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CANADIANS FOUGHT ALL DAY BATTLE

The Boys Behaved Most Gallantly in the Face of a Terrific Boer Rifle Fire.

Private John Donegan, of this City Among the Dead—The British Casualties Altogether Number Eighty—Of These 19 Were Killed and 61 Wounded—All the Details of the Fight Received.

It is seldom excitement runs so high in Chatham as it did this morning, when the news arrived that the Canadian contingent had been in action at Modder River and had suffered loss. The first intimation came by way of a bulletin from the Globe, which received the news from Mr. Hamilton, its special correspondent, with the boys in South Africa.

THE BULLETIN.
Toronto, Feb. 21.—Special Globe cable, 4:20 a. m., says: "Modder River, Feb. 20th. The Canadian contingent participated in Sunday's battle. We fought the Modder River after a night march, and were engaged the whole day. The casualties were 19 killed and 61 wounded. (Signed) HAMILTON."
This news was immediately bulletined out in front of the book stores and the Planet office and soon spread all over the town.

TO MAJOR RANKIN.
A little later Major J. B. Rankin received the following brief despatch from Toronto:



PRIVATE JOHN E. DONEGAN.
Killed in Sunday's battle.

in the defence of his Empire, flags were hoisted at half-mast on Harrison Hall, McKeough school, Central school, Payne school, Post Office, Oddfellows' Temple, Fire Hall, and other buildings. Private Donegan's brother, at the C. P. R., was first apprised of the sad intelligence by a representative of The Planet. He felt very much broken up over the news of his brother's death but still had some hope that there might be a mistake.

HIS LAST MESSAGE.
The last message Private Donegan's brother Ed, received from him was on Feb. 12. It was written on a souvenir South African post card and was as follows:

Belmont, Jan. 11th, '00.
Dear Brother Ed.—
I am sending you a souvenir postcard by this mail, and I hope you will receive it all right. I am at present laid up in the hospital with tonsillitis but the doctor said he would discharge me on Friday (to-morrow). I guess I will close now, as it is getting very dark, and hoping to hear from you soon. I remain, Your affectionate brother,
JACK.

THE GLOBE'S DESPATCH.
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WESTERN MEN KILLED.
Scott, Mundrell, Jackson, Summers, Tait.
Wounded—Arnold, Beach, Neighbour, Leemann, Duncanson, Andrews, R. Rixon, Similes, C. Thompson, McKenzie, Coleman, Gibson.

LONDON MEN.
Killed—J. Donegan, late of Chatham, R. Smith, W. White.
Wounded—Mason, Threves, Sippi, Power, J. Smith, Marentette, Paddon, Brough, Green, McLaren, Corley, Day, Whentcroft, Kingwall.
Missing—Adams, Burns.

TORONTO.
Killed—Finlay, Manion.
Wounded—Stewart, Usher, Kennedy, Sutton, McGivern, Ward, Vanderwater, McLaughlin.

OTTAWA.
Killed—Lewis, Jackson, O. Burns.
Wounded—Thompson, Clark, Laird, Macaulay, J. J. L. Bradshaw, (formerly of Standard Bank, Chatham), Coleman, Gibson.

MONTREAL.
Killed—Goodfellow, Lester, Barrie, McQueen.
Wounded—Moore, Gorman, P. Thomas, Melven, A. Shaw, Turner, Roberts, McGill.

QUEBEC.
Killed—Brunswick, Taylor, McCrary.
Wounded—Hunter, Scott, Larne, Haddon, McLaughlin, Wayne, Gifford, I. Johnson.

HALIFAX.
Wounded—Regan, Adams, B. McCollum, Robertson.

The following sick were captured at Waterval Drift:—Cobbold, London; Wood, Ottawa; Warn, Ottawa; Padmore, Quebec; Doran, Halifax; Walsh, Drakey.

Died at Orange River:—Moore, London.

BULLER, NORTH OF THE TUGELA.
London, Feb. 21.—The war office is reported to have received a message from Ladysmith stating that the Boer forces have drawn off, and large convoys can be seen trekking towards the Drakensberg Pass. General Buller cables that he has crossed to the north of the Tugela, and is driving the weak guard the Boers have left before him. Communication with Ladysmith will be open by to-night.

FOUGHT AS THEY FLED.

How the Boers Were Harassed by the British in Their Retreat.

