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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1900.

BOERS ARE MASSING ON THE BRITISH FRONT.

Seven Thousand of Them Were to be Attacked by British Just as Cronje Surrendered, and Lord Roberts Forbade the Action to Proceed.

CAPTURED GERMAN OFFICER IS FRANKLY CRITICAL.

Lord Lansdowne Asks for \$300,000,000 and Another 56,000 Men to be Sent to Africa.

POSSIBLY THE BOER FORCES MAY NOW COLLAPSE.

London, March 2, 4.30 a. m.—Britons feel that they are living in the presence of momentous events...

It looks possible that the Boer forces may now collapse altogether, although that must not be counted upon.

Lord Lansdowne chose the psychological moment to announce estimates exceeding £60,000,000...

It appears that an action was about to begin with the Boer reinforcements at the moment of Gen. Cronje's surrender...

Boers Saved their Guns. The Boers seem to have gotten quite away from around Ladysmith...

Orange River, Cape Colony, March 1.—The restrictions preventing newspaper correspondents from using this station...

Whether Lord Roberts is at Bloemfontein now or not, he doubtless soon will be taking his despatches there...

General Buller's march north with a 100-pounder completely destroyed the bridge and station there.

London, March 1, 9.25 a. m.—The war office has received the following despatch from General Buller...

Some Press Comments. London, March 1.—The Times says: "The excitement has gone throughout the nation..."

London, March 1.—The Queen telegraphed her congratulations to Gen. Buller and Gen. White...

London, March 1.—In her despatch to Lord Roberts following the announcement of the surrender of General Cronje...

London, March 2.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post says: "Lord Roberts has taken the true measure of the Boers..."

London, March 1.—Fire broke out here when the Boers obtained their powerful "Long Toms..."

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CANADA'S GALLANT SONS WILL BE REMEMBERED BY THEIR COUNTRY.

Ottawa, March 1.—In reply to a question in the House of Commons today whether it is the intention of the government to place a sum in the estimates for the purpose of erecting a monument...

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said, "Unfortunately the war is not yet over, and though the successes which have lately attended Her Majesty's arms..."

London, March 1.—In the House of Commons today, replying to a question on the subject, Mr. Joseph Powell Williams...

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Adamson's Neglect a Trifling Cold. Botanic Cough Balsam. and the most serious consequences will follow.

FREDERICK HAMILTON PRAISES MARITIME MEN

Toronto, March 1.—Mr. Frederick Hamilton, correspondent of the Toronto Globe in South Africa, wires the following despatch...

Modder River, March 1 (Paardeberg, Feb. 28.)—It is admitted on all sides that the attack made on the enemy trenches by the Royal Canadians yesterday morning helped materially to force the surrender of General Cronje.

Toronto men ("C" Company)—F. C. Page, G. G. B. G. Ottawa men—W. S. Brady, 43rd Batt.; C. T. Thomas, G. G. B. G.; F. J. Living...

Quebec men—"D" Company)—C. Holton, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; J. T. land, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; G. G. L. Hulme...

Montreal men—"E" Company)—Peppatt, R. C. A.; J. E. McDonald, 3rd Batt.; A. Bagot, 68th Mounted Royal Rifles; H. Prout, 68th Batt.; R. Harrison...

London men—"F" Company)—J. T. Land, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; J. T. land, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; G. G. L. Hulme...

Halifax men—"G" Company)—J. T. Land, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; J. T. land, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; G. G. L. Hulme...

St. John's men—"H" Company)—J. T. Land, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; J. T. land, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; G. G. L. Hulme...

St. John's men—"I" Company)—J. T. Land, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; J. T. land, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; G. G. L. Hulme...

St. John's men—"J" Company)—J. T. Land, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; J. T. land, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; G. G. L. Hulme...

St. John's men—"K" Company)—J. T. Land, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; J. T. land, 16th Prince Edward Batt.; G. G. L. Hulme...

FREE COMBINATION OF FEEL NO MONEY WANTED. In order to introduce our assorted Steel Pens we are giving away Watch Chains, Rings, Bracelets, Autographs, Air Rifles, Jack Knives, Fountain Pens, Cameras, Clocks, Scales, Sleds, and numerous other...



The Weekly Telegraph.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MARCH 3, 1900.

THE EMPIRE'S APPEAL TO THE COLONIES.

A despatch from Melbourne, Victoria, announces that Chamberlain, secretary of state for the Colonies, has led to the Australian governments asking whether they could be able to send additional troops to South Africa in the event of Imperial troops being required elsewhere. If this is well founded, the view The Telegraph has taken that time of real trial for the Empire would come after Lady...

THE LADYSMITH VICTORY.

It is a proud day for the army, which has sacrificed many gallant men for the gaining of a great end. It is a proud day for Canada whose people have shown their devotion to the Empire and to the person of our gracious sovereign by giving freely of the best blood of the nation to preserve the integrity of that World Empire on which the sun never sets, and whose fleet of unrivalled battleships guarantees to the whole world the blessings of peace and the advantages of commerce.

