The boys are en route to Dawson, and will in all probability leave on Thursday by Danubé for the north. One of the men, asked by the World what sort of work the Mounted Police would do in South Africa, replied: "Well, just wait until they get there. They will be perfectly at home, and will fight Boers in a manner which may surprise the British officers, and, what is more, some of our boys should have gone out with the first contingent."

FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Immedi ond Can Africa w for South of staff at ices of sev-e fully justified in t

Maj. Good tendered the services

the Woodstock Field Battery, and it is probable that part of the battery will be accepted. Among these of the battery who have made special request for places are: Sergt. Maj. Vanwart, and Sergts. Toms, Gray Dysart and Hayden, all of whom are School of Gunnery mcn; and also Brigadier Hughes. Wheeler Leighton formerly a member of this company, now in the United States, has sent a request to join the battery if it is to see active service.

The prospect now, Saturday noon, is that Major Good and about fifteen men will be accepted.

THREE WEEKS LONGER. LONDON, Dec. 27 .- The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News. telegraphing Dec. 20, says: "Lord Methuen, I understand, in-tends to remain at Modder River about three weeks longer."

· PROBABLY COL. LESSARD. TORONTO, Dec. 26-The Telegram's pecial cable from London says Lieut. Col. Russard, Canadian officer South Africa, has been attached to the staff of General French, says the Daily Mail today. No Canadian officer as above named is now serving in South Africa. The officer referred to is probably Lieut. Col. Lessard, who accompanied the Canadian contingent as a special service man.

NO NEED TO WORRY. TORONTO, Dec. 26—The Telegram's special cable of London says; The Daily Chronicle says the reports that Irish armies intend invading Canada need not keep our statesmen awake

LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—The Bank of Montreal directors today voted two thousand guineas to the relief fund for British soldiers, and the directors further personally subscribed 1,506

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. QUEBEC, Dec. 26-Mayor Parent has sent the following cable to Col. Otter, commandant of the Canadian contingent: Mayor and citizens of Quebec offer their hearty Christmas greetings and compliments of the season. ABOUT FENIAN ORGANIZATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.-The alleged attempts in different parts of the country to organize Fenians for a raid into Canada have not as yet been drawn to the attention of the state department, and nothing is known upon the subject beyond the matters set out in the newspaper publications. The officials do not give the smallest credence to the stories. and are of the opinion that the purpose in setting them afloat is to frighten the Canadians into keeping their soldiers at home and failing to answer the appeal of England for volunteers for the African campaign. Netherlands lodge of Free Masons has "Another sortie tast night. General been killed while fighting on the side one six-inch oreusot gun, one howitzer government sent one transport from American methods to make this mat-

St. John? This question was put to ter the basis of official representations at this stage, and indeed it is said at the state department that he remonstrate against the alleged violation of neutrality involved in the recruiting of soldiers for the Boer Mr. Lockhart explained that the firm had stabled over 100 horses at a time before the new building was erected for that purpose. This building had stables for 92 horses. The firm to deal with such persors as may enlist here for the Boer army after they leave the boundaries of the United States, and it is not doubted that all of these movements that really promise to amount to anything are being carefully watched, with a view to catching the volunteers at some con-venient point by a fleet cruiser. PROMPT REFRESSIVE ACTION.

Should it turn out that a Fenian movement of the kind alleged to exist is actually discovered and brought to the attention of the United States government, sharp and prompt re-pressive action will be taken not only o prevent the violation of the neutrality laws, but also to save the raiders themselves from such consequerce of their actions as befell the infortunate Fenian raiders of 1866. The talk of a Fenian raid is well calculated to cause alarm on the Canadian side of the border, as the people of that section were greatly

agitated during the former Fenian excitement. Although an actual movement occurred at that time, the chief trouble occurred over alarming reports of invasions which never took place. Something of a panic took possession of the Canadians on the border, and many women buried their household silver and valuables on the small islands of the border rivers, fearing that the Fenians bout to loot the towns. On the American side the excitement was inten-sified by local Fenian organizations, which drilled in apparent anticipa tion of a movement, although these proved to be purely local bodies more or less sympathizing with the movement, but whilly without systematic connection with the head organiza-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.-The Brit

made no protest to the authorities here relative to the reported organ ized movements in various parts o the country in behalf of the Boers ugh these matters were subject ussion between Secretary Hay and the ambassador as late as this afternoon, including the alleged Fenian movement. The only attention which the embassy is giving to these reports is to keep advised through the British consuls at various points as to any movements of importance. Thus far, however, nothing has come from the consuls to in dicate that any of the movements was more than local and trifling. All the advices show there has been nothing in the way of general organization. As is usually the case in time of war, the British officials received many letters offering to disclose sections.