London, Feb. 21.—A correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Sunday, thus describes Gen. Cronje's retreat, with the Boers at Magersfontein, on learning of Gen. French's success:—"On Thursday, at midnight, headed by Gen. Cronje, five thousand Boers, with their heavy guns and ox wagons, evacuated the Magersfontein lines. At dawn, on Friday, the retreating Boer army was seen from the British naval gun station on Klip Drift kopje, trekking eastward across the British front at a distance of 5,000 yards. Our guns opened upon them, and a force of mounted infantry crossing the river, made a dashing charge in the attempt to cut off the head of the enemy's column. But in half an hour their whole force had gained shelter under a line of kopjes. Meanwhile two of our batteries had come up, and the Oxford, Buffs, West Riding and Gloucesters. Our infantry crossed the drift, and for three hours were engaged with the enemy. Our batteries shelled his position. The mounted infantry kept hard at work. Unable to withstand our galling shell fire, the enemy retired, disputing every inch of the way, and took up a second position on the kopjes to the eastward. It was a magnificent spectacle to see the Boer army thus at bay. The rear guard, 2,000 strong, fought us, while the main body trekked farther east, and then brought their guns into action, while the rear guard retired. The action lasted through the night. Our infantry fought splendidly, but the enemy held his ground under the continued bombardment. Later on, the Boer commander ventured on a bold stroke. Leaving two thousand of his men under cover, he withdrew the rest from his main position, and headed for Klip Kraal Drift, six miles to the east. This movement was soon discovered. Our mounted infantry came back across the drift and marched along the south bank to endeavor to head off the enemy. When they reached the neighborhood of Klip Kraal Drift, night had fallen, and half the Boers were already across to the south side. Our mounted infantry harassed their movements. Meanwhile the Boer rear guard, having covered the crossing of the main body, retired slowly and successfully passed the drift. The rear guard fought desperately, and as it fell back to the river it was harassed on the flank and rear by the British. Having thus passed the Modder under cover of darkness, the Boers trekked throughout the night in the direction of Bloemfontein. Gen. Kelly-Kenny, with the sixth division, then pursued them at daylight. Gen. Mac-

donald, with the Highlanders, followed him. Macdonald reached Klip Kraal Drift by forced marches Sunday. Gen. Kelly-Kenny, moving from Klip Kraal Drift, was endeavoring to flank the enemy and to cut them off from Bloemfontein, so as to drive them back into Gen. Macdonald's hands. When I left the front Gen. Kelly-Kenny had not come up with the enemy."

ALL TO FACE ROBERTS.
London, Wednesday, Feb. 21.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post today, says:—"The meaning of the position in Natal is that the Boers have sent the bulk of their forces to resist Lord Roberts. Gen. Buller's aim is to join Sir George White, and then either push on to Laings Nek, or to send back two divisions to reinforce Lord Roberts, retaining two in Natal to complete the recovery of the northern triangle. It is to be hoped that Lord Roberts will overcome Gen. Cronje before the latter is reinforced, otherwise the British commander may find himself facing a Boer army equal in strength to his own, as all the Boers appear to be hurrying towards Cronje. The British commander ought soon to be able to free both Natal and Cape Colony from the enemy. The actions now in progress are the decisive battles of the year, and every effort must be made to reinforce Lord Roberts."

FROM GEN. BULLER.
London, Feb. 21.—The following despatch has been received at the war office from General Buller:—"Blow's Farm, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 4:10 p. m.—The Fusilier Brigade yesterday took Hlangwanna Hill, the right of the enemy's position, and commanding Colenso, the rest of the force advanced towards the Tugela. This morning the enemy had withdrawn all the troops north of the Tugela, and had practically evacuated Colenso. Today General Buller occupied Colenso, after a very slight resistance by a weak rear guard, and we hold the line of the Tugela on the south side from Colenso to Eagle's Nest. The enemy seem to be in full retreat, and apparently are only holding the position they occupy across the Colenso Ladysmith Railway, where it is close to the angle of the Tugela, with a weak rear guard. Buller's advanced guard is crossing at Colenso. Our casualties yesterday and today have, I hope, been but few."

The casualties among Gen. Buller's force in the fighting at Hussar Hill, Monte Cristo hill, and other places from Feb. 15 to Feb. 18, were—Killed—Captain T. H. Barney and thirteen men. Wounded—Six officers and 154 men.

BOERS ALL TREKKING

From British Territory to Oppose the Advance of Lord Roberts.

