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READERS ARE WANTED FOR MR. FOSTER'S SPEECH.

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THE BOERS ARE VERY BUSY IN MANY PLACES.

They Are Working in Small Parties and Are Causing a Good Deal of Trouble--Lord Methuen's Forces Have Been Withdrawn From the Road to Mafeking--Good News Is Very Scarce.

London, March 30--A. m.--The Boers are concentrating in force about 15 miles north of Bloemfontein...

No Battle.

It does not seem probable that the Boers will give serious battle in the fairly open country north of Glen...

Boers Busy.

In small affairs the Boers are daringly aggressive in all parts of the field of war. The Johannesburg mounted police...

There is a Boer report from Natal that a Russian agent of fortune, Colonel Kanotki, with 100 horsemen...

The Boers have re-occupied Campbell and are in strength near Taunus and Barkly West.

They shelled the British camp at Warrenton, Wednesday, but moved out of range that night. Yesterday (Thursday) two British guns enfiladed the Boer trenches...

Methuen's Force Recalled.

Lord Methuen and the forces that had been operating in the Barkly district have been recalled to Kimberley by Lord Roberts.

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DESTRUCTION OF MINES STILL BEING DISCUSSED.

The Transvaal Government Has Not Yet Finally Decided to Blow Them Up.

London, March 30--The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday, says:

Although it is true that the state mining engineer has made borings in the mines, I am officially informed that this is without the government's sanction...

It is evident that Commandant Olivier, now moving north, is being closely watched by Sir Godfrey Langdon, the Basuto land commissioner...

GREEN SHAMROCKS FOR IRISH GRAVES.

A City of Cork is to Have Shamrocks Sown on the Graves of Irish Soldiers in Africa.

London, March 29--The Duke of York has accepted from a resident of Cork a thousand packets of shamrock seed which will be sown upon the graves of Irish soldiers in South Africa.

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Reinforcements of all arms are being sent up from Bloemfontein, including the Seventh Division and a portion of General French's cavalry.

The Johannesburg mounted police are still raiding cattle and harassing the distressed burghers who are returning to their farms.

KRUGER TO RETAKE BLOEMFONTEIN.

He Intends to do it Within a Week--Boers Advancing Southward.

London, March 30--The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Wednesday, says:

It is reported that Lord Roberts' intention is to retake Bloemfontein within a week, and it appears probable that the Boers are advancing in force southward.

IMPORTANT WITNESSES FAIL TO APPEAR.

They Do Not Seem to Relish Having to Tell the Whole Truth--Mr. Johnson Is Still in Montreal--Mr. Archibald Not to Come.

Fredericton, March 29--Willard Kitchen of Fredericton, took the witness stand at 11 o'clock. On being examined by Dr. Stockton he said he had contracted for both the Petticoat and Port Eglis bridges...

Dr. Pugsley objected on the ground that the question was raised about substructure and it was not being investigated. After discussion the chairman ruled the question out of order.

Mr. Kitchen said he knew of no tenders for substructure except himself. He did not know J. B. McManus had offered to build the substructure for \$2,000 on the old site or for \$189.29 on a new site selected.

After figuring on the assumed weights and contract price of the Petticoat bridge by the direction of Dr. Stockton the witness was examined in connection with the Port Eglis bridge which he had also erected under contract.

Brussels, March 29--Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, has drawn the attention of the Egyptian and Turkish governments to the fact that the British government in the House of Commons, had admitted that six Maxims were borrowed from the Egyptian army for use in the Transvaal war...

NEWFOUNDLAND LEGISLATURE. Reciprocity With the United States Wanted.

St. John's, Nfld., March 29--The Newfoundland legislature opened this afternoon in the presence of an immense gathering of the public. The new ministry was warmly greeted.

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The financial news says: "We are not grateful merely for what Canada is doing for the mother country in the field or in the less glorious sphere of commerce. What appeal most strongly to our instincts is the splendid example Canada is giving to her younger sisters."

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Some Judgment.

Speaking on the general prosperity of the country Sir Richard said that the opposition claimed that it was pure luck.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

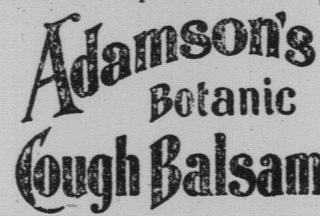
Ottawa, March 27.—Mr. George E. Foster... of Liberals ten years ago when advocating reciprocity with the United States...

WAR NEWS.

London, March 28.—The Boers are having a little good luck and are showing some boldness again, as a raiding party, estimated at 400 is believed by the British forces at Warrenton...

