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Trying to Save Buller's Guns at Chieveley.

## CRONJE'S STILL AT BAY.

### No News Received by the War Office From Lord Roberts Since Wednesday.

London, Saturday, Feb. 24, 4.15 a. m.—Mr. Balfour announced in the House of Commons at half-past twelve this morning that no further news regarding Gen. Cronje had been received by the Government. He had sent to the War Office during the night, and he asserted that nothing had come to hand there. Gen. Cronje, then, is apparently still unharmed. No other construction is placed upon the three days' silence of Lord Roberts. Yet no one sees how it is humanly possible, judging from the descriptions of his situation Wednesday morning, for him to resist so long. "Englishmen feel something like pride in Cronje, even as a foe," says the Daily News. In a position covering only a square mile, hemmed in on all sides, circled with a chain of fire from rifle, Maxim and Howitzer, played on by deadly lyddite, bursting in its own sickly green light, his hastily built trenches enfiladed by a stream of lead sweeping down the river from

the north bank, Gen. Cronje still elects to fight. It is a magnificent courage. Gen. Cronje's wife is described by the prisoners as urging him to surrender in order to save the lives of his men, but he would not. The British cavalry patrols sent by Lord Methuen north of Kimberly discovered the Boers concentrating, whether for offence or defence, is simply conjecture. The Boers seem to be retiring from Gen. Gatacre's front at Storkstroom in order to reinforce the Free Staters. BIG FIGHT IN PROGRESS. A correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing from Modder River Thursday morning says:—"As I left Koodoosrand heavy shell and rifle fire was in progress. Last night the Boer laager was a mass of flames, and the Boers were seen making shelter in the trenches." The Daily News affirms that the above despatches refer to Wednesday morning. Possibly a big may be fighting from 10,000 to 15,000

Boers. This would account for the long silence, as all experience has proved that the battles occupy some days. The Boers are expert at digging cover, and Cronje, in his desperation, may have risked a sortie in the night.

The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Tuesday says:—"We are in a state of doubt and anxiety regarding events in the Free State. We hear that the telegraph wire between Gen. Cronje and Bloemfontein is cut, and the news from the front is conflicting. It is a symptom of the present trend of events, that storekeepers in the United States have wired here stopping the forwarding of goods. I learn that the Transvaal Government has 500,000 in bullion and Pretoria over 35,000 sovereigns a month."

#### NO NEED FOR ALARM.

Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says:—"From Boer despatches we might infer that Gen. Buller has gathered quite a force of scattered Boers at Petersburg, about 17 miles east of Koodoosrand, with a view of relieving Gen. Cronje. It is probable that a battle is also raging in Natal. Anyway, there is no need for alarm. It is quite possible that after the fight Lord Roberts may be engaged in pursuing the Boers, which would take him away from the telegraph wire."

The Ladies' Aid and Altar Society of St. Joseph's church will give "a tea" in their rooms on the corner of Queen and Cross streets, on Tuesday evening, February 27th, from 5.30 to 8. As it will be Shrove Tuesday, hot pan-cakes with maple syrup will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to come. d. 5t

## WHITE IS AGGRESSIVE.

### He is Harassing the Retreating Boers From the Shelter of Ladysmith.

London, Saturday, Feb. 24, 1.30 a. m.—Ladysmith had not been relieved at the latest news which left Natal two days ago. The Boers had then retired half-way between Ladysmith and Colenso, if only 6,000 went to the Free State, as both the Boer and British accounts assert, the 12,000 who are left may purpose to retain the siege and resist Gen. Buller with contracted lines, although the impression at Gen. Buller's headquarters is that the Boers are merely covering a retreat. A despatch from Chieveley, dated Feb. 22, to the Daily Chronicle, says:—"At dawn on Tuesday we found that the Boers had vacated all their positions south of the Tugela, and were in position among the high hills mid-way between Ladysmith and the river, and making a determined stand. The Creusot guns were in action. All the British naval and other heavy guns were brought to bear upon the new positions, and we believe that this show of Boer strength was only intended to cover a retreat. Yesterday (Wednesday) the Boers were retreating all day. Gen. Buller continued to harass them, compelling them to give way. The Berliner Tageblatt published a despatch from Brussels saying that the Boer commandant-general, Piet Joubert, had given orders for the im-