London, Feb. 21, 4 a. m.—The Boers are leaving all the positions held by them on British territory and are concentrating for the defence of their own. Sir Redvers Buller's forces are about to raise the siege of Ladysmith, and this is the large news of the day. Gen. Clements reports that the force confronting him has been greatly diminished. Ten thousand men are estimated to have gone from the Colaba district alone. The Boers are also retracing their steps from Zululand. Thus they are relaxing their hold on all sides in order to assemble to oppose Lord Roberts. He is pressing on steadily towards Bloemfontein. This is shown by his incoherent telegram from Paardeberg, fifty or sixty miles away. Doubtless he is miles behind the column that is pursuing the Boers, and the next important news may be the occupation of Bloemfontein.

WHERE IS CRONJE?
Nothing has been heard from the chase of Cronje for two days. Although the last words of the War Office last (Tuesday) night were that there was no news for publication, there is a strong disposition to believe that favorable information has been received, but is being withheld until the operations culminate in something more conclusive. There is an equally strong disposition to think that Gen. Cronje has got away. Owing to the lack of transport the British are not likely to invade Boer territory except where Lord Roberts is operating. Gen. Buller will have to stop at the Drakensberg mountains. Probably a part of his 40,000 men will ultimately join the legions of Lord Roberts. If, as Gen. Buller avers, the Boers are retreating from him, then the news on every side is favorable to the British.

Northeless, troops continue to go up. The War Office thinks that the call to veterans to rejoin the colors, together with the bounty, will bring 45,000 men to the home defence. The urgency with which home defence is pressed excites some wonder.

CRONJE LEFT HIS CLOTHES BEHIND.
At the crossing of the Modder River the Boers halted, leaving their tents, guns, oxen, wagons, and large quantities of ammunition in the hands of the British. Moving northward, the Boers again attempted to stem the advance, but Gen. French turned their flank and reached his goal with insignificant losses—7 men killed and 35 wounded, during three days, from Wednesday, Feb. 14, to Friday, Feb. 16. After a night's rest at Kimberley, Gen. French's column pursued the Boers to Brandvlei, surrounded the kopjes on which they were posted and shelled them till nightfall, when the Boers fled, leaving many dead.

Gen. Cronje left a gun, his tents, food and clothes at Magersfontein.

WAR NOTES.
All business in Mafeking is conducted underground.
With the casualties just reported the British losses now aggregate 11,102. Lord Roberts' proclamation to the Free Staters is having a good effect. The mounted rifles sail from Halifax this afternoon.

An American named George Labram, who made the big gun Long Ocell, was killed in his room by a shell during the siege of Kimberley.

Radley's drug store is situated now nearly opposite the Standard Bank, and next to Young, the grocer. Im

buying shoes

is quite a serious matter if you haven't money to burn—it pays to be careful—to look about and find the best place—even in buying shoes. Some one shoe dealer must have better shoes than the others—must have better prices—he's the one you want—look around until you find him—it won't do any harm to start here.

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R. STEPHENSON, Proprietor.

A WORD FOR THE WELSH.

We have been hearing a great deal during this war about the Scotch, the Irish and the Colonials fight, but never a word about the Welsh. However, they have been prominent in the struggle, too, and many have fallen. Private Edward Emanuel, of the Grenadier Guards, of Brittonferry, Glamorgan, Wales, writing to his family, says: "We lost a lot at the battle on November 29, for the most part Welshmen—one by the name of Davies. He was once a policeman at Brittonferry. It was a pitiful sight to see them fall alongside of me, and not know but your own time would come next. Thank God I am quite safe up to now, and hope to remain so. So have no fear of me, for if I fall I fall like a true Welshman, and as Welshmen have fallen before." This is worthy of the best traditions of the British service, and disposes one to pray that such a noble spirit come safely through the war.

WHY GENERAL HUTTON WAS DISMISSED.

It seems almost certain that Gen. Hutton has paid for the part he took in inducing Canada to send contingents to South Africa with his official head. Discussing the retirement of Gen. Hutton, the Mail and Empire says: "There has been a difference of opinion with the minister of public works and the faction which he leads. That minister suspected the general of the high crime and misdemeanor of promoting the raising of a contingent by Canada to serve in South Africa, and of outbidding the plan. This was during the period when the minister was fighting so bitterly against Canadian representation. Attacking the general for the part he was supposed to have taken, Mr. Tarte said Gen. Hutton was assuming too much, and if it was true that he was drafting, or had drafted, a plan, he would get out very quickly and terribly crestfallen." Moreover, we would have no more British generals here, for although loyal to the ends of their finger-nails, the people of Canada are independent to the very roots of the hair. To what extent the antagonism of the minister of public works, based as it has been on this contingent question, has affected the situation it is not possible to say. But if Gen. Hutton's position has been rendered impossible in conformity with threat of Mr. Tarte, a good deal will be said on that point yet."