That Hang-on Cough

only needs to be attended to in a proper and thorough manner to be eradicated entirely from your system. Liniment rubbing and flannel wraps about the chest and throat are good enough but they are not sufficient, they don't go deep enough.



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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

Fredericton, March 27.—The legislature today passed the bill introduced by Premier Emmerson...

Kentucky Must Settle Her Dispute Alone.

Washington, March 27.—At the cabinet meeting today Secretary Root presented a proposition which had been submitted to him by General Oles...

Absence of Judge Vanwart Causes a Scene.

Fredericton, March 27.—The order for the examination before Judge Wilson of Judge Vanwart in the disclosure suit of Timothy Lynch, a judgment creditor was returnable today, but Judge Vanwart did not make his appearance...

Resolves that the Two Republics Should Be Given a Government Like That of Canada.

London, March 27.—The twenty second annual meeting of the National Liberal Federation opened at Nottingham today...

McKinley Censured for Setting Aside the Anti-Canteen Law and Criticized for Tippling.

Wilmington, Del., March 27.—The Wilmington Methodist Episcopal conference which represents Delaware and a portion of Maryland adopted today a resolution requesting the general conference to censure President McKinley for setting aside the anti-canteen law...

Advertisement for Eastlake Shingles, Galvanized or Painted. Includes text: 'When you get to the roof use our famous Eastlake Shingles' and 'Metallic Roofing Co. Limited'.

Mr. Barry then applied to Judge Wilson for an attachment to issue against Judge Vanwart for not obeying the order of the court and on the return of the order Judge Vanwart would have an opportunity to explain his absence...



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THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

There is a halt in the warlike operations in South Africa and no movement on a very large scale is expected for some time.

The Boers are said to be preparing to make a desperate stand and they are indulging in the usual talk about fighting the last man and dying in the last ditch.

As for the amount of resistance the Boers will be able to make after the British forces begin to move forward we doubt whether it will amount to much.

Boer armies are likely to be considerably reduced in number by the surrender of several forts by desertions.

OF COURSE THERE WERE CHEERS.

The writers of the opposition press are being driven to their very wits ends to know how to deal with the unparalleled financial statement which Mr. Fielding presented to parliament on Friday last.

There were too many cheers interjected. Some members even committed the unpardonable offence of thumping their desks.

It may as well be admitted at once that there is something in the above criticism. We regret to acknowledge it, but it is only true that some members did so far forget themselves as to cheer and thump their desks.

A STAGGERING FACT.

The aggregate trade of Canada for eight months of the current fiscal year already amounts to \$225,287,268, an increase of \$22,134,773 over the corresponding period of 1899.

AN ABSURD CHARGE.

The Sun, which devotes most of its time to the collection of campaign material against the minister of railways, published an editorial on Tuesday last, from which the following is an extract.

value for all he gets, and it is no part of the duty of the government to make war on men's wives because they give evidence of intelligent thrift.

The above is a very pitiful tale indeed but, so far as the minister of railways is concerned, it is lacking in what has been called "the essential element of truth."

There is, we believe, a rule in force on the Intercolonial Railway that the employees of that road shall not become shopkeepers or otherwise engage in business which may bring them into competition with the patrons of the road.

The reason for such a rule is plain enough and neither the Sun nor any other Conservative partisan will venture to affirm that it ought to be abolished.

The Senate and the People. The Senate of Canada or rather the Tory majority in it, is undertaking to rule Canada and defeat the voice of the people.

A DEMORALIZED OPPOSITION.

The opposition in the House of Commons showed their true character on Thursday evening when they tried to defeat the resolution introduced by the Hon. Mr. Mulock giving protection to the workingman.

It would be difficult to frame any resolution that is likely to be more beneficial to the workingman than the above, and the opposition did their best to defeat it.

It is only on careful reading over the debate of last week on the preferential tariff that one grasps the full measure and meaning of the bargaining spirit which the opposition would have us approach the mother country.

SQUEEZING ENGLAND.

We have extended our hand in the time of distress and trouble, and in the hour of actual trouble we have sent our assistance. This is the outcome of imperial pride, a manifestation of the spirit which the government to pursue, is to policy for the government to pursue.

This statement of views followed closely upon a speech by Sir Charles Tupper, in which that honorable gentleman pointed to the folly of letting "the present favorable occasion go."

Commodore Stewart, the genial editor of the Chatham World, was in Fredericton last week, and he has this, among other things, to say with respect to the Empire, and we should feel ashamed of our Liberal government if they approached England, in the hour of her struggling, with the cold commercial suggestion that she be paid for without what we have done.

TREATBALL ALIKE.