CONSIDERED OUT OF ORDER. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-A res tion expressing sympathy with the Boers in their war with Great Britain, identical with the resolution which was adopted by the board of aldermen on last Friday, was today offered in the city council. President Guggerbeimer ruled that the resolution was out of order, and it was laid

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The spread of various forms of horse diseases in all directions, says a Cape Town despatch, is recognized as serious. If it is true, as is reported, that Commandant Cronje's horses are suffering severely, it may be presumed that General Methuen's animals have not escaped, while those of General Gat-acre and Gen. Buller are known to at Stellenbach have been attacked by glanders.

WOUNDED RECOVERING.

The Boer movement to the eastward of Cheveley indicates a diligent effort to prevent General Buller from carrying out a flanking movement. Many of the men who were wounded at Coenso have already left Durban and Pietermaritzburg to rejoin further testifies to the cleanness of the wounds inflicted by Mauser bullets and to good hospital treatment.

The British naval contingent was on Dec. 20 again bombarding the they were intended and expressed this opinion to the donor.

"Madam," said he, "if the money the books cost had been spent for

Boer position north of the Tugela River. The shells which wrecked the road bridge on Dec. 19 probably struck ceeded that which could have inflicted by a single shell.

STILL IN SUSPENSE. The Times' Modder River correspondent described the Dutch to the

westward of the republics as still being in suspense, but from the details given it is evident that the position embles that to the southward. Gen. Methuen's check increased the disafection. The alluvial diggers at Burkley west are absolutely loyal, but ere suffering severe privations

The natives are eating roots. Cape government supplies ammunition to the local rifle associations, but it barely touched and now forms a large reserve on which the Boers rely "It is much more necessary," says the correspondent, "to promptly relieve the colony than to invade the republics. It is difficult to over-estimate the effect of the Australian and Canadian loyalty.

CRONJE DISLIKED.

A despatch from Modder River to the Times, dated Dec. 20, details the resentment of the Free State Boers of Commandant Cronje assuming absosays the Free Staters allege that Commander Delary conceives the strategy of every encounter, and Commandant Cronje, with the aid of Skamboks, carries it out. The use of Skamboks is undoubted. One Boer asked an English doctor if much skamboking was necessary among the British also.

Another Modder River despatch to the Times says that six Marconi wireless telegraph instruments intended in regularly it will cure you.

Mr. David Lockhart, a well knewn tanner of Hawshaw, N. B., states: "I was a terrible sufferer with niles for ever two years and was frequently compelled to give years and was frequently compelled to y



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for the Boers, have been captured. Experiments at Orange River with the wireless telegraph system have been successful. Perfect communication was maintained with De Aar, 70

SITUATION AT ARUNDRL. LONDON, Dec. 27. - The Times

ecrrespondent at Arundel, tele ing under date of Dec. 20, says: "The force here, consisting mostly of cavalry and horse artillery, have successfully checkmated a much larger force of Boers about Colesberg. military situation demands a large increase in the cavalry. Experience here shows that the Boers greatly dread cavalry with horse artillery. The Boer positions here are strong and an assault would involve terrible losses, but either flank could be readily turned and retreat cut off if our cavalry were sufficiently numercus and the horses fit. The Boers would then be forced to attack the British in their position or disperse. Loyal Boers say the enemy has gained few recruits in this neighborhood. ENCOURAGED MANY WAVER-

A Sterkstroom despatch Times, bearing date of Dec. 19, declares that though the British misfor-tunes have encouraged many waverers to join the Boers, their have not much exaggerate. The despatch adds: It is not loyalty but fear that prevents a general rising. The local members of the Afrikander band lecal n are disloyal to a man and the Boer population are so with rare excep-tions. The Free State and Transvaal are, nevertheless, disappointed by the number of colonists who have actually taken up arms of the districts northward of the Stormberg Mountains the following are reported to be utterly disloyal: Barkly East, Lady Grey, Aliwal North, Nintersti, Colesof Roed Hoath and Mostdt He while Tarkastad, Victoria Hast and Stockenstrom are very doubtful, and Calheart is on the fence. From Transvaal at the time of the Jameson raid, when asked what he would do in 1899, said: "Nothing." Being reminded that blood is thicker than water, he replied: "It must run thin-ner this time; I do not mean to risk

Children Cry for CASTORIA

TRIBUTE FROM JOHN RUSKIN. In a village in the lake district a man established a library for the be-nefit of the people and just before it was opened Ruskin was asked to in-spect it, relates the Chicago News. He did so willingly, was much pleased with all he saw, and after warmly expressing his approval, finally departed with a promise to send a present of books. It came in the form of a wife of the founder of the library thought the books far too handsome-

floral decoration or for wines for a dinner, nothing would have been said against it, but because it was laid out for the enjoyment of simple villagers it is considered extravagant."

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