The government apparently values the support of the Montreal Herald at \$15,000, and the Banner at \$71. The Herald may be worth the price, but we have our doubts about the Banner.

There is to be a shaking up of Ontario officials in Essex. Cannot they extend the shaking up to Kent. The Ross government, by acting now will leave all the less for the Whitney administration to attend to.

The Toronto Star has evolved the brilliant idea that the West Elgin ballots were burned by the wicked Tories to injure the Government. Well! well! And how did the wicked Tories get these ballots out of the possession of the government to burn? Eh?

"Major" John McBride, of the Boer army, has been nominated for the seat Michael Davitt has resigned in South Mayo. As the Major is liable to be hanged as a traitor, which he is, we would not advise him to be in any hurry coming back to take that seat even if he wins it.

R. J. Sharpe, admits that Rat Portage, the name of his home is not euphonious. "But it is unique," he adds. "The town was named for just what the word conveys, a portage for rats. It is on the Winnipeg river, just below the outlet of the Lake of the Woods. Long ago, before the country was settled as it is now, there was a portage at the point where the town is built for thousands of muskrats that passed from the river to the lake in winter and back again to the river in spring. At the outlet of the lake there is a waterfall eighteen or twenty feet high, that the rats could not pass over, so they went around, making the portage."

The Ontario Government has completed arrangements for the formation of a great forest reserve of almost 3,000 square miles, embracing the district in which Lakes Temagami and Lady Evelyn are situated. The bulk of the two million acres in the reserve in virgin forest with the finest white pine in Canada on it. The region is a favorite one for tourists, and it is expected that it will develop into a "Canadian Adirondacks." The Government proposes to hold the timber from the axe for many years yet, to supply ample protection against fire by forest rangers, and to permit cutting only on conditions that will allow the reproduction of the trees. The system will be that pursued in the Prussian forests.

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Good health, inwardly, of the kidneys, liver and bowels, is sure to come if Hood's Sarsaparilla is promptly used.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla
NEVER DISAPPOINTS

St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregation, of London, Ont., on Monday last took up a collection for the century fund. There was no canvassing. The collection amounted to \$11,000. Next Sunday it is expected to raise the amount to \$15,000. St. Andrew's some years ago abolished pews and collection plates, making the Word of God as far as it was concerned absolutely free. The congregation is the wealthiest in the Forest City, and the church is supported entirely by subscription.

This country never produced a man greater in strength and clarity of intellect. He towers high among his contemporaries. Young men who remember him as he appeared on the public platform, with his large figure and noble face, and his splendid gift of speech, must find in his history many that dazzles, and at the same time puzzles—Toronto Star.

BELGIUM'S ELECTORAL LAW.

New York Tribune.
The electoral law of Belgium that every man between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five years who shall pay \$1 per year in taxes will be entitled to vote one ballot; married men over twenty-five years of age will have two ballots each, and if such married man shall own real estate or government bonds or savings bank deposits producing an income of \$20 a year they will have three ballots each.

HOT STUFF FROM DAWSON CITY.

You herd of contemptible, sneaking curs, come right along and apply the lash. You have not got the sand to do it. You are a pack of cowardly malcontents, snarling at one better than yourselves. We want you to patch in. We will give you enough of lashing before we are through with you. We have had to do with the same mongrel breed before, always fawning to our face, when afraid, but inexpressibly fierce when they think they can terrify anyone. If you mean figurative lashing, walk in, cowards.

WHAT'S THE NEWS?

An Ancient Methodist Prayer Meeting Hymn.
When'er we meet we always say: "What's the news? What's the news?"
And what's the business of the day? "What's the news? What's the news?"
Oh! I have got good news to tell, My Jesus hath done all things well; He's triumphed o'er the powers of hell! That's the news! That's the news!
The Lord hath pardoned all my sins, That's the news—That's the news! I feel the witness now within, That's the news! That's the news!
And since that I've begun to pray, I'm happier now from day to day, And now I'm marching on my way, That's the news! That's the news!
So now if any one should say: "What's the news? What's the news?"
Why, tell them you've begun to pray, That's the news! That's the news!
That now you've joined the conquering band; And marching on at God's command; You're bound to reach Immanuel's land; That's the news! That's the news!
—Detroit Tribune.