The recent discrimination against Canadian ports by the underwriters at Lloyds brings into sharp relief the dense ignorance of a large majority of the British people in regard to the conditions of life in the dominion.

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Price is a good Salesman

And the prices you will find quoted here on our new and stylish Spring Clothing for Men, Youths and Children will prove so persuasive as to be beyond power of resistance.

Men's Very Stylish Spring Suits.

Single breasted sacks in a great variety of new weaves such as Fancy Tweeds, All-Wool Serges and Worsteds. Artistically cut and carefully tailored; all sizes up to 48 breast.

Men's Stylish Spring Overcoats.

Made in the season's latest style and from the most popular fabrics. \$8.00, \$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.00.

Young Men's Nobby Spring Suits

In a great range of patterns and fabrics. No such weaves ever before shown in this city at the prices. They are in 4-button sacks, single breasted. Trousers just the proper spring cut; and as a whole such suits as will most delight the young man who wants to be careful of his money and still look up to date.

Boys' Suits.

Vestee suits for boys 3 to 9 years in Fancy Chevots, \$2.50 to \$6.00. Two-Piece Suits for boys 4 to 12 years in Tweeds, Serges and Worsteds. A large range of patterns. \$3.00 to \$5.00.

Three-Piece Suits for boys 9 to 16 years in Tweeds, Worsteds and Serges, \$3 to \$8.

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Ten Thousand Soldiers Have Been Sent Forward and the Army Will Follow—Commandant Olivier Has Six Thousand Men—Death of General Joubert Regretted by the London Press.

London, March 29—5.15 a. m.—Lord Roberts has sent 10,000 troops to Glen, 10 miles north of Bloemfontein, on the railway. This is preliminary to the general advance.

Immense quantities of stores have been accumulated at Bloemfontein and Lord Roberts' infantry is seemingly about to move. An impression, which can be traced to the war office, is abroad that the advance will begin next Monday.

Boer observation parties are hovering near Bloemfontein, but Lord Roberts has 123 miles to cover before reaching the great position which the Boers are preparing at Kroonstad.

Moving 10 miles a day is probably the best he can do with field transport. Therefore he can hardly engage the Boers in force for two weeks.

The reconstruction of the railway behind him may even delay an invasion of the Transvaal until May. Meanwhile all the important towns in the Free State, within Lord Roberts' reach, are being garrisoned.

Thaba Nchu, Philippolis, Boshuisen and Jagersfontein are thus held. Sir Alfred Milner is touring in the disturbed newly acquired territory, investigating conditions and arranging the administration.

He is understood to be getting material for a report to Mr. Chamberlain concerning a plan of civil government. All the morning papers print singularly kind editorials praising General Joubert.

They praise his military skill; uphold his chivalrous conduct and regret that so strong and noble a mind should be absent from the final settlement of the dispute.

Although some of the younger commanders thought the old soldiers wanting in dash and enterprise, his raid into the country south of the Tugela is considered the best piece of Boer leadership during the whole war, and one which he crossed the Tugela with only 3,000 men and six guns, but so bold and rapid were his movements that the British commanders thought 10,000 Boers were marching on Pietermaritzburg.

For a few days, although in the presence of greatly superior forces, he exhibited General Buller's brigade at Estcourt and at the same time threatened General Buller's camp at Mooi River. Then as British reinforcements were pushed up, Joubert's army of 10,000 men, including a prisoner, a wagon, or a gun. General White's estimate of him, pronounced on Tuesday, before he was killed, as a general, and a brave and honorable opponent, strikes the tone of all British comment.

The foreign office, according to the Daily Chronicle, arranged with Portugal to send thousands of British troops to be landed at Beira and sent by the Rhodesia Railway from Masi-Kesoo to Umtali.

A permanent arrangement is understood to exist for the use of this route to transfer the Rhodesia police. The possibility of foreign troops being suggested by the Daily Chronicle.

Among the items cabled from Pretoria is a statement that prominent Boers there object to a defence of Pretoria and desire that President Kruger retire to Lydenburg. It is alleged that the principal buildings at Johannesburg have been mined by order of Kruger.

London, March 29—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post telegraphing Tuesday, says: "The Boers' Grenadiers are already at Glen. The Gordons and the cavalry brigade moved Sunday night. The three span brigades at Glen were dynamited two hours before the Guards reached it. The necessary repairs to the railway were completed for a time. General Buller's forces are now arriving."

London, March 29—A Pretoria despatch to the Daily Mail, dated March 28, says: "An official despatch reports a heavy bombardment of Mafeking in progress on Monday, March 28, which was meeting with a spirited response."

CONSERVATIVE SENATORS RULE THE PEOPLE.

