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ROBT. L. SMITH.

HAS BOTHA GIVEN UP THE STRUGGLE AS HOPELESS.

Report That He Has Surrendered to Lord Kitchener—Closing in on Steyn and De Wet.

London, Feb. 28.—The Daily Chronicle, which has received a report it believes true, though it has no means of verification, that Gen. Botha has surrendered to Lord Kitchener, says: According to earlier information Gen. Botha was to have been received at Lord Kitchener's camp about the end of this week, but if the foregoing report is correct events have ripened with unexpected rapidity.

Special despatches from Pretoria locate Gen. Botha with a small force north of Middleburg. They point out that he is probably making for the headquarters of Commandant Viljoen and the seat of the Boer war government beyond Bessendale.

Lord Kitchener has been at Middleburg for the last few days, but there is no indication from any quarter other than that relied upon by the Daily Chronicle that Gen. Botha has surrendered.

STILL CHASING STEYN.
Bennett Burleigh wires to the Daily Telegraph from De Aar, under Tuesday's date, as follows: "The Orange river remains high. Our columns are tightening their grip upon Steyn, De Wet and Herzog near Petrusville, and our patrols have been engaged. I anticipate that a general action is about to be fought and that the collision is likely to prove serious."

Thorneycroft's column, when last heard from, was a few hours' march behind De Wet. The other columns have seemingly lost touch with him. Herzog, the Boer commander, is reported to have crossed the Orange river and appears to be still inside

the rectangle formed by the railroads and river.

WHO BLUNDERED.

The war office selected the double anniversary of the battle of Majuba hill and Gen. Cronje's surrender to publish Gen. Botha's dispatch to Lord Roberts dealing with the events immediately preceding the surrender at Paardeberg. The dispatch contains no news, but it threatens to reopen the discussion regarding the responsibility for the attack on the Boer lines at Paardeberg, which proved costly to the British.

Only last evening, in the House of Commons, Mr. Brodrick, the war secretary, said that Gen. Botha-Kaizer was in command. Presumably he was, although his dispatch concludes as follows:—

"Lord Kitchener, the chief of staff, was present all the time. In accordance with the instructions conveyed to me in your note of February 17 I recognized his suggestions as conveying to me your lordship's orders and acted thereon."

TRAITORS GET OFF EASY.

London, Feb. 28.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, Lord Edward Stanley, financial secretary to the war office, said the Irish prisoners at St. Helena would be treated exactly the same as the Boer prisoners and would not be released until the end of the war.

HEAVY BOER LOSSES.

Durban, Natal, Feb. 28.—It is stated here that in the recent fighting between the Boers and British in the Transvaal and Cape Colony the latter captured, in addition to the other supplies already mentioned, over a ton of dynamite. The Boers are reported to have lost three hundred killed and wounded, and altogether about 350 prisoners were taken.

FREE PASSES AND BINDER TWINE AGITATE THE M. P.'S.

Present System of 'Accepting Railways' Favors Admitted to be Bad
—Twine to be Sold Direct to the Farmers.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Robinson (Elgin) moved his resolution declaring that as Canadian railways were heavily subsidized and the practice of members accepting passes subjected railways and members to unfair criticism, an act should be passed compelling all subsidized railways to carry members of Parliament free. In the course of his remarks in favor of his motion, Mr. Robinson remarked:—"The Premier, Minister of Trade and Commerce and Postmaster-General are all on record as being in favor of the principle of my resolution. They are doing nothing, however, to put it through. Mr. Speaker, I have arrived to put it through." (Cheer.) Mr. Robinson would abolish members' travelling fees.

"There is now," said W. F. Mac-

Lean, "a question of increased indemnity occupying the attention of members of this House, and one justification for it is insufficient mileage (cheer, cheer.) I stand here before the House and country and place myself on record for reform. I am in favor of an increased indemnity to members, but I stand against the taking of mileage and acceptance of passes."

Mr. Borden attached no importance whatever to the argument that members were influenced by passes given them by railways. It might as well be said that members would be influenced to vote for the Government because they get passes on the Intercolonial. However, some regard should be paid to public opinion in such a matter. For himself, he thought that rather than accept the proposal of the resolution it might be better to prohibit the use of passes by members entirely.

The Premier held that the adoption of the resolution would impose a duty for which they had not bargained, and which they did not receive compensation.

It was true the railways had been subsidized; but it was not in the spirit of British legislation to impose a service without compensation. There might be an impropriety in the system now prevailing of members accepting passes, but whether this led to the suggestion in the resolution it was not possible to say, on the contrary it was found that such had not occurred. If the indemnity of members was to be recast it should be recast on other lines.