## THEY NUMBER 18.

### Canadians Killed in the Recent Fight at Paardeberg Drift.

#### Lord Roberts' Official List—The Wrong Smith Was Also Reported Killed in the First Despatch.

London, Feb. 24.—Lord Roberts has sent an official list of those killed in the Royal Canadian Regiment in the battle at Paardeberg Drift on Sunday last. The total killed numbered eighteen, and not nineteen, as reported. The complete list of killed are as follows:—

"A" Company, Western.  
Sergeant W. Scott, Victoria, B. C.  
Pte. F. E. Jackson, Victoria, B. C.  
Pte. A. Munnich, Victoria, B. C.  
Pte. J. H. Somers, Victoria, B. C.  
Pte. J. Todd, Victoria, B. C.  
"B" Company, London.  
Corp. J. Smith, 22nd Oxford Rifles, Woodstock.  
Pte. J. A. Donegan, London, Ont.  
Pte. J. W. White, Windsor, Ont.  
"C" Company, Toronto.  
Pte. J. H. Findlay, Barrie, Ont.  
Pte. W. T. Manion, Toronto, Ont.  
"D" Company, Ottawa.  
Pte. Z. R. E. Louis, Ottawa, Ont.  
Pte. O. T. Burns, Ottawa, Ont.  
Pte. C. E. E. Jackson, Toronto, Ont.  
"E" Company, Montreal.  
Corp. R. Goodfellow, Montreal, Que.  
Pte. C. P. Barry, Montreal, Que.  
Pte. C. Lester, Montreal, Que.  
Pte. A. McQueen, Quebec, Que.  
"G" Company, New Brunswick.  
Pte. Roland N. Taylor, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

February 23rd, 1900.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

The county property committee met this morning and settled with the contractors for the jail improvements.

Wm. Howell, of the Planet, is able to be around again after his recent severe illness.

W. B. Dunn, wife and child, Rodney, who have been in the city the past week, returned home on Monday.

On page six will be found an exceedingly interesting sermon by Dr. Talage in which he claims that the natural life of man should be 500 years.

R. A. Peterson, the new yard master at the L. E. & D. R. R. is moving his family here from St. Thomas. Robt. Bartlette is discharging Mr. Peterson's duties during his absence.

Regular meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Presbyterian Church will be held after the evening service. Subject, "Humility." Leaders, Misses Davidson and Samson.

Allie E. Drake, a former resident of this city and a member of the Maple City baseball club, was in Chatham today on business in connection with his office as travelling freight and passenger agent of the L. E. & D. R. R.

Fire at Essex destroyed Bennett Bros. foundry. The Laing-Kitchie Co. who purpose moving to Chatham had about \$1,500 worth of stock, tools and machinery in the building. Their loss will be considerable as they have only \$1,000 insurance.

It is requested that those assisting in the special services in connection with the new pipe organ at Victoria Avenue Methodist Church will attend the first practice to be held in the Sunday school room on Monday evening.

The team attached to J. Terry's milk wagon ran away on Victoria avenue this morning. A collision with a telephone pole opposite Holy Trinity Church freed the horses which were later captured. They were not injured.

The rig was slightly smashed. Two rinks of the Chatham Curling Club defeated two rinks from Glenora yesterday afternoon by a margin of two shots. Dr. R. V. Bray's rink being up, six shots and John P. Dunlop's down four. The Chatham rinks were, J. C. Pritchard, E. A. Munster, Wm. Young and Dr. R. V. Bray, skip; and Add. McCosk, Dr. A. Gray, John McCosk and John Dunlop, skip.



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The correct dress for gentlemen for social functions occurring after 6 o'clock is the full dress suit.

