

LOSSES WERE SLIGHT

Gen. French up to Wednesday Had Five Men Killed and Twenty-four Wounded.

Expected That Gen. Buller's Big Force Will Soon be Moved Forward.

Despatch from Rensberg Says the Boers Are Practically Surrounded, and Only a Few More British Troops Would be Required to Cut Their Lines.

GENERAL REVIEW.

Gen. Buller's Force Estimated at Nearly Thirty Thousand Men.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Events in South Africa do not appear to have advanced. Gen. French's and Gen. Gatacre's operations have succeeded in keeping the Boers in check, if nothing more, but the latter are not too strong and the fighting promises to last for some time.

The critics, in summing up the probabilities of Gen. Buller making another attack, estimate his force at nearly 30,000 men, with 68 guns, including six Howitzers, against Gen. Gatacre's 20,000 men and 50 guns, but whose position and mobility will at least counterbalance the numerical superiority of the British.

Gen. Methuen continues inactive except for occasional reconnaissances. These are reported to have established the fact that the Boer positions extend virtually from Koodoosberg to Jacobsdal, a distance of forty or fifty miles. Gen. Walker reports that his mounted infantry have reconnoitered to Prieska and exchanged shots with a rebel force on the north bank of the Orange River.

Despatch from Rensberg Says the British Are Playing the Boers at Their Own Game.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 4, 10.50.—A despatch to the Times from Rensberg, filed yesterday, says that Tuesday night the British set fire to the trucks of the runaway train which had been wrecked by the British artillery when it was seen that the train, which was loaded with provisions, would otherwise fall into the hands of the Boers.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The rumor is spreading here that the de Beer Mining Co. hoarded diamonds worth \$5,000,000 in the cellars of the company at Kimberley before the war.

THE DEPARTMENT has prepared a scale of rations, medical comforts, water and forage for the troops and horses on board ship. The scale supplied is liberal enough, provided the imperial mail steamer General has considerably aggravated the situation here, and the indignation against England is increasing.

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—No word has yet been received by Hon. Dr. Borden in reference to sending any nurses with the contingent.

WINNIPEG'S DETACHMENT. KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 4.—Winnipeg's detachment for the second contingent arrived here this morning.

AT MONTREAL. MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—Fifty-one men, representing Montreal's contribution to the artillery force, were sworn in to complete the recruiting at Quebec for the Mounted Rifles.

AT HALIFAX. HALIFAX, Jan. 4.—A grand patriotic concert was held here tonight, promoted by Lady William Seymour, wife of the general commanding the British forces, the net proceeds of which will be \$1,000.

AT NEWCASTLE. NEWCASTLE, Jan. 4.—Three men were enrolled today by Major Malby. They are: Bernard King of Newcastle, Timothy Carroll of Newcastle and D. Stewart of Campbellton.

AT SUSSEX. SUSSEX, Jan. 4.—Business at the recruiting station here today was fairly well attended. Fourteen recruits have been examined by Surgeon Murray, only six of whom passed.

AT MONCTON. MONCTON, Jan. 4.—Dr. L. H. Price and Irvine Macdonald of the I. C. R. general office, Moncton, have passed successful examinations for the second contingent.

AT ST. JOHN. ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 4.—The Imperial war office today cabled the Canadian Pacific railway for freight rates on 1,500 horses from Calgary to South Africa via St. John, N. B.

FIGHTING AT MOLLENO.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 4, 11 p. m.—The magistrate at Mollelo, in response to reports that yesterday morning there was heavy firing at the camp of the Cape mounted police, commanded by Capt. Noylan, leaves the Boers surrounded the camp and there was heavy artillery and rifle fire. The police have no artillery. The fighting continued all day. Eventually the enemy was repulsed. There were no casualties among the police.

ARRIVING THE ZULUS. LONDON, Jan. 4.—A despatch to the Central News from Durban says that the government of Natal, in response to petitions made by the Zulus for permission to fight against the Boers, has given its consent to the arming of part of the Zulus.

WILL BE MORE SEIZURES. LONDON, Jan. 4.—The admiralty announced that the first-class torpedo gunboat Harrier, which was ordered to watch suspicious foreign vessels dealing in contraband goods, has arrived at Aden.

ENGLAND'S ANSWER. BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Great Britain's answer to the German note in reference to the steamship Bundesraah has been received. It is believed that the reply has caused dissatisfaction in official circles because of the dilatoriness in sending it and an insufficient explanation of the facts.

READY FOR KRUGER. LORENZO MARQUEZ, Jan. 4.—The Diggers' News of Pretoria prints a rumor to the effect that Longwood, Napoleon's residence on the Island of St. Helena, is being renovated for the reception of President Kruger after the war.

TROUBLE IN SWAZILAND. LORENZO MARQUEZ, Jan. 4.—There is trouble in Swaziland. It was recently reported that King Banu was dead, but refugees now assert that it was the queen who died. They say that Banu's brother has assumed power. He is a reign of terror in the country.

THE SEVENTH DIVISION. LONDON, Jan. 4.—The departure of the seventh division of the British army for South Africa commenced today.

SECOND CONTINGENT. No word in regard to Nurses—Scale of Rations—Another Chaplain Appointed.

THE EMPEROR REGARDS THE SEIZURE OF GERMAN VESSELS A HIGH HANDED PROCEEDING.

GERMANY AROUSED.

LOCAL WAR NOTES.

AT WOODSTOCK.

AT CAMPBELLTON.