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Any one may be infuriated with his profession, but the aeronaut has this distinction of being perfectly carried away by it.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT

At the Grand Opera House Friday Evening, Feb. 23rd

The following is the official program in its entirety, arranged by the general committee, for presentation at the Grand Patriotic Concert to be held at the Opera House next Friday evening:

PART I.
Opening Address—Mayor T. A. Smith.

Selection—City Band.
Chorus—The Maple Leaf, with solo by Mr. Harry Horstead.
The Bugle Call—Brass Quintette Club, consisting of Geo. Grant, Benj. Talbert, Dollie Scott, Mary Bryant and Minnie Russell. Pianiste, Mamie Howe.

Violin Solo—Mr. Henry McCaw.
Vocal Solo, Who Carries the Gun?—Miss Lizzie Smith.
Recitation, The Patria et Gloria—Miss Gertrude Mae Swan.
Quartette, Little Cotton Dolly—Messrs. Horstead, O'Hara, Sheldon and Wilson.

Vocal Solo, Will ye no' Come Back Again?—Miss Elda Idle.
Vocal Solo, The Man Behind the Gun—Mr. Wm. Wilson, with male cello chorus—First tenors, H. W. Anderson and James Rhody; second tenors, J. W. Mann and Harry Horstead; baritone, Geoffrey O'Hara and Ross Ball; basses, Morton Sheldon and Arthur Gammage.

Selection (a medley)—Mandolin Club.
Vocal Solo, Her Majesty, Stephen Adams—Mrs. James.
Recessional, Kipling-DeKoven, with baritone obligato by Mr. William H. Brackin.

PART II.
Opening Address—Warden John Davidson.
Selection—Excelsior Band.
Chorus—Soldiers of the Queen, with solo by Mr. J. G. Mullen.
Solo—Mr. Alex. McPherson.
Recitation, The Absent Minded Beggar—Mrs. Maud McCosh.

Vocal Solo, The Union Jack of Old England—Mr. S. H. Marshall.
Quartette, Just as the Sun Went Down—Mrs. Cooper, Misses Blight, Simpson and Ross.
Vocal Solo, The Widow of Old Windsor Hall—Dr. C. B. Oliver.
"To Mr. Kipling" (a reply to the Absent Minded Beggar)—Miss Lydia Kathleen Duffus.

Quartette, The Old Brigade—Barrie—Mrs. W. R. McGregor, Miss M. Carmichael, Messrs. J. D. McPherson and Peter Haggart.
Presentation of Veterans' Medals—Lieut.-Col. Holmes, D.O.C.M.D. No. 1. Chorus—Rule Britannia.

God Save the Queen.
Admission: 25, 50, 75, \$1.00. Plans will open at the Central Drug Store, on Thursday, Feb. 22nd.

Those desiring to assist in the sale of tickets can secure them by application at the offices of Major J. B. Rankin.

The life follows the eyes. Destiny is made by daring. Better bashful than brazen.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed, separate or bulk tenders will be received by the undersigned, marked tender, until Thursday, March 1st, 1900, for the erection of a frame summer residence to be erected at Erieau. The plans and specifications can be seen at the office of T. J. Rutley, Architect. The lowest nor any tender not necessarily accepted.
GEORGE T. McKEOUGH, M.D., 53-71-d Chatham, Ont.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed, separate or bulk tenders will be received by the undersigned, marked tender, until Thursday, March 1st, 1900, for the erection of a brick residence, having stone foundation, slate roof, hot air heating and plumbing, etc., to be erected in the Township of Raleigh. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of T. J. Rutley, Architect. The lowest nor any tender not necessarily accepted.
GEORGE JORDAN, Chatham, Ont.

Tenders Wanted.

Whole tenders for the erection and completion of the House of Refuge of the County of Essex, will be received up to and including Saturday, March 17th, 1900, by Mr. Geo. F. Cronk, chairman of building committee at Leamington. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of A. G. Baker, Leamington, Ont., and at the office of H. J. Powell, Stratford, Ont. Separate tenders both for steam and hot water will be required. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A sum of \$25,000 per cent. of the amount of the contract must accompany each tender, such cheque will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderers. Successful tenderer will be required to give good and sufficient bonds for the due performance of the work.