There is but one exception permissible, that is the Tuxedo or dinner coat. These may be worn at theatres and dinner parties respectively.

The livery is worn as an easy top coat over dress suits.

The Paletot is becoming quite a favorite among good dressers, while the frock suit is the correct day dress.

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At 3:30 this afternoon an alarm of fire was rung in from Mrs. Gould's on Joseph street. The fire proved to be the residence of Mrs. Finn, Baldoun street. The whole upstairs was burned.

### A WARNING.

It is to be hoped the property owners along King-street will not be either thoughtless or disloyal enough to the city's interests to allow themselves to be persuaded into attaching their names to any petition against a new pavement. Wednesday, we believe is the last day for presenting such a petition to the city clerk, and those interested should be on their guard against any "doorback" in the line referred to. It is quite true a majority of the property owners on the street may stop the work, but will it be wise for them to try?

Will it be fair to the merchants along the street who are paying high rents? Are they prepared to risk the city council tearing up the old pavement and leaving the street in a state of nature, as they have the power to do?

Finally, do they want to see their names published broadcast as signers of this petition to prevent an absolutely necessary work going ahead for the sake of saving them a few paltry dollars?

We urge not. In fact, we hope no such petition will be sprung, but if it is, public indignation should lead to its rejection by every public spirited resident of Chatham.

### FAST TRAINS

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## IS NOT CAPTURED YET.

But the Lines About Cronje Still Continue to Tighten.

Paardeberg, Thursday, Feb. 22.—There is little change in the situation. There was intermittent shelling today, and during the night a large supply column arrived. It is reported that 2,000 Boers are operating northwards of this place.

Yesterday evening, after the last gun had been fired, the Shropshires rushed forward 200 yards further towards the bed of the river, and found a number of Boer dead. Gen. French captured 75 more prisoners who had previously escaped the cordon, and a patrol of the westward side took 30 more.

### CRONJE WOUNDED.

London, Feb. 24.—Gen. Cronje had not surrendered when the war office closed last night, so far as was officially known. A Durban rumor that the Boers had given up, that Cronje was wounded and that 1,700 of his men had met the same fate remained a rumor with no confirmation of any kind. The reported wounding of Gen. Cronje was also without confirmation.

Pretoria despatches gained publicity last night, saying that Cronje was holding his ground, had driven the British back in several storming attempts, and had sustained slight loss.

Has Cronje Surrendered? London, Feb. 24.—The dispatch from Paardeberg dated Thursday, Feb. 22, made public to-day, shows that the condition of Gen. Cronje, apparently, had not changed for the better or worse up to Thursday and confirmation of a Durban report announcing Cronje's surrender is eagerly awaited. At this hour the war office has no news and it is regarded as a curious fact that the first news of the surrender, if true, should have come from Durban, lacking better authority, the Durban dispatch is regarded as a doubtful announcement.

The arrival of the British supply column at Paardeberg may have given Gen. Roberts the opportunity to resume his fierce attack on Gen. Cronje's laager, for, doubtless, he could not keep up the vigorous cannonade with which he started. Possibly the long wait may be due to a determination to endeavor to starve out Gen. Cronje's gallant force.

Other late Paardeberg despatches say the Boers' plight is still hopeless and that Lord Roberts is ready to meet all the reinforcements.

From Gen. Buller there is nothing new, but the retreat of Gen. Cronje seems to be having an effect on the Cape Boers, as a Dordrecht despatch dated Feb. 22 says the Boers are opening negotiations for submission.

Gen. Brabant is treating with them, and in deference to the wishes of the governor of Cape Colony, Sir Alfred Milner, of long lenient terms, in the meanwhile ceasing offensive operations.

A special despatch from Arundel, under date of Feb. 23, says that a strong force seven miles west of here, Gen. Clements has kept up a searching fire on their kopjes. We expect to take their position before sunset.

A war bulletin published in Pretoria, Feb. 22, said communication with Gen. Cronje was still open Feb. 21, and that reports of heavy fighting occurring east of Gen. Cronje's laager had been received.