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GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

HOW THE GOOD NEWS CAME TO NEW BRUNSWICK.

It was a great day for New Brunswick and a great day for The Daily Telegraph. The other St. John papers, in our humble judgment, failed to grasp the significance of the news or to realize the interest taken by the people of this city and Province in this the climax of the Empire's war for self-preservation.

A Clergyman's Advice.

THE ALMOST MIRACULOUS CURE OF JOHN McDONALD, CAPE NORTH, N. S. For Years He Was Afflicted With Spinal Trouble and Paralysis of the Legs—Was Treated by the Best Specialists in Victoria General Hospital, at Halifax, Without Benefit—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Have Restored Him.

Mr. John McDonald, a well-known merchant at Cape North, N.S., was for many years a sufferer from spinal trouble, which eventually resulted in partial paralysis. Treatment of many kinds was resorted to, but without avail, until finally Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were used, with the result that Mr. McDonald is again enjoying almost perfect health.

At a little after ten the news came in that Coleberg had been evacuated by the Boers. Another edition was prepared and the press was kept busy running until 11.45, when the eighth and last edition was issued with four extras, one from Butler about Ladysmith, one from Roberts about Coleberg, one from Mafeking, and one announcing Mayor Sears' proclamation of a half holiday and the local arrangements for jubilation. Then The Telegraph left the field to the evening papers and came in for some scolding when the large edition of the last extra was all sold out and could not be supplemented, although the public were hungry for more.

One of the English decorating firms has just given a most beautiful screen to be placed in the hall. It stands fully six feet high and measures seven feet across the three panels. It is made of American cowhide leather and upon it are painted in colors of brown, black and cream, draped at either side with flags The British colors fall in graceful folds at one side, while at the other hang the stars and stripes.

Very Few People Are Free from Some Kind of Indigestion.

Very few people are free from some form of indigestion, but scarcely two will have the same symptoms.

Some suffer most directly after eating, bloating of gas in stomach and bowels, others have heart burn, or some rising still others have palpitation of heart, headaches, sleeplessness, pains in chest and under shoulder blades, some have extreme nervousness and depression.

But whatever the symptoms may be, the cause in all cases of indigestion is the same. The stomach for some reason fails to properly and promptly digest what is eaten.

This is the whole story of stomach trouble. Cut hard boiled eggs into very small pieces, add rest and assistance and Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets give it both by supplying those natural digestives which every weak stomach lacks, owing to the failure of its gastric glands in the stomach to secrete sufficient acid and pepsin to thoroughly digest and assimilate the food eaten.

One grain of the active principle in Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will digest 3,000 grains of meat, egg or other wholesome food, and this principle has been proven by actual experiment which any one can perform for himself in the following manner: Cut hard boiled eggs into very small pieces, as it would be if masticated, place the egg and two or three of the tablets in a bottle or jar containing warm water heated to 98 degrees (the temperature of the body) and keep it at this temperature for three and one-half hours, at the end of which time the egg will be as completely digested as if it would have been in the healthy stomach of a hungry boy.

The point in this experiment is that what Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will do to the egg in the bottle it will do to the egg or meat in the stomach and nothing else will do it so effectively. Even a little child can take Stuart's Tablets with safety and benefit if its digestion is weak, and the thousands of cures accomplished by their regular daily use are easily explained when it is understood that they are composed of vegetable essence, aseptic pepsin, lactase and Golden Seal, which mingle with the food and digest it thoroughly, giving the overworked stomach a chance to recuperate.

When enough food is eaten and promptly digested there will be no constipation, nor in fact will there be disease of any kind because good digestion means good health in every organ.

The merit and success of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is well known and they are sold at the moderate price of 50 cts. for full sized package in every drug store in the United States and Canada, as well as in Europe.

For the information of those interested a little book will be mailed free by addressing F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Minn., and giving the symptoms of the various forms of stomach weakness, causes and cure.

THE WITCH OF EN-DOR.

A TYPE OF THE FALLACIES OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

THE FINGERS OF SUPERSTITION.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Warns People Against What He Terms the Religion of Ghosts—Denounced as Witchcraft and Sorcery.

Washington, Feb. 25.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage discusses a theme never more under exploration than at this time and warns people against what he calls a religion of ghosts; text, I Samuel xxviii, 7: "Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. And Saul disguised himself and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night.

Saul and his servants after awhile reached the village, and they say, "I wonder if this is the house; and they look in, and they see the hag-dred, weird and shrivelled up spiritual medium sitting by the light and on the table sculptured images and divining rods and poisonous images and bottles and vases. They say, "Yes, this must be the place." One loud rap brings the woman to the door, and as she stands there, holding the candle or lamp above her head and pouring out into the darkness, she says, "Who is here?" The tall king informs her that he has come to have his fortune told. When she hears this she replies, "I am most drops the light, for she knows there is no chance for a fortune teller or spiritual medium in all the land. But Saul having sworn that no harm shall come to her, she says, "Well, who shall I bring up from the dead?" Saul says, "Bring up Samuel."