H. J. Powell, Architect.
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The large announcements that have been appearing in these columns for some weeks past have given readers an idea of the generous offer we are making subscribers for the season 1899-1900. We briefly summarize:

The Twice-a-Week Planet, than which you will grant there is no better and brighter home newspaper in your district, yearly subscription \$1 00
Farming, weekly of Toronto, an ideal paper for the farm and home 1 00
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"Life of Christ for the Young," by Geo. L. Weed, is a particularly attractive book, 400 pages, with 75 full-page half-tone illustrations. It has received the commendation of representatives of the leading Christian churches, irrespective of denomination. The author, both by training and sentiment, is thoroughly qualified to write such a book, and has personally visited the Holy Land, enabling him to speak from experience of the scenes described. It is bound in handsome cloth with embossed front cover. The publisher's price is \$1.00. We specially recommend this book to our readers.

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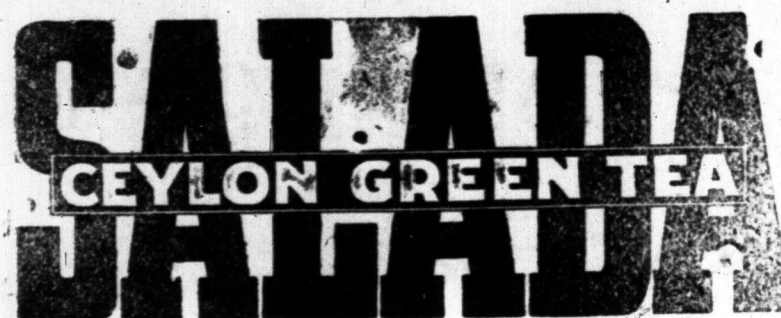
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I come to thee for shelter and for food.
To Yousouf, called through all our tribes The Good."
"This tent is mine," said Yousouf, "but no more
Than it is God's. Come in and be at peace.
Freely shalt thou partake of all my store
As I of his who buildeth over thee."
Our tea as his glorious roof of night and day
And at whose door none ever yet heaped "Nay."
So Yousouf entertained his guest that night
And, waking him ere day, said: "Here is gold.
My swiftest horse is saddled for thy flight.
Depart before the prying day grow bold."
As one lamp lights another nor grows less,
So nobleness enkindleth nobleness.
That inward light the stranger's face made grand,
Which shines from all self conquest. Kneeling
He bowed his forehead upon Yousouf's hand,
Sobbing: "O sheik, I cannot leave thee so!
I will repay thee. All this thou hast done
Unto that Ishmael who slew thy son!"
"Take thrice the gold," said Yousouf, "for with
It into the desert, never to return.
My one black thought shall ride away from me.
Firstborn, for whom by day and night I yearn.
Balanced and just are all of God's decrees.
Thou art avenged, my firstborn. Sleep in peace!"
—James Russell Lowell.

The First Impulse

An Eastern Story of Two Men
Noted For the Good They Did.

BY JULES LA MAITRE.

Turri was a wealthy citizen of Baghdad who was far and wide renowned for his many virtues. In assisting the poor with his money he was so generous that he had to deprive himself of the luxuries of life, and the patience with which he listened to the lamentations of the suffering and cheered them with kind words earned him the love and admiration of his fellow citizens.

He bore with resignation all the petty annoyances which accompany man through life in an almost unbroken chain. He was truly tolerant and never waxed angry when others did not share his opinions, a rare and difficult virtue indeed, for there is no human being who does not wish in his innermost heart that all other human beings might be his inferiors and yet in his likeness.

He was a faithful husband, and in spite of his wife being of a quarrelsome nature. He bore with her ill temper and seemed not to mind at all that she was no longer young and beautiful. Finally his unselfishness was so great that, though himself the author of numerous poems and dramas, he rejoiced over the success of his rivals and proved his joy by giving them sincere words of encouragement and rendering them all kinds of services.

In brief, all his life was made up of mercy, gentleness, loyalty, unselfishness, and he was considered a saint—a chivalrous saint.

In spite of all this he showed a lack of that calm serenity which usually illuminates the face of saintly persons. His features had the suffering expression of one who has fallen a prey of wild passions or secret sorrows, and frequently, in the very moment of doing some kind act, he would cast down his eyes. Was it to collect himself or to avoid looking into people's faces? No one could tell.

Now, there lived not far from Baghdad an ascetic by the name of Maitrega. He was a miracle worker, and the pious from all parts of the world flocked to him to be helped by his prayers. Having renounced the world and all its usages, Maitrega had dug a cave into the bank of whose river were always heard at the throne of Ormuzd. With his bony, hair covered arms uplifted to heaven he stood before his cave as unwearied as a tree stretching its branches upward, so that the swallows, deceived by his immobility, took Maitrega for an old willow and built their nests on his shoulders. His face was tanned brown by the sun and was black with dirt, and his long beard and tangled hair blew about him like the wind beaten grass blades on the ramparts of an old castle ruin. And so he lived for many years, for such had been his will.