MAKING ALSO RELIEVED. New York, Feb. 24.—According to advices from London there are rumors afloat that Ladysmith and Mafeking have been relieved and it is again reported that Cronje has surrendered. The war office, however, has not confirmed any of these stories. The rumors of British victories are received with more credence than heretofore, however.

So far no report contains any mention of the capture of the Boer big guns. Of all the artillery about Mafeking and Ladysmith only one disabled 12-pounder was found when the British occupied the ground. It is reported that the Boers started the guns from their places with orders to get them across the veld as soon as they learned Lord Roberts was in command at Mafeking River with reinforcements and moved himself with all the

mounted Boers as soon as he learned of Gen. French's movement in his rear. Observers in London think he went as far as he could, then picked a position and determined to sit tight, until assured that the artillery had escaped.

The reinforcements Lord Roberts reports having scattered so easily are said to have been the Boer rear guard and artillery train, which was covering the movement to the north and east. There are no reports of any artillery fire in response to the British attack at Koodossrand.

Cronje's plan appears to be to hold all the British possible about his camp till certain his artillery retreat is assured.

The proposed armistice would have gained 24 hours for the retreat of the guns while the agreement would only have covered the fighting force engaged at that point.

Boer sympathizers think Cronje will hold fast until the last moment and that then the order will be given and that then the order will be given and that then the order will be given.

WAR NOTES. Lord Methuen arrived at Kimberley Tuesday, and will act as administrator for the district.

The Boers got their big 100 pound gun away from Kimberley with 32 oxen. It is now past Riverton to the north.

Cecil Rhodes thinks the colonial troops who defended Kimberley have not been given half the credit they deserve.

The Daily News' correspondent says there was much waste of life in attacking Sunday. Col. Smith-Durien's charge on the laager, in which the Canadians showed great gallantry and lost heavily, seems to have been a repetition of the reckless valor displayed in so many previous actions. Gen. Roberts, the correspondent adds, has forbidden a renewal of such charges, and the same result will be achieved without them.

SUNDAY'S WAR NEWS. The Planet will put up as usual all important war news received to-morrow morning.

A. O. U. W. GRAND OFFICERS. Toronto, Feb. 22.—The A. O. U. W. yesterday elected Capt. T. M. Corbett, of Gananoque, Grand Master Workman by unanimous vote in succession to G. P. Graham, M. P. P. Joseph Gibson, Ingersoll, Grand Foreman; George Ross, Hamilton, Grand Overseer; M. D. Carder, of Toronto, Grand Recorder, and F. G. Inwood, Grand Receiver.

THE LATE MR. FISHER. The late S. D. Fisher, father of Mrs. James Innes, King street, whose death occurred on Thursday evening, the 51st anniversary of his marriage, was born at Maysville, Kentucky, on July 17, 1827. On Feb. 22, 1849, he married Miss Nancy Barnett at Crawfordville, Ind., and the union proved a long and happy one. Twelve years ago Mr. Fisher moved to Toronto, where he was largely interested in the Smead-Down Heating and Ventilating Company. A little over six years since he removed to Chatham, where he purchased the splendid McKellar property down the river in Raleigh. There he erected a handsome residence with all modern conveniences, and the place is now admitted to be one of the finest in the county of Kent. This winter Mr. Fisher's health had been far from good, but his death was altogether unexpected. He came to Mr. Innes' last Thursday to remain a few days. In the morning about 10 o'clock Mrs. Innes found him in a semi-conscious condition, from which he never recovered. Death was apparently due to the bursting of a blood vessel in the brain. The late Mr. Fisher was a gentleman, who was extremely popular among all classes of the community. He leaves behind him a widow and seven children, four boys and three girls. Deceased was a respected and liberal member of the William St. Baptist Church of this city, and also a member of St. Andrew's Masonic lodge, of Toronto. The funeral is announced for to-morrow afternoon. The pall-bearers will be Judge Houston, Judge Bell, W. E. Rispin, George Heyward, A. F. Falls and Hugh Macaulay. The Rev. J. J. Ross will officiate.

