

SOUTH AFRICA.

British Post at Helvetia Captured by the Boers.

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CAPE TOWN, Dec. 23.—Gen. DeWet's attempt to break through to the south has been frustrated, and he is now reported to be at Senekal, with a large commando...

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 23.—The Boers damaged the new Kleinfontein and Chinese batteries yesterday.

ROME, Dec. 23.—Major Crower Botha, brother of Commandant Gen. Louis Botha, has arrived in Rome on his way to The Hague.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Last night's cable despatches from South Africa are full of nothing to the information concerning the situation, though the general trend of events seems to show that the British are regaining the ground recently lost.

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THE SEMI-WEEKLY SUN

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THE LESSON OF THE VILLE MARIE BANK.

Government inspection of Canadian banks and the monthly official statement of returns serve a good purpose, but they are no guarantee to stockholders, and only a poor one for depositors.

The Ville Marie Bank was entitled to issue only \$250,000 of notes. The official return properly attested showed that the limit was not passed, and the inspection revealed no sign of over-issue.

The over-issue of notes cannot be discovered by inspection. If the officers of the bank, or one of them, is prepared to commit forgery, and take the risk of the penitentiary for two or more offences, the bank is free to send out notes to the full extent of the public demand.

The Canadian banking system is perhaps as near perfect as that of any country in the world. But the stability and reliability of banks in Canada depends less upon the system than upon the bankers.

THE CANADIAN OBLIGATION. The government organ in this city protests against the view that the Canadian people should not allow the British taxpayers to contribute the money to pay our soldiers during their term of service.

THE SHIP-BUILDING INDUSTRY. The steel ship-building works projected at Collingwood will probably be devoted to the work of providing tonnage for the lake trade.

Classes will be open Jan. 2nd with increased accommodation, the best facilities and brightest prospects have ever had in our 33 years experience in college work.

Odell & Sons, S. KERR & SON.

has been pointed out that if Canada had sent a force proportionate to that furnished by New Zealand our contribution would have been 12,000 men.

A favorite passage of Mr. Fielding is worth quoting in this connection: "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."

THE REAL QUEENS COUNTY STEAL.

Mr. McKinnon, the minority candidate in East Queens, Prince Edward Island, is still holding on to the seat, and is supported in his action by Sir Louis Davies.

A FAMOUS SPEECH.

Dr. Beers of Montreal, whose death is announced, was one of the most eminent Canadians in his profession. He is also remembered as the man who established lacrosse as a Canadian national game.

But what made him famous, was a speech delivered at Syracuse in 1888 at a banquet of professional men. That patriotic Canadian speech, delivered in the United States to a United States audience, was so witty, so pointed, and so true, that it was printed and praised by every important secular journal in this country.

LORD ARMSTRONG.

In these days, when all the world is talking about guns and ships of war, the death of Lord Armstrong is an event of note. Sir William Armstrong, as he is better known, had reached the age of fourscore and ten, and his great establishment near Newcastle has long been managed by a company.

MUST GET POSTED.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—An imperial order, dated Dec. 18, commands Prince Henry of Prussia (brother of Emperor William), to repair to Berlin by Jan. 1, and remain at the capital for some time, with the view of assuming a more intimate knowledge of state affairs.

Canada should pay her own soldiers, and should provide her own pensions and allowances. Even then our contribution would be less than half as much per head as that of the Australian colonies and New Zealand.

THE EMPIRE IN 1900.

Two events of great importance to the British Empire have occurred last year. One is the extension of British power and authority over an additional area in South Africa. The other is the federation of Australia.

DR. HANNAY'S RETIREMENT.

There are many good newspapers and few good historians in Canada. Therefore the retirement of Dr. Hannay from the editorial chair of the Telegraph, to give his whole time to historical work need not be regretted.

The government press is greatly troubled over the question whether Mr. Foster will be asked to run for West Hastings in succession to Mr. Corby.

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Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Includes an illustration of a woman and the text 'Why I am Well'. Mrs. Frank Evans, 133 Frontenac Street, Montreal, says: 'I feel that I ought to say a good word for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, in the hope that my experience may be of benefit to some other suffering woman.'

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WILL HAVE TWO MASTERS.

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BOOZE INVESTIGATION.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The investigation of the charges of brutal hazing arising out of the death of former cadet Oscar L. Boose, which a court of inquiry appointed by the secretary of war has been in progress with some interest for the last two weeks, was concluded at the West Point Military Academy this afternoon.

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CITY NEWS.

Recent Events Around St. John. Together With Correspondence from Correspondents Exchange.

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That Mrs. T. Gray with her boarders was their very substantial \$40 in gold. The made through Mrs. Mrs. H. Percy Guest.

After considering at the coroner's inquest the remains of Robert W. killed by an I. C. F. squib on Monday, a verdict that the death by being struck by the squib was carelessness, and was in no way to be imputed to the deceased.

In its Hamilton, Ontario, Standard, Miss Grace Anderson, the most popular, Bitter Root Valley who has been in home in New Brunswick and fall, returned day, and is now in St. John's, where her sister, Mrs. G. several years.