One day he overheard a pilgrim saying: "Turri appears like an embodiment of Ormuzd. If he only had the power to do what he likes, misery would surely disappear from the earth."

Maitrega's form became more rigid. It was apparent that the ascetic had entered into communion with Ormuzd. A few moments passed in silence, then he said to the pilgrim:

"I cannot compel Ormuzd to grant to Turri the power to do everything he wishes, for in that event he would be equal to God. Ormuzd has, however, granted that beginning from tomorrow at all occasions the first wish entertained by Turri shall be immediately realized."

"Oh," replied the pilgrim, "this almost amounts to the same. Turri's first wish at whatever occasion will be like all his other wishes, always generous and good. You have announced to me, reverend sir, the happiness of countless human beings. Accept my best thanks."

Had Maitrega's beard been less impenetrable the pilgrim might have noticed an ironical smile gliding over his petrifed lips. A moment later, however, the ascetic was again absorbed in deep meditation.

And the pilgrim returned to the city and rejoiced in anticipation of the beneficent miracles through which Turri's power undoubtedly would become manifest.

The next morning Turri on awakening happened to throw a glance upon his wife, who was still slumbering at

his side. All of a sudden his wife, as though driven by some mysterious power, rose, rushed to the window and precipitated herself into the yard, shattering her skull on the pavement.

Turri left his house and soon saw himself importuned by a crowd of beggars. He did not utter a harsh word to them and was about to distribute alms in his habitual kind way when, to all the beggars dropped dead.

Continuing his walk, he met fair Mandenika, one of the most noted courtesans of Baghdad. Eager to gain the wise man's love, she told him the story of her life and tried to persuade him that she was unlike any other woman of her profession. Turri was moved to pity and was about to express to her his sympathy when the woman all of a sudden fell lifeless at his feet.

Arriving in the city, he found that the street which he had to cross was blocked with numerous carriages. After waiting a few moments he began to lose patience, when all at once drivers and horses, as though hit by some mysterious blow, dropped dead to the ground.

He went to the theater and there fell quarreling with the scholar Carvillaka about some verses which the latter ascribed to Nisami, while Turri claimed that they were composed by Saadi. Suddenly the scholar uttered a shriek and expired. The play which was performed had a great success and was much applauded by the audience. Hardly had Turri made up his mind to join in the applause when the author of the play breathed his last.

Turri returned home, terrified at what he had seen and, thinking himself the cause of all these murders, he killed himself in despair by plunging a dagger into his heart.

During the same night died also Maitrega, the ascetic.

Both appeared simultaneously before Ormuzd.

The ascetic thought in his mind: "How I shall rejoice to see this man whose hypocrisy was almost as much admired as his virtue as soon as he had power to do what he liked showed his true nature by committing countless crimes."

Ormuzd, however, turned smilingly to Turri and said:

"Welcome, virtuous Turri. You were truly a good man and my faithful servant. Enter now into my eternal peace."

"That's a good joke," said the ascetic, with a sneer.

"Never have I been more in earnest than at this moment," replied Ormuzd and, addressing again Turri, spoke: "You wished the destruction of your wife because of her ungentleness and homeliness; the destruction of the beggars because of their annoyance and the repulsive sight they offered; the destruction of the courtesan because of her foolishness and insincerity; of the drivers and their horses for causing an unnecessary delay of the scholar Carvillaka for disagreeing with you; of the playwright for his being more successful than you. All these wishes were perfectly natural. The murders with which you were charged by Maitrega were, without your knowing it, the effect of your first wish, that wish which no one is able to command. It is quite natural to hate all that is disturbing and obstructing, and it is just as natural to desire the destruction of what we hate. Nature is egotistical, and the name of egotism is destruction. Thus sin and crime take root in the hearts of even the most virtuous, and if mortals had the power of realizing their first involuntary wishes the earth would fast become depopulated. This, Turri, I purposed to show by your example. But I judge men after their second impulse only, that impulse which alone is in their power. Without the mysterious gift for which you did not ask and which heard your last day so murderous you would have continued to lead a beneficent existence. It is, therefore, not your nature that I have to consider, but your will, which was good and ever ready to curb nature and to improve any imperfect work. And for this reason, my dear coworker, I open to you the gates of paradise."