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3 pos. French covert suitings, 48 in. wide, a firm made cloth, suitable for tailor-made costume, pretty shades in blue mixed, fawn mixed, green mixed, no better value at per yard 90c.

5 pos. 42 in. wide covert suiting, in mixed green, mixed blue, dark gray, light gray, blue gray, new goods just passed into stock, see the value, at per yard 50c.

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## CONTRARY TO THE LAW

## Sir Richard Used the Mails.

## AN ABUSE OF THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE—\$8000 ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN FILCHED FROM THE TREASURY.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The government's abuse of the franking privilege was made the theme for what turned out to be a peppy discussion in the house yesterday, and it all arose out of the habit of the ministers and transgressions generally by quoting the precedent of alleged similar wrong-doings in time of Tory rule. Mr. Taylor, as one of the questions by members, asked whether the order-in-council of 1892 relating to the franking privileges was in force still, and if so, by what legal authority Sir Richard Cartwright's Massey hall speech were sent free through the mails with that minister's frank?

Mr. Mulock evaded the question by saying the government didn't know what was in the sealed envelopes and went on to tell about thousands of tons of pamphlets having been sent out, franked by members, containing also a patent medicine advertisement. Sir Charles Tupper indignantly protested against this abuse of the rules of the house, which forbade the introduction of controversial matter in answer to questions. It was a practice calculated to lower the dignity of the house, and he hoped the prime minister would put a stop to it.

The premier said the answer was no more offensive than the question. Mr. Foster protested against the question being designated as offensive. Mr. Casey arose to a point of order, and created a scene by declining to promptly obey Mr. Speaker's injunction to sit down. In the course of further discussion Messrs. Foster and Haggart pointed out that while the law forbade a minister to frank private correspondence and campaign literature, it gave the right to members to demand by law, and it was in that period the late government exercised the right.

Mr. Taylor further pointed out that Mr. Mulock could not plead ignorance of the contents of the envelopes, as Sir Richard Cartwright himself had stated in the house that they contained copies of his speech. IT WAS ILLEGAL. The matter was further debated on a motion to adjourn. Mr. Foster pointed out that he had just as much right to public postage as Sir Richard Cartwright; but suppose he had gone to the Postmaster-General and asked him if he would not allow him to send out free five hundred thousand copies of his speech in reply to Sir Richard Cartwright. The Postmaster-General would have undoubtedly told him to put stamps on his pamphlets as demanded by law. Continuing, Mr. Foster said that in 1892 a law had been passed limiting the franking privilege. The abuse of it had grown to such an extent that a large proportion of the correspondence of the city of Ottawa had got in the habit of going through the mails free. An order-in-council of 1892 restricted the franking privileges to the ministers and deputy ministers, and official correspondence only.

The franking of these speeches of Sir Richard was therefore distinctly acting illegally. During the session the statute permitted members to send out any mailable matter through the mails. Sir Louis Davies quoted the same statute which allowed ministers to frank mailable matter without restriction, and contended that the statute could not be restricted by order-in-council.

Sir Charles Tupper regarded this as too fine a distinction to hold in his court. But he called upon the Postmaster-General to inform the Minister of Trade and Commerce, and collect this \$8,000 from him, which he had robbed the revenues of the country of.

—the postage on hundreds of thousands of pamphlets.

"The hon. gentleman must not put words in my mouth which I never said," interrupted Sir Richard, "I never said hundreds of thousands. I said I did not know how many were sent out."

"But I heard him," Sir Charles Tupper persisted. "I call upon the Postmaster-General to prosecute the criminal, and if he wants testimony to present on the stand, I am at his service."