The house is so lonely. The world is so dark, the separation is so insufferable. But spiritualism says, "We will open the future world, and you loved one can come back and talk to you." Though we may not hear his voice, we may hear the throb of his hand. So clear the table, sit down. Put your hands on the table. Be very quiet. Five minutes gone. Ten minutes. No motion of the table top. Twenty minutes. Thirty minutes. Nervous excitement all the time increasing. Forty minutes. The table shivers. Two raps from the future world. The letters of the alphabet are called over. The departed friend's name is John. At the pronunciation of the letter J two raps. At the pronunciation of the letter O two raps. At the pronunciation of the letter H two raps. At the pronunciation of the letter N two raps. There you have the whole name spelled out—J-O-H-N.

Very soon the hand of the medium begins to twitch and toss and begins to write out, after paper and ink are furnished, a message from the eternal world. What is remarkable about the spirit, although it has been amid the illumination of the heaven, cannot spell as well as it used to. It has lost all grammatical accuracy and cannot write as distinctly. I received a letter through a medium once. I sent it back. I said, "Just please to tell these ghosts they had better go to school and get improved in their orthography."

Now, just think of spirits, that the Bible represents as entered in glory, coming down to crawl under the table and break crockery and ring tea bells before supper is ready and rap the window shutter on a gusty night. What consolation in such miserable stuff as compared with the consolation of our departed friends on our own maker's cold shells creep forever happy and that we will join them in no mysterious and half-utterance which makes the hair stand on end and makes cold chills creep upon your vision. Do not go after the witch of En-dor. Do not sit down at table with Christians in sport or in earnest.

Teach your children there are no ghosts to be seen or heard in this world save those which walk on two feet or four—human or bestial. Remember that spiritualism at the best is a useless thing, for if it tells what the Bible reveals it is a superfluity, and if it tells what the Bible does not reveal it is a lie. Instead of going out to get other people to tell your fortune, tell your own fortune by putting your trust in God and doing the best you can. I will tell your fortune. All things can work together for good to them that love God." Insult not your departed friends by asking them to come down and scrawl before an extension table. Remember that there is only one spirit whose dictation you have a right to invoke, and that is the holy, blessed and omnipotent spirit of God. Hark! He is rapping now, not on a table or the floor, but rapping on the door of your heart, and every rap is an invitation to Christ and a warning of judgment to come. Oh, grieve him not, do not avay! Quench him not. He has been all around you this morning. He was all around you last night. He has been around you all your lives. Hark! There comes a voice with tender, overmastering intonation, saying, "My spirit shall not always strive."

And some shall murmur or misadmit when God's great spirit finds us out. I learn still further from this subject that spiritualism and necromancy are affairs of darkness. Why did not Saul go in the day? He was ashamed to go. Besides that, he knew that this spiritual medium like all her successors, performed her exploits in the night. The Davenport, the Fowlers, the Foxes, the spiritual mediums of all ages, have chosen the night or a darkened room. Why? The majority of their wonders have been swindles, and deceptions prosper best in the night.

You have all seen strange and unaccountable things in the night. Almost every man has at some time had a touch of hallucination. Some time ago, after I had been over-tempted to eat something indigestible before retiring for the night, after retiring I saw the president of one of the prominent colleges astride the foot of the bed, while he demanded of me a loan of 5 cents! When I awakened, I had no idea it was anything supernatural. And I have to advise you, if you hear and see strange things at night, to stop eating hot mince pie, and take a dose of bilious medicine. It is an outrageous physical organism, enough to deceive the very elect after sundown and does nearly all its work in the night. The witch of En-dor held her seances at night!

The A. B. MacLean Co. Oils, Belling and Packing. TRY OUR HARNESSE OIL. This is very heavily compounded Naphthalene and Black Diamond. Will not smudge, does not wash off, puts a nice gloss on the leather and gives it new appearance. 44 Water Street St. John, N. B.

his head quite turned with spiritualistic demonstrations. The tables tipped, and the stools tilted, and the bedsteads raised, and the chairs upset, and it seemed as if the spirits everywhere, had gone into the furniture business! Well, the people said: "We have got something new in this country. It is a new religion! Oh, no, my friends, thousands of years ago we find in our text, a spiritualistic seance?"