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THE OPEN DOOR.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Daily News, commenting editorially upon the report called for from the United States that the Washington government has obtained the assent of the great powers to the principle of the "open door" in China, says: "If the principle of the open door is to be maintained, it is in England, not only on account of the permanent importance of such a British interest, but also because it relieves us temporarily from any anxiety to the requisites for such a policy as far east during the South African struggle."

FOR THE TRANSVAAL FUND.

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THE FIRST STEP.

Col. Pilcher's Occupation of Douglas the First Move in Methuen's Well Laid Plans.

Gen. French Has Asked for Reinforcements to Enable Him to Capture Colesberg.

Eight Additional Militia Regiments Have Been Called Out to do Garrison Duty—Prince of Wales' Equerry to go to the Front.

LITTLE SOLID RESULT.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Not only has nothing important been received from South Africa, but there is a "quite unimportant" absence of rumors and gossip which the correspondents daily furnish their papers.

The centre of the greatest activity for the moment is apparently in the Colesberg district, where, so far as is ascertainable, there is a great deal of manoeuvring and counter-manoeuvering with the little solid result.

BOER DESERTERS.

PRERE CAMP, Natal, Jan. 3, 5.55 p. m.—Twelve Boer deserters, headed by a man who can speak English well, have come into the camp here.

THE FIRST STEP.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—From a source which has many facilities for gaining inside news from South Africa a representative of the Associated Press learns that Col. Pilcher's occupation of Douglas is regarded as merely the first step of Gen. Methuen's carefully prepared plans to outflank the Boers.

HAVE OCCUPIED COLESBERG.

NAAUWPOORT, Cape Colony, Jan. 2.—Colesberg has not yet been occupied by the British. The Boers have removed their laager out of range of the British guns, but are holding a strong position.

NOT A SUCCESS.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent says that the experiments with the new system of wireless telegraphy between the Aar and Modder River have met with small success.

CONGRATULATES CANADA.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—His excellency received the following message today: "I congratulate Canada on the gallant behavior of the contingent in engagement at Sunnyside." (Sgd.) Chamberlain.

SECOND CONTINGENT.

The Allotment of Troops—A Few Special Service Officers May Go.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—Department orders, as they affect transports and the allotment of troops, were issued this afternoon. The steamship Montezuma is to carry the first battalion of mounted rifles and one field battery of artillery and one officer and twenty

men of the second battalion of mounted rifles. The Laurentian will carry the brigade division staff of artillery and the other two batteries.

The date of sailing of the Montezuma and Laurentian is fixed approximately for Thursday, Jan. 18th, and the Laurentian for Saturday, the 20th, but everything depends as to the forwardness of preparations.

AT WOODSTOCK.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Jan. 3.—There are about twenty-five applicants and twenty of these have passed the necessary examination. Wheeler Lightfoot arrived from Boston today with a view of getting a place with the contingent.

AT FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 3.—James Tibbits, Norman McLeod, Bert Pinnar and Geo. Rutter of this city have volunteered for the Transvaal and leave tomorrow for Woodstock to stand examination and enlistment.

AT LADYSMITH.

LADYSMITH, N. B., Jan. 3.—The return to the front of the mounted rifles of the contingent has been completed.

AT MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—The Montreal section of the artillery leave for Quebec tomorrow night. The boys will be given a great send-off.

AT TORONTO.

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—Col. Kitson announced this evening that recruiting for the first battery Canadian mounted rifles is completed.

AT NEWCASTLE.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Jan. 3.—Major Malby has secured six men to go with the second contingent. They are Sydney Morrison, Dickson Dalton, Samuel Craig, Geo. Duvall, Joseph Woods and D. L. McDonald.

ward Pte. Harding Pond, 72nd; Pte. Nelson Spencer, 73rd; Charles A. Richardson, St. Andrews; Edward O. Durand, Sand river; W. V. Lamb, St. Andrews; W. V. Vening, Upper Sheffield; Dr. L. E. Fries, Moncton; Corporal J. D. Ryan, 8th, Quispemans; Sergeant Major Pearson, 8th, Highfield, Queens county; Jas. H. McCreary, Belleisle creek; S. E. Fox, Golden Grove.

Upwards of a hundred letters were received in Charlottetown Monday night from the Canadian contingent in South Africa, also a number of packets.

AT KIMBERLEY.

KIMBERLEY, Dec. 26.—The Boers last night evinced considerable interest in the Premier's message.

ADDITIONAL MILITIA CALLED OUT.

Eight additional regiments have been called out. Some of these will serve in the Transvaal and others in the Orange River.

LIVELY VOLUNTEERING.

All parts of England and Scotland report lively volunteering, a leading feature being the great sums offered by private subscribers to the contingent.

LOCAL WAR NOTES.

At the Fusiliers' club yesterday morning the recruiting office was opened for volunteers for the Mounted Infantry contingent for South Africa.

Robert Welch of Woodstock, one of the accepted volunteers for South Africa, was an employe with the Woodstock Carriage Co. and when the news of the Transvaal war broke he at once resigned his position.

The Halifax Herald referring to the appointment of Rev. W. G. Lane of Parrsboro, N. S., to be one of the chaplains of the second contingent, says: "We congratulate Rev. Mr. Lane. He will be the right man in the right place as chaplain; as he ever has been."

COLONEL PILCHER'S SUCCESS.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Lacking news from the British camps in South Africa, whose future action on the line have an important effect on the British public is making the most of Col. Pilcher's miniature battle.

THE PLANTER'S DEPENDENCE ON GOOD SEEDS.

Without good, fresh, fertile seeds, good crops are impossible. It is, then, the most vital importance that you should exercise the greatest care in selecting the seeds you plant.