"Will you submit to cross-examination?" asked Sir Louis Davies. "Certainly," replied the leader of the Opposition. "And here is the testimony. I quote from Sir Richard Cartwright's reply in Hansard: 'I believe some hundreds of thousands were sent out.' (Cheers and laughter.) 'Now,' continued Sir Charles, 'I place the number at 250,000, which, at 4 cents, amounts to \$8,000 out of which the revenues and I call upon the Postmaster-General to compel him to refund it. After all, it is only a year's salary, and I am happy to know the hon. gentleman is very well able to discharge the treasury's liability.'"

Then the Opposition leader produced a copy of the speech in question, entitled "Pointer No. 1," and holding it up, and pointing to the portrait of Sir Richard on the cover of it, said: "Now, I want the hon. gentleman, as a personal favor, to tell me who is the artist who made this portrait of him—his flattering picture No. 1 of Sir Richard Hyde, one of the honest, pleasing expression of Sir Richard Jeckyll, for surely it cannot be the picture of Sir Richard Hyde, the filching \$8,000 out of the treasury of the country. (Laughter.) Yes, I would like to know the artist, for there is a blank page at the back of this pamphlet on which he could execute the portrait of the real criminal. Why, in this one on the front page I see even a fine growth of hair covering the astute head of the hon. gentleman. (Roars of laughter.) Sir Charles, remarking that he had no fault to find with the speech, went on to tell how, after Sir Richard had posed for years as the great financial authority of the House, but had been discredited by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who, in forming his cabinet, had relegated the hon. gentleman to a back seat. Nay, during the general elections even.

HE WAS CALLED. While the party went round the country promising that if they got into power Sir Richard Cartwright would not be finance minister, otherwise they would never have got there. "And," continued Sir Charles, "I saw him going to Massey Hall, going to defend the men who had humiliated and insulted him. I said 'What magnanimity! But, sir, when I read the weak, insane platitudes which constituted his speech, I said to myself, 'Well, he has got his revenge at last. This Samson, after they had blinded and shorn him of his locks, when he got him to grind in the mill, managed to grasp the pillars and toppled the whole fabric about their heads. After that,' Sir Charles added, 'doubtless the hon. gentleman could doubt the malevolence of the man.'"

The subsequent debate developed an interesting passage-at-arms between Mr. Fraser, the two members for Guysboro, who had spoken in favor of the Government's position, and Mr. Davin. The latter observed that he was not surprised the Government should be supported by a gentleman who carried in his pocket the promise of a Yukon judgeship. Thereupon Mr. Fraser, not content with a simple denial, resorted to a series of bold and unadvised remarks, which he said he would repeat the insinuation outside of the House had made him apologize for it.

Sir Charles Tupper protested against this violation of the decencies of parliamentary debate, but Mr. Davin remarked cheerfully, "No, oh, no fear; there'll be no duels. I would take the member for Guysboro was really beligerently inclined, he would take no undue advantage of him. He would, in fact, consent to have the size of his own back marked out on the person of Mr. Fraser, all shots of his found outside that mark not to count."

This upset the seriousness of the House, and he called upon the Speaker on the relevancy of ministerial answers. The house proceeded to debate on the transportation question as raised by Mr. Bennett's motion.

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IN MEMORY OF JOHN A. DONEGAN.

At the regular meeting of the Y. M. C. C., Chatham, held in their hall Wednesday evening, Feb. 21st. The following resolution was adopted: Whereas this Young Men's Catholic Club has learned with sincere regret of the death of one of its most respected and esteemed members, the late worthy brother and hero, John A. Donegan, through his engagement with Canada and our Empire in their struggle with South Africa. Resolved that our most sincere sympathy be tendered the parents and family of our deceased brother. Further be it resolved that an offering of mass be given for the repose of his soul. Also that these resolutions be inscribed on the minutes of this meeting and published in our local journals.

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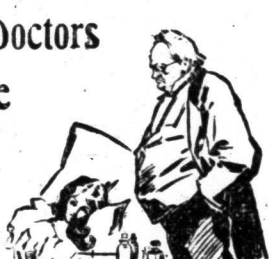
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## SUNDAY SERVICES

Church Notes. Rev. T. Higley, rector of Trinity Church, Blenheim, will preach on both occasions in Christ Church to-morrow. Those who did not contribute to the mission fund and the widows' and orphans' fund in Christ Church last Sunday will have an opportunity of doing so to-morrow.