Nothing in the spiritualistic circles of our day has been more strange, mysterious and wonderful than things which have been seen in past centuries of the world. In all ages there have been necromancers, those who consult with the spirits of the departed; charmers, those who put their subjects in a mesmeric state; sorcerers, those who by taking poisonous drugs see everything and hear everything and tell everything; dreamers, those who in their sleeping moments can see the future world and hold consultation with spirits. Yes, before the time of Christ, the Brahmins went through all the table moving, all the furniture excitement, which the spirits have exploited in our day, precisely the same thing over and over again, under the manipulation of the Brahmans. Now, do you say that spiritualism is different from these? I answer, all these delusions I have mentioned belong to the same family. They are extimations from the unseen world.

What does God think of all these delusions? He thinks so severely of them that he never speaks of them but with livid thunders of indignation. He says, "I will be a swift witness against the sorcerer." He says, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." And lest you might make some important distinction between spiritualism and witchcraft, God says in so many words, "There shall not be among you a consulter of familiar spirits, or wizard, or necromancer, for they that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord."

The Lord God Almighty in a score of passages which I have not now time to quote utters his indignation against all this great family of delusions. After that be a spiritualist if you dare!

You lose a friend; you want the spiritual world opened, so that you may have communication with him. In a highly wrought, nervous and diseased state of mind you go and put yourself in that communication. That is why I hate spiritualism. It takes advantage of one in a moment of weakness, which may come upon us at any time. We lose a friend. The trial is keen, sharp, suffocating, almost maddening. If we could marshal a host and storm the eternal world and recapture our loved one, the host would soon be marshaled. The house is so lonely. The world is so dark, the separation is so insufferable.

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Do they all. Away with this religion of spooks! Still further, I learn from my text that spiritualism is doom and death to its disciples. King Saul thought that he would get help from the "medium," but the first that he sees makes him swoon away, and no wonder, for he is reassured that he is told he must die. Spiritualism is doom and death to every one that yields to it. It ruins the body. Look in upon an audience of spiritualists—cadaverous, weak, nervous, exhausted, hands clammy and cold, voices sepulchral and ominous, wretcheder with rap. I never knew a confirmed spiritualist who had a healthy nervous system. It is incipient epilepsy and cataplexy. Destroy your nervous system and you might as well be dead. I have noticed that people who are hearing raps from the future world have but little strength left to bear the hard rap of this world. A man can live with only one lung or with no eyes and be happy, as men have been under such afflictions, but woe be to the man whose nerves are shattered! Spiritualism smites first of all, and mightily, against the nervous system and so makes life miserable.

A man in Bellevue Hospital dying from wounds made by his own hand was asked why he tried to commit suicide, and answered, "The spirits told me to." Parents have strangled their children, and when asked why they did it replied, "Spiritualism demanded it." Spiritualism has ruined an orphan for the madhouse. Judge Edmonds, in Broadway Tabernacle, New York, delivering a lecture concerning spiritualistic mediums, only gave one word, "There is a fascination about consultation with the spirits of the dead that has a tendency to lead people off from their right judgment, and to instill into them a fanaticism that is revolting to the natural mind."

It not only ruins its disciples, but it ruins the mediums also, only give it time. The Gadarene swine on the banks of the Lake of Galilee no sooner became spiritual mediums than they went in an avalanche of pork, to the consternation of all the herdsmen. The office of a medium is had for a man, had for a woman, had for a beast.

I bring against this delusion a more fearful indictment—it ruins the soul immortal. First, it makes a man a quarter of an infidel; then it makes him half an infidel; then it makes him a whole infidel. The whole system, as I conceive it, is founded on the insufficiency of the word of God as a revelation. God says the Bible is enough for you to know about the future world, but you do not know it, and there is where you and the Lord differ. And although the Scriptures say, "Add thou not unto his word," is it founded on the insufficiency of the word of God as a revelation. God says the Bible is enough for you to know about the future world, but you do not know it, and there is where you and the Lord differ. And although the Scriptures say, "Add thou not unto his word," is it founded on the insufficiency of the word of God as a revelation. God says the Bible is enough for you to know about the future world, but you do not know it, and there is where you and the Lord differ. And although the Scriptures say, "Add thou not unto his word," is it founded on the insufficiency of the word of God as a revelation.

I believe these are the days of which the apostle speaks when he said, "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits." Audiences in this day who have never heard of the Bible hearing the passages I quoted some minutes ago, "There shall not be among you a consulter of familiar spirits, or wizard, or necromancer, for they that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord," and "The soul that turned away from the law of his God, he will bring forth, and as have familiar spirits I will set myself against them, and they shall be cut off from their people."

But I invite you now to a Christian seance, a noontide seance. This congregation is only one great family. Here is the church table. Come around the church table; take your seats for this great Christian seance; put your Bible on the table, put your hands on top of the Bible, and then listen and hear if there are any voices coming from the eternal world. I think there are. Listen! "Secret things belong unto the Lord, and all things that we see are revealed belong unto us and to our children." Surely that is the voice from the spirit world. But before you rise from this Christian seance I want you to promise me you will be satisfied with the divine revelation, until the light of the eternal throne breaks upon your vision. Do not go after the witch of En-dor. Do not sit down at table with Christians in sport or in earnest.