JOINED THE BOERS.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—Count Von Rethkirch has joined the Boers. He is a member of the German foreign office.

PROTEST NOT ANSWERED.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—The German foreign office informed the correspondents of the Associated Press this afternoon that Germany had not then answered the protest of the British.

At the annual meeting of the Central Mutual Fire Insurance Co. at Victoria, closed several weeks for repairs, was reopened on Sunday.

RECENT MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—LITTLE GIRL SEVERELY BURNED—GENERAL NEWS.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 23.—The Methodist church at Victoria, closed several weeks for repairs, was reopened on Sunday.

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BOER SYMPATHY IN PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—The movement in this city to send assistance to the Boer army is rapidly gaining momentum.

READING, Pa., Jan. 8.—The American flour set by the British off the coast of Africa, was manufactured in the Coalbrookdale Co. of this city.

SYMPATHY WITH THE BOERS.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 3.—Pro-Boer feeling has developed even here, where it was supposed everybody was loyal to the crown.

RUSSIA'S POSITION.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Vienna correspondent of the Standard says: "The Russian position is becoming more and more difficult."

CHILDREN OF CASTORIA.

REGIMENT'S HISTORIC NAME. (New Orleans Times-Democrat.) "Yes, it's the Gloucestershire regiment, which was captured near Ladysmith by the Royal Irish Fusiliers, that is known in army slang as 'The Fore and Aft's,' said an officer in the United States regular last evening."

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BY-ELECTIONS.

The government has at last concluded to issue the writs for the federal by-elections. It is nothing less than an outrage that some of these have been held back so long.

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partiality and prejudice by the most sectional appeals. The liberal conservatives will not insist that by making English appeals to English sympathies. They realize too well for that the patriotism and broad-minded liberality of those French Canadianists who have resisted those appeals, as well as the good intentions of many who through their impulsive nature have been led astray by the incendiary campaigning in the past.

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The event is important as a sign of the imperial movement. It is a far cry from Canada to Queensland, and both colonies are remote from Cape Colony. Yet in the small force engaged were Queensland volunteers and Canadian volunteers. With them were British regulars, and officers from four continents, all fighting together for a common sovereign and a common cause in a British colony which the most of them never would have seen if this was had not broken out.

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ENGLAND AND SOUTH AFRICA.

Address by Rev. John de Soyres in Mechanics' Institute.

For the Benefit of the Red Cross Ladies' Society.

The Large Hall Packed to the Doors - Fine Musical Program - Band Selections and Solo.

(From Friday's Daily Sun.) The lecture given last night in the Mechanics' Institute by Rev. John de Soyres, on 'The War in South Africa, for the benefit of the Red Cross Ladies' Society, was largely attended.

In fact, very few seats in the building were vacant. On the platform, beside the lecturer, were His Worship Mayor Sears, Rev. John M. Davent, Lieut. Col. Marikham, Lieut. Col. Tucker, Capt. E. A. Smith. The 62nd band occupied seats immediately in front of the platform. The opening selection by the band were God Save the Queen, Soldiers of the Queen, Rule Britannia and Soldiers in Parks. During the evening Mr. Gillespie sang 'Soldiers of the Queen', Geo. Coster, Two Grenadiers, and Mrs. H. B. Schofield an Italian Love Song. After the lecture the band played Robert Bruce, the hymn known as the Transvaal, and the evening Mr. Gillespie sang 'Soldiers of the Queen', Geo. Coster, Two Grenadiers, and Mrs. H. B. Schofield an Italian Love Song.

Mr. de Soyres was greeted with prolonged applause as he came to the front. His lecture was a masterly one and he was frequently interrupted by the cheers of the audience.

The Rev. J. de Soyres, in commencing his lecture, disclaimed any ambition to criticize military tactics or to inflame warlike enthusiasm. Nor was it his object to supply any description of the recent events of the war. The only aim was to demand, by reciting some of the more striking despatches from the seat of war, which our local newspapers furnished us day by day, were far more perspicuous than anything that could be offered by a spectator.

But that which he was emboldened to offer tonight was the reflection of a student upon the circumstances, historical and ethnological, which were the framework of the present conflict, and might help those who desired, earnestly and dispassionately, to form a true opinion as to its real conditions, and the prospects of the future.

For to those who remain quietly at home, surely a calm attitude is most befitting. We shall not support the less earnestly such admirable organizations as the Red Cross Society, nor be less ready to send forth our recruits well equipped, should further contingents be demanded, by refraining from the strained excitement and facile enthusiasm of the music hall. Let us avoid the two baneful extremes of over-confidence and needless depression or panic. For after all, these recent reverses were nothing compared to the trials which our country has surmounted in the past.

What are our present difficulties when we think of 1745, when the Young Pretender had advanced to Derby, and only Cumberland and Lancashire militia at 'Inchey' were available to defend London? Or what are they compared to the dark years 1796-7, when England was absolutely isolated among the nations of Europe, and her own fleets in open mutiny at the North and Spithead, the Bank of England suspended cash payments, and a great invasion of Ireland threatened, and our own dependency, hampered, forced to make humble terms with the French. Well, the nation was resolute, and Providence assisted it through all the dark days. Jervis and Duncanson gained splendid naval victories. Allies came to us, attracted indeed by generous subsidies, but redressing the inequality. And England continued the great effort, as we know, for twenty years, until the crowning victory of Waterloo. Look at the newspapers of 1796-7, or the Annual Register for those years. There are no head-lines, no signs of excitement. The poetry of the day, as summarized in the Annual Register, is singularly calm and objective. The Laureate P. B. contributes two patriotic odes, surely the lowest depth of official poetry, Southey's one contribution has no reference to war, but Burns has 'Scots wha hae'.