Ottawa, Ont., March 28.—Hon. Mr. Mills closed the debate in the Senate today on the Redistribution Bill. Sir Mackenzie Bowell's amendment to give the bill the six months' hoist was carried by 41 for to 19 against—a majority of 22.

The following is the division: Yeas—Hon. Messrs. Aikens, Allan, Armand, Baird, Baker, Bernier, Bolduc, Debouchereville, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir John Carling, Casgrain (Windsor), Clewom, Cochrane, Dickey, Dobson, Drummond, Ferguson, Forget, Kirchhoffer, Landry, Lougheed, MacDonald (P. E. I.), MacDonald (B. C.), MacInnes, Mackeen, McCallum, Macdonald (C. B.), McKay, McLaren, McMillan, Mernee, Miller, Montplaisir, O'Brien, Owens, Perley, Primrose, Prowse, Reid, Vidal, Villeneuve. Yeas, 41.

Nays—Hon. Messrs. Burpee, Carmichael, Casgrain (De La Vaudiere), Dandurand, Dever, Fiset, Keer, King, McSweeney, Mills, O'Donahue, Power, Scott, Shehyn, Templeman, Thibaudeau (Valliere), Wark, Yeo and Young. Nays, 19.

The Public Business Was Transacted Rapidly at Ottawa Yesterday Afternoon—Mr. Charlton Wants Long Speeches Suppressed.

Ottawa, March 28.—Sixty-one questions were on the order paper today and it took the House of Commons one hour and a half to dispose of them. This is the least Wednesday that will be devoted exclusively to private members' business. Considerable progress was made in running through the motions on the paper. Mr. Foster moved for a number of returns relating to the dismissal of officials from the public service.

Mr. Borden laid upon the table of the House returns of the correspondence between the Dominion and Imperial governments relating to the repatriation of the Col. (O'Brien) district officer commanding the province of British Columbia to raise a corps of mounted men for service in South Africa.

In reply to Mr. Russell of Halifax, Hon. F. W. Borden stated that arrangements for the chusing public works in the Straits of Ontario on March 27 were made by Lt. Col. (O'Brien) district officer commanding the province of British Columbia to raise a corps of mounted men for service in South Africa.

The minister of militia in reply to Sir Adolphe Caron said that Lt. Col. Steele, holding a commission in the militia, had been appointed to the post of lieutenant colonel in the militia.

Mr. Laurier spoke to the motion for after recess and the House adjourned at 11.30. The house adjourned at 11.30.

Canadians After Long Marches Through Heat, With Little to Eat and Hardly Any Sleep, Were at the Surrender of Cronje—Complimented by Gen. Buller.

Ottawa, Mar. 28.—The following is Lieut. Col. Otter's official report to the minister of militia of the battle of Paardeberg, Drift, in which Canadians were engaged and at which 13 Canadians were killed and 62 wounded.

In field three miles north of Paardeberg, Drift, 23rd Feb., 1900. Leaving Belmont on the 21st inst., with 800 of all ranks, the commander being Lieut. Col. Otter, the battery followed by the 19th brigade (Col. Smith-Johnson), 19th division, (Major General Colville) at Gras Pan (the same general Colville) at Gras Pan at 5 a. m. of the 13th inst.

On the 16th inst., the day's march was begun at 8.30 a. m. and was completed at 10 a. m. Leaving Jacobsdal (two miles) at 10 a. m., the battery again formed the advanced guard, a very tedious march night began, which ended in a blip Drift at 8.30 a. m. of the 17th inst.

A force of the enemy under General Cronje was seen on the 17th inst. and was engaged in a charge of both batteries made about 5.30 p. m., which proved unsuccessful, as the fire from the enemy (fully 1,200 strong) under cover, was most deadly and

Telegraphic Despatches. The Northwest boom bill was recommended with amendments by the corporations committee of the local legislature last night. It was the last bill to come before the committee this session.

Mrs. Copping, widow of Isaac Copping, Chatham, died yesterday morning aged 81. A daughter is Mrs. Kay, Moncton, and two sons are Isaac and Thompson Copping.

A galloway boiler in Chatham pulp mill burst Monday night. William Buckley's head and face were badly scalded.

Last evening, at Truro, N. S., Rev. John Lewis Munroe, Presbyterian minister of Antigonish, and Miss Elizabeth Blanche Lewis, daughter of Mrs. John Lewis, Truro, were married by Rev. J. W. Falconer and Rev. Christopher Munroe.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, says an Ottawa despatch, stated last night that there was nothing in the story that Hon. Jos. Chamberlain was in communication with him in respect to the South African settlement.