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At a recent men's card party at which poker was the entertainment of the evening, the fees at supper were in hand forms. The hand was set upright in a position to hold cards, an iron one was arranged a good poker hand, real, but small cards being used.

WANTED—Used and saw logs, such as stumps or splitting. Parties having such can correspond with the St. John Lumber Company, Ltd., stating the quantity, price per thousand superficial feet, and time of delivery. M. F. MOONEY.

Pulp Wood Wanted. WANTED—Used and saw logs, such as stumps or splitting. Parties having such can correspond with the St. John Lumber Company, Ltd., stating the quantity, price per thousand superficial feet, and time of delivery. M. F. MOONEY.



Acts of Individual Daring, Culled from Letters from the Front, Which Show the Stuff the Men Are Made of.

The first detailed description of the desperate sortie from Mafeking made on December 26 comes from the Reuters correspondent in that hard pressed little town, as follows:-

"The day after Christmas we made an attack upon the Boer lines. Our 7-pounders, under Major Panzer, had been emplaced during the night on our left front. As dawn broke a flash and a cloud of white smoke showed they were in action. Shot after shot fell rapidly around the Boers' position. As it grew lighter the Maxim joined in, rapping automatically, and to the right the armored train crept slowly, like a great black snake, over the plain toward the destination. The rattle of musketry broke on our ears, and we knew that our men had opened fire and been sighted by the Boers.

"After that the attack developed with marvellous rapidity to the east of Game Tree (the fort which was the last Boer position to be held). The Boers took up their positions preparatory to a final rush. "Away to the right Capt. Cowan, with 70 men of the Buffs, was ordered to open fire, to intercept reinforcements or the Boers' retreat. The armored train, under Capt. Williams, with a machine gun and Hotchkiss, moved up to the left of the line toward the Boers. The whole of the right flank was commanded by Major Goodley, to the left of us and were the enemy.

"The Boers, under Major Panzer, were escorted by a squadron under Lord Charles Cecil, and were following a rapid fire. The fort had been reported upon and reconnoitered some days beforehand, and the east had then been possible to a storming party.

"Just before the sun rose the armored train sounded her whistle. It was the signal for the Buffs to rush to the gun, to cease firing. As the sun rose we could see the khaki clad troops of the Buffs and the mounted rifles of the Buffs, and the Boers were stopping to fire, waving their hats and cheering each other on. It seemed scarcely seconds before they were again in the hands of the Buffs. The Buffs were swimming over the bags; the position is ours.

"Meanwhile the firing was continuing furiously, and we waited for it to cease, expecting that the enemy would surrender or be bayoneted. A man, who had been an anxious lull. A staff officer said: "Our men are coming back."

"It was only too true. Slowly, sullen and sulky, they came back, those that were left of them, turning to fire in desperate defiance now, and again at the Boers' works. We could hear the Boers' shots of the officers as they rallied the troops under cover of a hollow in the ground. Then there was a pause. They seemed very nervous. The Boers were gathered together. "From a side camp came a man, from Major Goodley. Captain Williams, who was in the front line, was practically impregnable to infantry and Major Goodley does not think it worth while trying again.

"The Boers, the colonel hesitated, and we could see that the question as to whether he should or should not again attempt to retake the fort was a serious one. The Boers were in the front line, and we turned round to the C. S. O. and said: "Let the ambulance go on."

"That was all. The battle of Game Tree was over. How daring, how desperate, how gallant the attack had been we were only too late to see, when the tale of dead and wounded came to be told. Out of the six officers who had led their men, so well three were dead, one wounded, and only two remained from the original two with his sword held high by a bullet.

"The 80 men who formed the storming party were killed and wounded. Twenty-eight lay in the hospital, 33 out of 80. "In the evening we gathered in the cemetery bury the dead. A long line of men, and there, because neither time nor material permitted, they were buried without coffins, wrapped in white cloths. At the edge of the trench stood the coffin. It would have been unwise to fire, as we might have drawn the Boers to the cemetery. At the far end of the English trench, Mr. Weekes, near the service over the dead. Down the line of the line trench, the Boers' bodies showed through the light. In a separate place and in coffins we buried the officers, and over the darkening veil of the night the "last post" song was sung, and we turned away with the knowledge that even then we had not buried our dead.

"We had done our best to break the Boers who surrounded us and raise the siege to communications with the north and we had failed; but we had done our best, and we were not to be blamed. The Boers were in any way bungled, not because there had been mistakes, for there were none, but because the Boers were not to be blamed for our intended movements and had rendered their position practically impregnable to anything but heavy artillery.