What a difference in this telegraphic, telephonic age, with its feverish excitement, and excess of utterance over thought. The speaker proceeded to describe the elements necessary for a true judgment upon the present problems. We must try to understand the territory, the people, the past history, as well as those more recent incidents fresh in everybody's recollection. South Africa's three regions must be brought clearly before the mind. That coast strip, flat and swampy, reaching from Cape Town to the Zambesi. Next, the mountain range, rising in successive altitudes till the great central table land is reached. Then the few and dangerous harbors must be realized; the rivers, large on the map, but wholly diminished in the dry season, the contrasts of climate, from the tropical heat of the coast, to the bracing freshness of the high land; and lastly the terrors of locusts and ants, which with the coast fever and horse-sickness make up what are called the 'four plagues of South Africa.'

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R. Broughton of Georgetown, P. E. I., is 100 years old today. He was in former years a British soldier.

The parishioners of Rev. J. M. McLean, Presbyterian minister, have presented him with a coon coat.

Malcolm McLuskey of Kirkland, Carleton Co., died recently, aged 88 years. A son and daughter survive.

Thomas Milner of Sackville died on Monday night, aged 50 years. He was an uncle of Capt. Milner of Sackville.

Rev. Geo. Sellar went up to Welsford yesterday afternoon to assist Rev. A. D. McCully in a series of evangelistic services.

Bark Kolverdale, now on her way from Manila for Boston, has been fixed to carry lumber from Boston to Buenos Ayres at \$25.

The Chatham World says it is feared William MacIntosh of Caraquet was drowned while crossing from Shippegan on Dec. 23rd.

On New Year's night Mrs. John Paddock of Kingston, N. B., entertained a large number of city and country friends at her home.

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Dr. Annie Young of Pinette, P. E. I., has arrived at Colombo, Ceylon, after a pleasant trip. Dr. Young will locate at Jaffna as a medical missionary.

Mrs. Arsenault, mother of Dennis and Lorang Arsenault and Mrs. Stephen LeBlanc of Joggins Mines, was born in the year 1794. She is still hale and hearty.

Lulu Williston, eldest daughter of Wood Williston, keeper of Upper Fox Island light, Miramichi, died last week. Miss Alice Loggie died at Loggsville on Thursday, Dec. 23rd.

Margaret Clark, widow of the late Robert D. Clark, of Houlton, Me., died at her home, Saturday morning. She was born at Halifax, N. S., Sept. 23, 1819. She leaves six children.

A telegram received in Charlotte-town on Saturday by Henry Edmonds brought intelligence of the death at Providence, R. I., that morning of David Williams at the age of twenty-two years.

BOER WAR MAP.

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The Baptist church, Belmont, P. E. I., raised \$41.35 for the organ fund last week, at a young people's social and concert, presided over by Rev. J. Grant.

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THREE LATE J. E. MASTERS.

A Former Well Known St. John Merchant Dies at Canning, N. S.

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The news of his death comes as a shock to his old friends here, for he was a man held in respect by all.

J. E. Masters was a native of the Cornwallis valley, but came with his parents to St. John when a boy. He was educated here, and learned the craft of a wheelwright. For many years he had a carriage shop at the Golden Ball corner, and he owned the buildings there that were destroyed in a fire which preceded the great one of 1877.

Later on Mr. Masters went into business with John C. Ferguson, now of the inland revenue department, as wholesale grocery and provision merchants on South wharf.

After several years they dissolved their partnership. This was thirty odd years ago. Mr. Masters then went to business with James Patterson and James Patterson, the present South wharf fish merchant, went into partnership, and was together for nine years. They dissolved eighteen years ago. Mr. Masters continued business for a few years longer and then retired to his home in Canning, where he lived several years ago he removed to Canning and has since resided there, but last spring he made quite a long visit to old friends here.

Mr. Masters married a daughter of the Hon. Mr. Beckwith of Nova Scotia. They had no children. The late St. John was sold to Dublin at \$3.50, with an ordinary falling specification, while two lots to arrive there per Head line steamers have been sold at \$3.10.

News has been received here of the marriage at Liverpool on Dec. 29th of Miss Beatrice Hatheway, of this city, daughter of the late Frederick Hatheway, and Dr. Neville, a well-known Liverpool physician. Dr. and Mrs. Neville are now enjoying their honeymoon on the continent.

John Scott, son of County Councillor John Scott, who resides in Fredericton, and who has been in rather poor health for some time, left on Monday for Colorado to spend the winter. He was accompanied by Miss London of Southampton, York Co., who also goes to Colorado for the benefit of her health.

B. B. Peters has been appointed assistant New England agent for the South Eastern Freight Association, with quarters at Providence, Rhode Island. Mr. Peters is a son of George C. Peters of Moncton, and was employed at one time in the office of the general freight agent of the I. C. R., Moncton.

Writing to the Halifax Chronicle about the Nova Scotia apple crop, J. E. Starr estimates the fall shipment is 255,000 barrels, valued at \$2.50 per barrel, or \$637,500, for home consumption and shipment to the United States and maritime provinces, 150,000 barrels, valued at \$1.60 per barrel, or \$240,000, making a total value of \$877,500.

On the eve of his departure for England, Chas. S. Harding, for many years leader of the Germain street Baptist church choir, was made the recipient of a travelling companion, the gift of the members of the choir. Mr. Harding leaves today for New York, to join Mr. McBride and wife of Montreal, leaving by str Britannia on the 6th.