Mrs. Ryan, relict of H. Ryan, M. L. C., on Dec. 27th, in the law, at the residence, B. A. Triton, the last remaining of James Rosch.

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A LIFE ELIXIR.

Salt Injected Into the Blood Renews Suspended Heart Action.

Has Electric Power - Discovery Announced by Professors Loeb and Lingie in a Pamphlet.

Search of Ages is Ended - Though They Decline to Discuss It, They Are Convinced of Reality of Their Find.

(Chicago Times-Herald, Dec. 26.) Salt, just plain, everyday salt, or sodium chloride, as the chemists call it, is about to take a new place in the world, for two University of Chicago professors working in the quiet of their laboratories have found that it is the long-sought-for elixir of life. They have found that sodium chloride, or salt solution, when gradually added to the right proportion of water, causes a heart which has once ceased to beat to take up its rhythmic action and do its work again. In other words, they have found that a certain salt solution will revive life that is extinct.

After alchemists have failed to find the quintessence of life in their many fanciful combinations, after adventurers have failed to find their mythical fountains of youth, and scientists and scholars from time immemorial have failed to find the reason of the heart's beat, it has remained for Professor J. Loeb and Professor D. J. Lingie, two modest and hard-working professors at the University of Chicago, to find that salt, the commonest thing in existence, has in it the magic power of giving life to a heart that is stilled.

IT MAKES THE HEART BEAT. The key word to the whole discovery is what these scientists have termed "ions." Professors Loeb and Lingie have been experimenting all summer on an artificial ventricular muscle, and have found that certain "ions" or electric currents in the salt solution furnish the life-prolonging principle which works on the heart muscles through the blood.

The results of the experiments of the Chicago professors have not become generally known yet, as they are preparing for publication. Both professors have adopted the process of elimination in working out this result from the various theories that have been advanced by scientists in the past ten years, and have found by careful experiments on the hearts of various animals that salt and its "ions" make the magical thing which philosophers have been seeking for centuries.

Just what caused the heart to pulsate has been the subject of speculation by philosophers and scientists for many years. There have been various theories advanced. Professor J. A. Hall of the University of Michigan maintained that it was the protoplasmic rhythm. Professor Ringer advanced the theory that it was the nerves in the heart that caused the action. Others have held that the beat was caused by the blood in the heart.

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TESTS ON A TURTLE.

THE MODERN BULLET

A Story of the War in South Africa.

If you look in a report made by England's great surgeon, you will find under "Case No. 39," a concise and detailed account of a bullet wound. The course of the ball is traced with scientific accuracy and exactness. We are told how the merciful little pencil shaped nickel steel masser bullet passed through the body of "Case No. 10," but who "Case No. 10" is, and under what circumstances he received the wound—that is no part of the surgeon's report, and so it does not appear.

It was at the second battle of the Tugela, Jan. 23, Dalton, R. A. M. C. (which means Royal Army Medical Corps), had been called off to attend to a wounded officer lying on the flank of the army, the main body of which was already falling back across the death plain over which it had endeavored to advance yesterday. The sudden rifleman who lay among the rocks.

BROADENS AN OLD PRACTICE. One well-known surgeon who discussed the theory in an informal way said that the stimulating powers of sodium chloride have for years been taken advantage of in cases of extensive hemorrhage. If during an operation enough blood is lost to endanger the patient's life, it has been found advantageous to introduce normal salt solution into the circulation equal in quantity to that lost.

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SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Dec 28-Str Ella, 915, Lund, from Sydney...

DOMESTIC PORTS.

LOUISBURG, CB, Dec 28-Cia str Norga, for Boston: Caylon, for Philadelphia. Sailed.

FOREIGN PORTS.

At New York, Dec 28, brig Caracoa, Olsen, from Caracas, sch Sirdar, Rafuse, from Rosario...

MEMORANDA.

In port at Bermuda, Dec 29, sch Demosella, Capt. from New York...

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

NEW YORK, Dec 28-Capt Baker of the H.P. Dimock, from Boston, reports at 11.30...

MARRIAGES.

ESTABROOKS-DELEURS-At the home of the bride's parents, Harrisville, on Christmas...

DEATHS.

CURRY-At Calais, Me., Dec 17th, Hugh Curry, aged 65 years. DICKSON-At Jubilee, Kings Co., N. B., on Dec 27th...

THE MARKETS.

Revised Every Monday to the Semi-Weekly Sun.

Table with columns for Country Market, Wholesale, and various commodity prices like Canadian beef, Pork, etc.

FISH.

Table listing fish prices: Mackerel, halibut, cod, etc.

GROCERIES.

Table listing grocery prices: Cheese, Butter, Flour, etc.

PROVISIONS.

Table listing provision prices: American sugar, Pork, etc.

GRAIN, ETC.

Table listing grain prices: Beans, Corn, etc.

FRUITS, ETC.

Table listing fruit prices: Apples, Peaches, etc.

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