"Boer Prisoners Dislike the Sea. Of the Boer prisoners Mr. H. Prevost, Battersby, who is the son of an English nobleman, sends this account from Cape Town:- "In Simon's Bay, some twenty miles from Cape Town, are those of the Boer prisoners who have been taken into our hands. They are a pastoral people and the sea does not please them. After the vessel a ship deck seems small. They are so ignorant of the sea and its effects that, when those captured in Natal were brought round from Durban and paid the inevitable toll to the vessel's motion they believed that the meat had been poisoned at their first meal on board, and gave themselves up for lost. They have now a quiet berth for Simon's Bay is protected from strong winds.

"On the Catalina are samples from every fight in which we have taken prisoners, and they range from schoolboys' sticks to tottering graybeards long past seventy. This is what it means to meet a nation in arms. The men look mostly ill clad, unkempt, unclean, but they show few signs of depression. "Colonel Schiel is among them, recaptured of his wounds. Captivity has not taught Colonel Schiel respect for his captors. He does not anticipate a speedy ending for the war; he smiles his incredulity of our ultimate success. As a man, level headed, unbiassed by patriotism, untroubled by the Boers' and acquainted practically with the Boers' resources,

Canadians Share With the Commander-in-Chief the Glory of Avenging Majuba Hill on the Anniversary of the Event.

London, Feb. 28, 4.30 a. m.—From John O'Brien to Laph's End there has been cheering today for the Queen and a universal singing of the national anthem. This with much congratulatory news is the British of celebrating the most cheerful day of the war.

Already he is taking stock of the situation and measuring the future. The Boer forces were defeated by our troops on Feb. 23. I resolved, therefore, to bring pressure to bear on the Boers. Each night the trenches were pushed forward towards the enemy's laager so as to gradually contract his position, and at the same time I bombarded him heavily with artillery. The arrival of four six-inch Howitzers, which I had ordered from the Boer, in carrying out these measures a captive balloon gave me great assistance by keeping us informed of the disposition and movements of the Boer forces.

The Boers had done more than to capture 4,000 Boers and a few guns; they had also captured the Boer capital and are master of a large district of the Free State. He has given a shock to Boer confidence and has caused the Boer to be driven from his own position. In capturing Cronje, he has taken a leader whose presence alone was worth thousands to the Boer cause.

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NEW TERROR FOR WAR.

It Is Adapted to Use in Forts and Ships and Seems Likely to Throw Present Man Killers Into the Shade.

Mr. Gardner does not believe his invention is applicable for field use, as enormous electric batteries are needed for its operation. He thinks, though, that it will be of incalculable value in works of defense and in the navy. It will especially be serviceable in firing dynamite or other explosive shells, owing to the absence of any shock. His own description of the weapon follows:-

The gun is simply a line of short coils or hollow magnets which form a continuous tube. Each magnet is provided with a mechanical device for switching on and off the electric current in it. The device consists of a thin disk with a row of metal buttons running from the center to the edge. The switch is attached to the breech of the gun and is operated at the will of the gunner, slowly or rapidly. It is by the speed at which this switch is revolved and the number of magnets that the muzzle velocity of the gun can be controlled. As it turns each in succession of the hollow coils running from breech to muzzle become magnetized with indescribable rapidity, and the projectiles are placed at either end and drawn toward the center of the tube. It enters forcibly but does not go through, because after passing the center it becomes subject to the magnetic attraction from behind, which tends to draw it back.

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Everywhere the People Rejoiced in the Splendid Achievement of Our Sons.

Enthusiasm in St. John. In St. John the cold retarded, but did not prevent, demonstrations yesterday. Beginning mildly in the morning the town was a mass of bunting in the afternoon and ablaze with bonfires at night.

Most of the stores were decorated with bunting and flags. An effigy of "Oon Paul" hung suspended by the neck to a wire on Queen street, caused much amusement. A procession of foremost and boys and young women marched through the streets. Someone raised a white banner with "God Save the Queen" on it and this was carried at the head of the procession.

marks during the debate on the 'address' in reply to the speech from the throne I took occasion to say that I levelled the boys who have gone from St. John to the front fighting side by side with the Irish Fusiliers, the Gordon Highlanders, and other well known and celebrated regiments of Great Britain, and that these boys would give a good account of themselves and would be sent to none of those historic regiments in their bravery in facing death to uphold the supremacy of the British arms.

When the good news came that Cronje and his army had been captured the members of No. 311, E. L., and members of No. 4 company, North End, were not long in starting to work to stir up the North End to show their loyalty. Headed by District Engineer Chas. Brown, the men started out to collect barrels and by 10 o'clock in the afternoon they had over 200 ready for a big bonfire to celebrate the British victory. When the men started to put the barrels on Fort Howe they were stopped by Mr. Horne, the government official in charge, who said that there were a couple of magazines filled with powder and cartridges on the hill. Major A. J. Armstrong was called up on the telephone, but he could not give permission for the lighting of the fire. A delegation was sent to call on Mayor Sears. While the delegation was away Mr. Fraser Gregory, who owns a property on Douglas avenue, gave the men permission to build the fire on his hills and sent teams to aid them in transferring the barrels there. The fire ladders and teams were working hard in making the transfer and when the bonfire was about ready to light word was received that Mayor Sears had secured permission for the fire on Fort Howe. The following telegram was sent by the mayor: To Hon. F. W. Borden, minister of militia at Ottawa: "Will you permit citizens to light grand bonfire all over the city of St. John, North End, celebrating British victory?"