The Yarmouth Times says that the late Hon. L. E. Baker at one time or another owned eight ships, eleven barques and three steamships. Besides he and his family held five years ago one-third of the stock of the Yarmouth Steamship Company, which holdings have since increased. He owned five wharves, a block of buildings and several other buildings.

Officers of St. John Lodge, No. 2, F. and A. M., were installed last evening by retiring master Thomas Finley, as follows: R. D. Smith, W. M.; R. H. Wetmore, S. W.; H. S. Bridges, J. W.; F. E. Frewell, Sec'y; John D. Short, Treas.; E. A. Preston, S. D.; Fred N. Chalmers, J. D.; Geo. Holder, S. S.; R. W. Boys, J. S.; L. A. McAlpine, D. of C.; Fred Sanhall, Organist; Robert Stevenson, I. G.; Dingee Scribner, Tyler.

The death occurred at Zionville, York Co., on Sunday night, after a short illness of a gripe, of Mrs. Henry Reeves, aged 68 years. She leaves husband and two daughters, Mrs. Wm. Munroe and Miss Caroline. J. J. Anslow, editor of the Haunts Journal, Windsor, N. S., is a brother of the deceased lady. Mr. Anslow has been called on to mourn the loss during the past two years of his elder brother, W. C., and his younger brother, Rev. Philip H., in Vermont, and now his eldest sister. He is the only member of the family remaining.

WOODSTOCK MEN GET GOLD.

(Yarmouth Times.) 1 dw. 1 gr. of gold was taken from three pounds of quartz at a spot 1,400 feet from the Cream Pot mine a couple of days ago. The new mine is being developed by a party of Woodstock men, who believe they have struck an exceedingly rich vein.

An old miner, with whom a representative of the Times was in conversation this afternoon, says that Yarmouth county is "the richest portion of the province in gold and that it is destined to be the scene of active mining operations. In many places, he says, coarse gold can be washed from the soil, and he is certain that paying leads run through the very heart of this town.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—An extra of the Canada Gazette was issued this afternoon, calling parliament for the despatch of business for Thursday, February 1st.

IMMENSE INCREASE in the sale of the D. & L. Menthol Plaster evidences the fact that it is useful for all rheumatic pains, lumbago and lame back, pain in the sides, etc. Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., manufacturers.

STEAMER FOUNDERED.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A despatch from Bristol announces that the British steamer Borgnesse of Glasgow foundered off Cape Finistere last Friday during a hurricane. Twenty-two of the crew were drowned.

The survivors, in number, have just arrived at Bristol. The Borgnesse, which was owned by W. H. Raeburn of Glasgow, was last reported as arriving at Malta Dec. 18 from Ergasteria. She was built at Sunderland in 1870 and was of 1,331 tons burthen.

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COURT NEWS.

Rundman v. Star Line S. S. Co. Rundman v. the Star Line S. S. Co. was begun yesterday morning. This is an action brought by the administrator of the estate of the late John Rundman for \$25,000. The deceased, while boarding the steamer Victoria in the St. John river last summer, was drowned, through the negligence, it is alleged, of the steamship company. The story of the accident is well known. The deceased went to Orromocto to bring his brother, George Rundman, who was ill, to St. John. On the morning they started for St. John they feared the steamer would not stop at the wharf, and as the regular rowboat which takes the passengers from Orromocto to the steamer was already out in the river with a load of passengers, they accepted the offer of Oliver P. Simpson, of Boston, who agreed to row them out to the steamer. As they approached the Victoria she stopped, the steps at her side were let down, and the two Rundmans made preparations to get on board. George Rundman succeeded in boarding safely and John Rundman had placed his foot on the steps, when, it is alleged, the steamer started, and he was thrown into the water and drowned. The plaintiff claims that his death was caused through the negligence of the steamship company. The principal witness for the plaintiff was Mr. Simpson, who went on the stand yesterday morning. He described the accident and the events leading up to it, attributing Rundman's falling off the steps to the negligence of the steamer company. Witness was in difficulty because of his small boat being washed by the paddle waves. He jumped in and made every effort to save Rundman, and became himself nearly exhausted. He thought, at the time, that the deceased had been saved, and was told so.

The cross-examination occupied considerable time, and consisted mainly of an investigation of the precise details of the accident.

The plaintiff's case occupied the rest of the day, and is practically a repetition of that given at the coroner's inquest, which was fully reported at the time.

The plaintiff's case is closed, and the defence will open this morning, Daniel Mullin, C. J., presiding. L. A. Curry, Q. C., and A. W. Baird for defendants.

THE MAXWELL CASE.

Proceedings for the extradition of Edwin Maxwell, charged with the murder of Captain Balsey on the American schooner J. B. Vandusen in the Bay of Fundy on November 11th, were resumed yesterday morning before Judge Forbes. Judge Wedderburn, who was a spectator, occupied a seat alongside Judge Forbes.

A. George Blair appeared as counsel for the United States government. District Attorney Dyer of Maine was present, and also United States Marshal Hastings of Portland. Recorder Skinner and A. E. Copp of Sackville appeared for the defence.

The depositions of the crew of the schooner, taken in Portland, Me., were first submitted, and after a brief argument admitted in evidence. The evidence was substantially the same as they gave at the preliminary examination in the police court here.

Dr. James Christie was then called and gave evidence regarding the injuries which caused the death of Capt. Balsey. His evidence was practically a repetition of that given at the inquest and at the preliminary hearing. He had made a thorough examination of the dead man and had found the organs all in a healthy normal state. The wounds were sufficient to cause death and were the direct cause of the death.