The pulpit of Victoria Ave. Methodist Church will be occupied to-morrow by the pastor, Rev. H. W. Locke. Young People's Church and S. S. Society of Christ Church meet every Monday at 7:45. They will hold a Patriotic meeting to-morrow night in the S. S. hall.

Divine service is held in Christ Church every Wednesday evening at half past seven. There will be an early celebration of the holy communion in Christ Church to-morrow morning at 8:30.

Dr. Batistay will preach in St. Andrew's Church to-morrow morning on "The Seventh and Last Saying of Christ on the Cross," and in the evening on "True Patriotism, as Sanctioned and Approved by Scripture." All week meetings as usual.

Park St. Methodist pulpit will be occupied on both occasions to-morrow by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Hannon. Rev. F. H. Larkin will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow. The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be dispensed in the morning. The evening service will be memorial to our fallen soldiers.

The pastor, Rev. J. J. Ross, will preach both morning and evening, and conduct the service for Bible study in the afternoon. The ladies of Christ Church Guild will meet at the residence of Mrs. Falls, Wellington St., Wednesday afternoon next at 3 o'clock.

Elder Geo. Green will preach in the Saints' Hall, Seane's Block, Sunday night at 7 o'clock. All are invited. The Young People's Society of the First Presbyterian Church will meet after the evening service to-morrow.

## THE PROBABILITY

Toronto, Feb. 24.—10 a. m.—Heavy west and north gales, weather turning very cold to-night. Sunday, strong northwest winds, fair and very cold.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

"Edith Norton." The Planet's new story, will begin next week. Trunks and Valises at old prices for next 30 days at F. Jacques & Son's, Miss MacIntyre, of London, is visiting her aunt, Miss Metcalf, Raleigh street. Lost!—Keys, on Thursday. A reward will be given by leaving them at this office. A child of severely scalded itself this morning.

Next Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) divine service will be held in Christ Church at half past seven. Mrs. Henry Allen, Windsor, is the guest of Mrs. Hugh Malcolmson, Victoria Avenue.

Collector of Customs Henry Allen, Windsor, will spend Sunday with Hugh Malcolmson. Mrs. Frank Rankin, of Dover, is spending a week with Mrs. J. B. Hannon, Lorne avenue.

In all probability we will have another furniture establishment in our town about the first of March. As a result of the Masonic Temple fire in London C. J. Whitney, of Detroit, will build a fine new theatre there.

There is some talk of a brick block being built where the frame structure now stands on Fifth St., next to Sheldon's liquor store, in the early spring. "Edith Norton," The Planet's new story, will begin next week.

Benj. Dunlop, Mitchell's Bay, found a live turkey in a hunter's sack, on the bank between the 15th and 16th Cons. Dover and Chatham townships. The owner is requested to call.

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The Misses Turner, Richmond St., entertained a number of their friends on Thursday evening last. A pleasant time was spent, the party breaking up in the wee, small hours.

Hugh Malcolmson was called out of the opera house last evening owing to the sudden illness of his daughter. Today Miss Malcolmson is somewhat better and it is to be hoped will soon have completely recovered.

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## DRESDEN.

Feb. 24.—Miss Daisy Colville, who is suffering from an attack of inflammation of the lungs, is somewhat better. Mrs. McGregor, of St. Clair, Mich., returned home to-day after attending the funeral of her sister, Mrs. E. McDonald. Miss Jessie McDonald accompanied her. The spirit of the times is well shown by the patriotic display of the Union Jack with which Wilson's drug store is pretty decorated. Samuel Ellis, an old resident of the River Road east of Dawn Mills, died yesterday. Flags have been flying here for the past two days in remembrance of the Canadian volunteers dead in South Africa.

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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