Hot Time on a Cold Night. Sussex, Feb. 27.—There was a hot time in the old town tonight. Cronje's surrender and the reported relief of Ladysmith was the cause of the celebration. Sussex contains perhaps more loyalty to the square inch for the size than any other town in the Dominion and tonight's demonstration, heartily entered into by all irrespective of creed or politics, will long be remembered.

Provincial Parliament Celebration. Fredericton, Feb. 27.—At the opening of the legislative assembly this afternoon the chamber was gaily decorated with bunting, and small Canadian and English flags were noticeable on nearly every member's desk. The galleries were well filled with ladies, the great majority of whom were decorated with English and Canadian colors.

Moncton rejoices. Moncton, Feb. 27.—(Special)—Merchant closed their shops in the afternoon and bonfire in celebration of the day. Schools had one session and men and boys marched the streets, beating drums and carrying flags. News in the history of the city has such a spontaneous display of enthusiasm as has never been known before. The bonfire blazed on Main street and on the Aberdeen school grounds and Kruger was burned in effigy. The citizens band was out and headed a crowd of citizens who paraded Main street tooting horns and ringing cow bells.

After the routine of opening, Hon. Mr. Tweedie, who was leading the house in the absence of Premier Emmerson, said: "In view of the glorious news which we have received from the seat of war of the great success of the British arms, it is, I think, fitting, sir, that the representative of the people of this province here assembled should take this opportunity of conveying to Her Majesty Queen Victoria their hearty congratulations upon the success of the British arms." (Applause.)

Prince Edward Island Rejoicing. Murray Harbor branch, including St. John's bridge, 700,000; Machinists, 10,000; Rolling stock, 10,000; Following are notes for harbors and wharves: 10,000; Ductone, repairs to wharf, 500; Campbell (Wilson's Beach break-water) repairs, 9,000; Dalhousie wharf, 15,000; Dalhousie repairs wharf, 7,000; Hopewell Cape, repairs old wharf, 1,200; Shipyard machinery at shops, 5,000; Ribbets pier repairs, 1,500; River St. John, including tributaries, 10,000; St. John harbor, New Pt. wharf, 5,000; St. John harbor, hydrographic survey, 500; St. John harbor, repairs to pier extension of protection works at base of Port-Dufferin, 1,400; St. John harbor, extension of pier repairs to protection works, 7,000; Shipping, wharf at Lameque, 800; Tracoe Lameque, 600; The first regular meeting was held at St. John and \$10,000 for quarantine provisions.

Chatham Rejoices. Chatham, Feb. 27.—(Special)—Flags are flying from all the public buildings and many of the private residences. The schools have a half holiday in honor of the good news from South Africa.

Ontario Gives \$10,000 to the Fund. Toronto, Ont., Feb. 27.—The Ontario government has included in its estimates a grant of \$10,000 for the national patriotic fund. It also has included an item of \$4,000 for salaries of members of the civil service who are also members of the various Canadian patriotic societies.

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Woodstock West Wind. Woodstock, Feb. 27.—(Special)—That the people of Woodstock are loyal subjects was demonstrated today when the news of Cronje's surrender and the relief of Ladysmith came over the wires. About half the nine whistles in the factories were blowing and the bells in the various churches and town hall rang out merrily.

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ESTIMATES BROUGHT DOWN.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—(Special)—The estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, were presented to parliament this evening by Hon. Mr. Fielding. The amount asked for an account of consolidated fund is \$42,872,960 as compared with \$41,253,208, being the main estimate for the current year, or \$1,619,752, including supplementary estimates. The main estimate there for the coming fiscal year is \$36,159,150, less than the latter estimate. The principal increases in the different branches of the service are \$12,000 for the northwest government, \$447,000 for railways and \$1,283,283 for customs, \$82,000 for light house and coast service, \$23,916 for steamship subsidies and \$50,000 for post office. The decreases are public works, \$1,219,413, militia, \$38,338, miscellaneous, \$88,423, ocean and river service, \$38,000 and Yukon territory, \$1,870.

TWO DIVORCE CASES.

Disolution of Marriage Bonds Sought by St. John People—Neither Case Defended. Fredericton, Feb. 27.—(Special)—The February term of the divorce court was opened by Judge Vanwart this morning. The docket was made up of two St. John cases, that of H. B. Morarity, Helen M. Morarity and James Miller and Anesta Miller. The plaintiff in each case seeking an absolute divorce on the usual grounds of infidelity to marriage vows. The witnesses examined in the Morarity case were the plaintiff, Ellen Kingston and Detective John Ring. Their evidence went to show that the defendant had been guilty of improper relations with one Cain.