There were no indications of drunkenness.

Mr. Skinner asked if the fact of his having been in the water after receiving the injuries had anything to do with his death. Dr. Christie said it undoubtedly hastened death.

In reply to another question, Dr. Christie declared the captain would have died anyway from the great hemorrhage.

Mr. Skinner asked if he had not said something to the contrary at the preliminary hearing. Judge Forbes said there might have been a possibility, but it was extremely improbable.

Mr. Skinner said he did not want probabilities given as evidence. The wreck of the world was caused by the line men drawn between possibilities and probabilities.

Dr. Christie said he did not see how it could be got at any other way. He said in answer to another question that he did not think there was any possibility of the captain recovering, but medical men saw many strange things happen.

Mr. Blair asked if the captain would have recovered if he had been rescued quickly from the water or had not fallen overboard.

Mr. Skinner objected to the doctor stating whether or not this was probable, and Judge Forbes said he would not allow the question at this stage.

The affidavits of the crew of the Vandusen was then read by the clerk. District Attorney Dyer was sworn. He said he was United States attorney, living in the district of Maine. Asked about the United States law regarding crime on the high seas in an American vessel, he replied that the United States law provided that the criminal be tried in the first district into which he shall come. The district of Maine meant the State of Maine, and the nearest district to New Brunswick.

Mr. Blair asked Mr. Dyer what steps he had taken regarding this matter in his judicial capacity.

Mr. Skinner objected to the question, arguing that the affidavits showed what had been done.

After some argument the question was allowed, subject to objection.

Mr. Dyer wanted to know if the court any legal act. Mr. Blair said he did not know. Mr. Skinner objected, but Mr. Dyer answered that he had done nothing.

Another argument ensued between the counsel over the admissibility of similar questions. Mr. Dyer, with the consent of the court, explained that under the United States laws it became necessary sometimes for the president to apply for extradition, and the minister of justice would have to be satisfied that the warrant was properly issued.

Judge Forbes stated that so far as the form of proceedings was concerned, it did not matter to the minister of justice. The minister had to decide whether or not he (Judge Forbes) was correct in deciding whether or not Maxwell be retained in custody.

Mr. Blair asked again what was the practice when the president's warrant was issued for extradition. Mr. Dyer replied that the president's warrant was issued at the instance of the attorney general upon representations of the district attorneys. If there was no evidence on account of the accused person not being within the jurisdiction of the district the warrant was issued on the strength of affidavits.

That was done in this case.

This closed the case, and Mr. Skinner addressed the court. He argued that the prosecution had failed to begin with a case for extradition on the points he had already taken and upon the further point that there was not sufficient nor the necessary evidence required by law submitted to the court to warrant further proceedings for extradition in this matter. He asked that the prisoner should be discharged. He said he would not take up time with any further argument, as his honor had already intimated that he would over-ride the objections and refer the case to the minister of justice.

This finished the case. Judge Forbes said he would issue the warrant committing Maxwell to jail for fifteen days, and said the prisoner would have that time in which to apply for habeas corpus before he could be surrendered to the United States authorities. In the meantime the papers would be sent to the minister of justice.

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PEACE WITH HONOR.

The following cablegram, signed by the common clerk, was sent to Lord Strathcona yesterday: "The telegram sent to your lordship on 1st January, instant, by Edward Sears, mayor of St. John, was sent without the authority of the common council. The council, concurring in the congratulations to her majesty, but believing that the expression 'peace with honor' is ambiguous, by resolution of this date express the hope that no peace be made upon any other terms than the unconditional surrender of the national enemy."

The above was drafted by the committee appointed for the purpose at the special meeting of the council on Wednesday.

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WANTED.—A first class male teacher to take charge of Superior school in District No. 3, Parish of Summers. Teachers applying must hold licenses authorizing them to teach a Superior school; also state salary. Address THEODORE ARSENAULT, Secretary, School Trustees, Tracadie, Gloucester Co., N. B. 1524

TEACHER WANTED.—A Second Class Female Teacher for School District No. 11, Parish of Saint George, County of Charlotte. School to begin first of term. Apply stating salary to GEORGE W. MCKENZIE, Sec. to Trustees, Calhoun, Saint George, N. B. 18

WANTED.—A Second Class Female Teacher for School District No. 3, Parish of Petersville. Please apply, stating salary, to JOHN CULBERT, Petersville, Queens Co., N. B. E.

WANTED.—A Second-class Female Teacher for School District No. 16, in the Parish of Petersville, County of Queens, for the term beginning January 8th, 1900. Dated this 27th day of Dec., 1899. Apply to W. M. SMITH, Secretary to Trustees, Armstrong's Cor., Q. C. 17

WANTED.—A third class female teacher for District No. 3, Parish of St. Martin's, St. John County, N. B. Apply to JOHN M. BRADSHAW, Sec. to Trustees (post district). 1665

WANTED.—A Third-class Female Teacher for School District No. 14, Parish of Kingston, Apply, stating salary, to GEO. KING, Sec. to Trustees, Centreton, Kings Co., N. B.

WANTED.—Second Class Teacher, Male or Female. Apply immediately, stating salary, to HOWARD GOOD, Sec'y, Clifton, Gloucester Co.

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A SAD CHRISTMAS.

Prof. Heese's Christmas was a rather sad one. He has been suffering some time from his injured leg, and his condition becoming serious the doctors decided that another amputation was necessary. In Christmas week the operation was performed, about three inches of the limb being taken off. Letters from Providence state that fears of hemorrhage are now felt. Globe.