After Mr. Wallace had spoken in favor of the resolution, debate adjourned.

BINDER TWINE.

The entire evening session, which extended on till after midnight, was given over to the discussion of the binder twine issue, on the motion of Mr. Blain, declaring that all government-made binder twine be hereafter sold direct to farmers at the cost of manufacture and labor, with one cent a pound added.

The government's notorious policy of peddling out binder twine to political favorites was scored by the opposition, and drew from the Solicitor-General an elaborate defence of the policy.

After a lengthy debate, Frank Oliver offered the following amendment:—"That so long as the government continues to manufacture binder twine, the same shall be offered for sale direct to farmers up to July 1st in each year at the cost of material and manufacture, calculating wages on the basis of fair wages for free labor, and that twine unsold and on hand on July 1st each year be sold by tender to the highest bidder after public advertisement."

Mr. Blain, the mover of the resolution, accepted this as embodying principle of his motion, and as being quite satisfactory, so that no division was necessary.

However, by way, probably, of masking their back-down on the whole issue, the Liberals demanded a vote. It was taken, with the inevitable, but unusual, result that everybody voted "Yea." So the clerk announced 155 votes for and none against the amendment.

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RUBBED WITH A DEADLY POISON.

Michigan Lad Died From the Effects of Iodide of Mercury Ointment Prescribed by a Doctor.

Afton, Mich., Feb. 28.—Earl Wedge, aged 19, son of Wm. Wedge, of Trowbridge township, died on Monday in terrible agony. His body was covered with red blotches and itches. His father rubbed him with an ointment prescribed by Dr. L. F. Stuch. In 20 minutes the boy was in terrible agony and so continued until he died. An inquest was held and the coroner's jury verdict was that young Wedge died from the effects of red iodide of mercury applied to the body in the form of ointment. The poisonous ointment was prescribed by Dr. L. F. Stuch and compounded at the drug store of Burrell Tripp. The jury found that the ointment was compounded properly and according to the prescription and no blame is attached to Mr. Tripp. The father of the victim has taken no action. Tripp, the druggist, testified before the jury that he thought the ointment was to be used upon a horse for bone spavin.

FRENCH TOO MUCH FOR 'EM.

He is Gradually Wearing Out Boer Resistance.

Latest Capture of Boers, Guns, Ammunition and Stock a Large One.

London, Feb. 28.—General French's most recent success, combined with the other advantages gained by the British forces in South Africa, have created, a representative of the Associated Press learns, a most hopeful feeling in the war office here. Lord Raglan, under secretary for war, described it to-day as being "the thin end of the wedge," and this also is the opinion of the military critics who relegate that while the war cannot be expected to end with a sudden stroke, this constant capturing of men, guns, supplies and horses means that the operations will soon be reduced to a drab stage. Gen. French is quite the hero of the hour on Pall Mall, though, of course, Gen. Kitchener's controlling hand is recognized under every circumstance. It is felt by Mr. Brodrick and Lord Roberts that so long as the British forces are doing something to diminish the Boers' supply of men, mounts and ammunition, they are achieving the only possible objective at present in sight. It is not believed to be at all likely Gen. Kitchener will grant any armistice as a preliminary to peace, or if he does, he will not let the war office know of it until he learns the result. In fact, small reliance is placed on such an offer, even if Gen. Botha gave in the war office is inclined to consider that his action would only affect the force under his immediate individual command and that the same policy which is now being pursued would have to be continued against the other Boer forces operating in vicinities far removed from the Boer commander-in-chief.

Gen. Kitchener, telegraphing from Middleburg (in the Transvaal, on the railroad between Pretoria and Portuguese Africa) under date of February 27, says:

"The following additional captures are reported by French up to Feb. 25: Three hundred Boers, surrendered; 19-pounder Krupp, one howitzer, a Maxim, 20,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 150 rifles, 388 horses, 834 (trunk oxen, 5,000 cattle, 9,800 sheep and 287 wagons and carts. The Boers' casualties were four killed and five wounded."

ONLY SLIGHTLY HURT.

Wm. Potter, Past Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, saw in the London Free Press that Chas. Bogart, a member of the local I. O. O. F. had been injured in the railway accident near Chicago. He at once called the attention of the lodge officers to it, and Herbert Macpherson wired the Goshen, Ind., branch of the order, and last evening Richard Jolly, Noble Grand, received word that Mr. Bogart was only slightly injured and was on his way to Chicago. The news was at once communicated to the young man's parents. Mr. Bogart took out an accident policy just before he left, which provides for \$15 a week during the time he is laid up. He was on his way to Seattle to visit his uncle.

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