The bridge charges investigation was resumed last evening. Chairman of the proceedings published in the Sun and Gleaner. He characterized them as glaring falsehoods and showed this by comparison with the official report of T. B. Wislow which was called and examined by Dr. Stockton. The committee adjourned until this morning. There is no word yet from the witness Johnson, who went to Montreal for papers.

A Moncton despatch says there scarcely seems any justification for such alarming reports from a Tory source as have been circulated about the Boer army and its operations. The men are working under agreement between the railway and the Boers, and are not to be sent back again under Tory rule. The only point of difference seems to be the question of two weeks' vacation, the management claiming that as overtime is allowed vacation would cease.

At Fredericton yesterday, in the disclosure suit of T. Lynch vs. Judge Vanwart, Lt. Col. Vincent testified. He produced a trust deed executed by Judge Vanwart to him in June last, assigning the judge's salary of \$4,000 to him, and his interest in his house and furniture, subject to a \$10,000 mortgage to L. P. Fisher of Woodstock. Col. Vincent was to pay interest on the mortgage, premium of life insurance to secure Fisher's installments per year on an attached list of creditors, the balance of the salary, some \$1,100 to be paid Judge Vanwart. The list of creditors shows the amount of \$60,386.42, which is said to be a partial statement of the judge's indebtedness. Judge Vanwart will be on the stand on April 6, to which time court adjourned.

Waterville, Me., March 28.—George York, of this place, who was killed by a bullet through a hole in the ice and passed under a large field of ice on the upper waters of the Kennebec River. His brother, who did not go in, ran down the stream to open water and when the body came down, he jumped in and swam across with it. Life was still in the body, but he was not revived, but he was in a very critical condition Tuesday evening and fears were entertained that he would not recover.

St. John's, Nfld., March 28.—The Newfoundland militia will meet tomorrow. The Hon. Mr. Borden will confront the assembly with a speech from the throne, which will amount to a referendum on the railway contract, thereby indicating that this matter is to be dropped.

The speech will show the colony's support of Great Britain in the war in South Africa. It is expected that the Hon. Mr. Borden will also refer to the patriotic loan, which will amount to a referendum on the railway contract, thereby indicating that this matter is to be dropped.

So far as legislation is concerned, the speech from the throne indicates nothing but the medical fraternity have conducted a crusade against this article of feminine attire; but the fact has not decreased and although the small waist is not popular, even undeveloped girls are encouraged to wear it at an early age. Who first conceived the idea of the corset and who was the first woman to wear one are mysteries of the past, but corsets were known as far back as the time of Cleopatra. Several times have corsets or some article closely resembling them been found on Egyptian mummies. These articles do not, of course, resemble the modern set of darts, but are more in the nature of pliable bandages.

The Romans and Greeks were great admirers of female loveliness and the women of those nations frequently used stiff bandages. These consisted of a stout piece of material laced tightly around the waist, which thus gave aliveness to the waist, and accentuated the curve of the hips and bust; but the device was so open and unbecomingly displayed to the idea of beauty, hence a royal edict forbade the wearing of any article which would confine the waist. Then a new device was adopted by the dames of fashion—zoras. These were wide bands worn outside the waist, laced tightly around the hips and stomach. These were artistically embroidered and frequently elaborately jeweled.

After a time fashion wearied of the zoras and it became a custom to prevent the natural expansion of the chest and bust. Mothers would place strong bands around the chests of their young daughters, which the poor creatures were compelled to wear night and day. When these bands were removed the young women possessed the figure of a barrel.

For twelve centuries the evolution of the corset lagged, for the Greeks and Romans were satisfied with the natural forms of their women. It was during the reign of Louis VI. of France that the first radical change was made in the corset. It was then that the idea of giving artificial shape to women was entertained. A very uncomfortable and injurious arrangement of two pieces was adopted—one reaching from the bust to the waist, and the other binding the hips and stomach. It was not until the close of the fourteenth century, however, that a corset adapted to the figure itself was introduced by Isabeau Baviere.

The next style to become popular was carved from wood to fit the woman for whom it was intended. It was made of two pieces joined together by a strap with lichen straps. It was considered the proper thing to look very slender around the waist, and many women lost their lives through foolishly being strapped into "cases" too small for them.

About this time the quilted corsets or "stays" met with favor and these were made in different qualities, which resulted in a corset epidemic among both the wealthy and the poor. Whalebones were added to this quilted corset and at the end of the sixteenth century the King of France appropriated a large sum of money in order to secure the necessary bone.

It is stated on the authority of the who have undergone the experience that people buried in an avalanche hear distinctively every word uttered by those who