HALIFAX MAN SUICIDES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Lemuel H. Butler, of the Butler-Bertram Trading House of Halifax, N. S., committed suicide today in a boarding house, No. 30 State street, Brooklyn. He cut his throat with a razor. Butler had talked and acted queerly. It is said he was subject to fits of insanity. He was 50 years of age.

A month ago Butler returned to New York, having spent four years in Halifax and Hants. Three sealed letters were found in his pockets. One was addressed to Mrs. Anna Butler, Elgin, N.S., said to be his mother. A telegram was received from Mrs. Anna Butler asking that the letter left by Butler be forwarded to her. She said that the suicide was born in Meriden, Conn., and was the son of the late Hiram Butler.

Sydney, C. B., now has sixteen lawyers, thirteen doctors and five banking institutions.

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BOARD OF TRADE.

Winter Port Trade Shows a Very Gratifying Increase.

Two Important Motions to be Discussed at an Early Meeting of the Board.

One Relates to an All the Year Liverpool Service and Better West India One, the Other to an Imperial Commercial Policy.

The Board of Trade met in regular session on Thursday afternoon. The president, D. J. McLaughlin, was in the chair and Secretary F. O. Allison sat at his desk. Among other members present were J. A. Lively, J. N. Sutherland, Thos. L. Hay, W. Frank Hatheway, G. W. Fisher, F. L. Potts, A. L. Spencer, W. F. Burditt.

After reading of minutes the secretary read the following summary of proceedings of the council of the board:

Since the annual meeting of the board on Dec. 4th, six meetings of the council have been held, at which the following matters have been dealt with:

The council has elected F. A. Dykeman, G. Fred Fisher, Geo. McKean, T. H. Somerville, O. H. Warwick and H. A. Drury as additional members of the council.

The standing committees for the year have been appointed by the council. W. M. Jarvis has been appointed a member of the council of the Maritime Board of Trade.

A suggestion has been made by M. G. DeWolfe, president of the Maritime Board of Trade as to the advisability of holding a convention of the New Brunswick Board of Trade. The matter has been referred to the committee, consisting of the president, vice president and W. M. Jarvis.

The Toronto Board of Trade has asked the endorsement by our board of a resolution passed by the Toronto board advising the adoption of a commercial policy based upon the principles of mutual benefit of the various parts of Her Majesty's dominions, which is to be submitted to the fourth congress of chambers of commerce of the empire, 1900. The matter has been referred by the council to the full board.

At the request of the council the secretary has written to the Yarmouth S. S. Co. regarding discrimination by that company against St. John in the matter of freight rates between St. John and Halifax.

A letter has been received by the president from the Hon. H. R. Emmerson, enclosing a minute of meeting of the executive council in reference to a service between St. John and Liverpool through the Toronto and Liverpool Steamship S. S. Co. The president has communicated to Hon. H. R. Emmerson the assurance that the council is in full accord with the object to be obtained, and will gladly co-operate with the mayor and council in their efforts to that end. This matter has been referred by the council to the full board and will come before this meeting.

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The council has made strong efforts to secure the transportation of a part of the second Canadian contingent for South Africa. Col. Tucker was present at a meeting of the council, 29th December, and explained the steps taken by him at Ottawa to secure the transportation of a portion of the contingent from St. John, but stated that the government having completed their arrangements to have the shipment take place at Halifax, it was impossible to make any alteration in the plan. A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered Colonel Tucker for his efforts in the matter.

The following resolution was passed unanimously by the council and sent to the government on the 23rd inst.:

Resolved, That the council of the St. John Board of Trade tenders its sincerest congratulations to the government on its offer of a second contingent to the British government for service in South Africa, as being not only in line with our duty to, and a token of our sympathy with the mother land in her time of trial, but also as symbolic of the unity of the empire which our council in common with all loyal Canadians so earnestly desire to see.

The secretary read two letters from Hon. Mr. Emmerson relative to the Liverpool Steamship service and promoting trade with the West Indies. The premier suggested a conference at St. John of delegates from the cities, towns and counties in the province, to consider the whole matter. He suggested that the convention be held not later than the 15th of the month. The letter of Mr. Booth of Toronto was referred to the tariff and customs committee.

The communication from the Toronto Board of Trade relative to an imperial commercial policy was on motion of W. Frank Hatheway, who spoke in favor of the idea, referred to the next meeting of the board for full consideration.

Following is the full text of the resolutions which it is proposed to submit to the congress of chambers of the empire in London next June:

Whereas it is generally recognized that an advantageous commercial bond is one of the strongest links in national unity, and that the maintenance and strengthening of trade is the key-note of a state's successful development;

And whereas, the existence of an empire is largely dependent upon the material prosperity of its people;

Therefore be it resolved, that in the opinion of this council the bonds of the British Empire would be materially strengthened, and the union of the various parts of Her Majesty's dominions greatly consolidated by the adoption of a commercial policy based upon the principle of mutual benefit, whereby each component part of the empire would receive a substantial advantage in trade as the result of its national relationship.

Further resolved, that in order to make the foregoing operative the chair shall appoint before this convention a representative and proportionate committee of home and colonial delegates to devise a scheme of this nature, and report to this or a similar commercial congress, and that a copy of this resolution be officially forwarded to the home and colonial governments concerned in the proposition.

These resolutions have been adopted by the Toronto board.

The secretary was instructed to give the Department of Trade and Commerce the required information about St. John firms producing goods for export.

L. G. Crosby, J. J. Bostwick, J. J. Tucker and A. O. Hastings were elected members of the board.

COLESBERG.