INTER-COLONIAL RAILWAY.

Building for baggage at Truro, \$2,000; Dyle at Truro, 5,000; Additional houses for engines, 50,000; Balance due Halifax cotton factory, 8,820; Freight shed at Bonaventure, 1,800; Cotton factory branch at Halifax, 1,500; Coal trestle, Stellarton, 3,500; Freight shed at Stellarton, 3,000; Accommodation at Sydney, 30,000; Sidings at Lunenburg, 2,500; Station yard at Truro, 2,500; Sidings at Lunenburg, 16,200; Improvement at Mulgrave, 15,000; Sub-way at Christie's Brook, 2,800; Accommodation at Amherst, 3,500; Original contract, 2,000; Land damage at Oxford, 2,000; Strengthening bridges, 100,000; Air-brakes freight cars, 40,000; Car couplers on passenger cars, 20,000; Equip parts, cars with vestibules, 38,000; Original contract, 2,000; Change draw-bars freight cars, 20,000; Additional rolling stock, 900,000; Accommodation and facilities along the line, 143,000.

A Plea for the Moose.

Frederick William Withers, the first St. John boy to lay down his life for his country in the Transvaal war, is honored in his native city and justly so. He was a young man of that stamp which makes friends firm and fast and whom it was good to know. He was just 29 years of age, having been born on the 16th of February, 1871. He has been living with his widowed mother and family at No. 34 Paddock street. He was a machinist and was employed in the Maritime Naval Works where he gave up his position to volunteer for service on the first call for Canadians to South Africa.

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Looks for More Victories. London, Feb. 28.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the light of General Cronje's capitulation, says this morning: "On a moderate estimate one-tenth of the Boer army has been taken out of account by the capture of Cronje. The battle of Paardeberg is a miniature Sudan. Tomorrow the whole of Lord Roberts' army, say 45,000 men, will be ready for a fresh advance, if indeed, the start be not made today. The objective must be the next army of importance which is in Natal. The next move therefore with a view of driving the Boer army from Natal, implies an advance on Bloemfontein or some point on the railway between Bloemfontein and Wauwburg, which would sever the connection between the Boers in Natal and those south of the Orange River. If the Boers make a stand west of Bloemfontein, so much the better. With 45,000 men Lord Roberts may well be able to envelop and to destroy a respectable force here.

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Advertisement for Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, featuring an illustration of a woman and child, and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

HOW THE CITY OF ST. JOHN RECEIVED THE GOOD NEWS. The Telegraph Gave Them Word of the Relief of Ladysmith—All Day Long the People Paraded the Streets with Flags and Horns—Salutes Fired and Fires Lighted.

The great city of London, the centre of the world, on the occasion of our victory. When the gauntlet was thrown down in South Africa, Great Britain was not expecting such an event as was the nation swelled at the affront and the challenge was accepted.

Advertisement for Cuticura Soap, featuring illustrations of a woman's face and hands, and text describing its uses for skin conditions like eczema and dandruff.

MARINE JOURNAL.

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REPORTS, DISASTERS, ETC.

Provincetown, Mass. Feb 28—The Norwegian steamer Ella, bound from Philadelphia for St. John, was with a cargo of coal, put in here today to land Coast Pilot Elliot, and then proceeded on her course.

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DEATHS.

STOCK—In this city, on the 28th inst., after a lingering illness, Hannah M., widow James D. Stock, in the 88th year of her age, leaving one daughter and three sons to mourn their sad loss. (Boston and New York papers please copy.)

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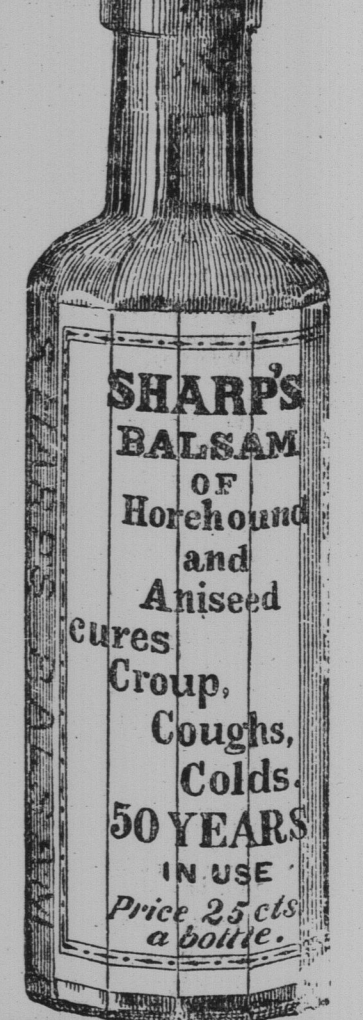
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