Story of Its Occupation and Annexation by Boers.

Commander Grobler, an Eloquent But Profane Scoundrel Who Speaks English Fluently.

Commander Schoeman's Appeal to the Women - The Dutch Afrikaners Openly Sided With the Invaders - Loyalists Escaped in Disguise.

Now that Colesberg has been captured by the Boers, the following account of its occupation and annexation by the Boers is full of interest. It is taken from the London Daily Mail.

The annexation of Colesberg and other colonial towns by the colonial forces of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal would be ludicrous if the already apparent effects were not so serious.

One morning this week a commando of 400 boer men surrounded the defenceless town of Colesberg, and while the peaceable inhabitants were still having their morning coffee, the rebel inhabitants were up making coffee for the enemy. The town was annexed, the magistrade, Mr. Wrench, was compelled to hand over the keys of his office, and the Free State flag was hoisted in place of the glorious Union Jack.

There was no demonstration. The Britishers looked on in silent amazement, while the Boers, possibly influenced by the fear of consequences, uttered never a word.

All day long the town was alive with Boers riding up and down, showing off their horsemanship, and stopping colored men who did not ride at all. Next day a mob of Boers assembled in the market square to hear the proclamation read.

About 11 a. m. an advance guard came prancing down the street—a motley crew, dressed in all kinds and conditions of clothing—and closed their ranks. They were all mounted and armed, clothed in many colors, and filed past in twos, fours, and sixes, as they fancied—no formation, no order, every man his own boss.

They were dirty and looked like 800. They were dirty and looked like 800. They were dirty and looked like 800. They were dirty and looked like 800.

After these warriors had marched past the crowd surged up to some railing cases at the corner of the market square, where Commandant Grobler was preparing to address the gathering. He began by reminding his hearers that Colesberg and district was now a part of the Orange Free State. Before adjourning, President McKean, in graceful terms, wished the members a year of great prosperity, and incidentally suggested that among their good resolutions there should be one to attend board meetings promptly and regularly during 1900.

A meeting of the board will be called, perhaps next week, to consider the matter referred to in Hon. Mr. Emmerson's letters, and that relating to an imperial commercial policy.

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The effect of this proclamation was as once apparent. Britishers decided to stay and protect their interests. The loyal Dutch refused to join the enemy. The rebellious Dutch were afraid to do so, and it seemed as if their promised support would end in a total injury.

But Commandant Grobler rode to the occasion. The field cornets for Colesberg were summoned to a conference and compelled to hand over the burgler list.

Certain names were marked on the burgler lists and were ordered to command these individuals. They did, signing the letters with their own names. The letter reads as follows:

In the name of the O. F. S. government, you are hereby requested to be at the Hoops, Laager, Colesberg on Tuesday next, with horse, saddle and bridle next and fifty rounds ammunition, and seven days' provisions.—Signed (by field-cornet).

This piece of Boer cunning was only too successful, for nearly every one who was commandeered joined. Some, however,

Others openly refused to go, and demanded passes to leave, which were given them, thus demonstrating to those who were loyal the absurdity of the whole affair.

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ON S. S. SARDINIAN

Bungling of Worst Kind by the Ottawa Government.

Eight Hundred Pairs of Trousers Too Many and Four Hundred Tunics Short.

All Grades of Society Represented in the Ranks—What the Boys Will Have to Carry—The Doctors Were Hoodwinked.

(Staff Correspondence Montreal Star.)

BUNGLED FROM THE START.

It is only fair to state that from beginning to end the arrangements for sending this contingent of citizen soldiers for service with imperial troops in South Africa, have been bungled in the very worst possible manner by the government at Ottawa. This may be regarded as a sweeping statement, but the proof of it is easy to give. For instance, had unfortunately an epidemic taken place, and such would not have been surprising on a ship so crowded as the Sardinian in the change from a Canadian climate to that of the tropics, and again that of South African waters, imagine Surgeon Major Wilson and his assistants coping with such an epidemic in a crowded and makeshift hospital and a scanty \$150 worth of medicines. It is wholly unnecessary to even hint at what the awful results would have been. And in this same connection I may say that, in a conversation with a prominent Ottawa merchant, who struck the best weather of the tropics, I remarked to him that we would be exceedingly fortunate if we reached Cape Town with a clean bill of health. His reply came quickly: "Indeed we will."

It was at this critical moment that a proclamation, warning all loyal British subjects to be true to their allegiance, declaring the "annexation" of colonial territory null and void, and promising compensation for any actual injury, was brought into town by a loyal Dutchman named Geldenhuis. Copies were made and distributed before the commandant got wind of the document. As soon as he heard of it, he promptly annexed Geldenhuis was arrested.

The effect of this proclamation was as once apparent. Britishers decided to stay and protect their interests. The loyal Dutch refused to join the enemy. The rebellious Dutch were afraid to do so, and it seemed as if their promised support would end in a total injury.

But Commandant Grobler rode to the occasion. The field cornets for Colesberg were summoned to a conference and compelled to hand over the burgler list.

Certain names were marked on the burgler lists and were ordered to command these individuals. They did, signing the letters with their own names. The letter reads as follows:

In the name of the O. F. S. government, you are hereby requested to be at the Hoops, Laager, Colesberg on Tuesday next, with horse, saddle and bridle next and fifty rounds ammunition, and seven days' provisions.—Signed (by field-cornet).

This piece of Boer cunning was only too successful, for nearly every one who was commandeered joined. Some, however,

Others openly refused to go, and demanded passes to leave, which were given them, thus demonstrating to those who were loyal the absurdity of the whole affair.

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