"So far, so good," said Maitrega, "but what reward do you grant to me?"

"The same," replied Ormuzd, "although you only partly deserved it. You were a saint, but you were not a human being unless so through your pride. You succeeded in stifling the first impulse in your heart, but if all men would live like you mankind would be even faster exterminated than it could be through the fatal power granted to my faithful servant Turri. Now, I want mankind to exist, as I find pleasure in its sight, which at times is very beautiful. Even your efforts, miserable ascetic, were not entirely devoid of beauty, and therefore I pardon you your foolish error. And thus I receive Turri into my bosom, because I am just, and you, Maitrega, because I am merciful."

"But," objected Maitrega.

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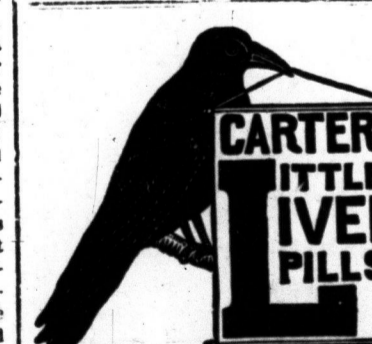
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EXPRESS THEIR SYMPATHY.

The quarterly official board of the Charing Cross Methodist Church, at its last meeting, passed a resolution of sympathy in behalf of the bereaved family and friends of the late John Hunter, and authorized the secretary of the board to formulate and forward the same to Mrs. Hunter and family. The following is the resolution:

To Mrs. John Hunter and family: We, the members of the official board, Charing Cross circuit, Methodist Church, feel that we would be concerned to duty and devoid of true brotherly sympathy were we to fail to express our feelings of sorrow in this, your hour of bereavement, of sadness, and of the shadow of death. In the deep counsels of infinite wisdom, and goodness, it hath pleased God to remove from you and the children, the husband and father, the head and stay of the family. His form and voice are seen and heard no more. In mid-life and before the time had come for the eye to be dim or the natural force abated he is called into the great unseen. His admonitions, warnings, directions and wise counsels are heard no more, save only as they may be fixed in the mind, written in the heart, or leave but a lingering echo in the halls of memory. May they not be lost, but treasured among life's precious things, and a strong incentive to live that:

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Last evening the Methodist Church at Louisville was the scene of a most delightful and largely attended concert, which was presented under the auspices of the church by a number of Maple City artists. The program, which was an exceedingly enjoyable one, was enthusiastically honored and all participating were called upon to respond to hearty encores. During its presentation the accompaniments were most acceptably played by Miss Mary Brackin. The chair was occupied by Benj. Rothwell.

The program:

Recitation—xix Psalm—Miss Swan.

Vocal solo—The Holy City, Adams—W. H. Brackin.

Recitation—The Pied Piper of Hamelin, Browning—Miss Swan.

Vocal solo—I Cling to Thee My Savior—Miss Oliver.

Recitation—The Lady of Shalott, Tennyson—Miss Swan.

Vocal solo—The Absent-minded Beggar, Kipling—W. H. Brackin.

Recitation—Mr. Thickhead's Visit, Vocal solo—Recuse—Miss Oliver.

Vocal solo—There's a Land, Ailstone—W. H. Brackin.

Recitation—The Steeple Chase—Miss Swan.

Vocal solo—Ave Maria, Cavalleria Rusticana, Draga—Miss Oliver.

Recitation—Grandfather's Yellow Rose, M. E. Ditto—Miss Swan.

Vocal solo—Cavatina, Raff—W. H. Brackin.

Vocal solo—Forbidden Music, Gas-taldon—Miss Oliver.

Recitation—The Nine Suits—Miss Swan.

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A SHELTER FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

To The Planet.—The society have secured a shelter for neglected children, the property of Theodore Nelson, on the corner opposite the jail, and are now in a position to receive children in said shelter. Dr. Bray, Jr., is executive officer and will attend to all applications for the reception of such children. The public are asked to assist in this good work by contributing beds, bed-clothes, wearing apparel, meat, flour, or vegetable. All these contributions may be left at the above residence, in the care of Mrs. Esten, who has been engaged as matron. Respectfully,

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RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

Little Doubt but What the Boers Have Drawn off Their Forces.

London, Feb. 21.—A rumor of the relief of Ladysmith has been current on Berlin and London bourses. Though it is quite possible the report is true, there is no corroborative news.

At a meeting of the town council of Windsor this morning it was announced that news had reached Windsor Castle that Ladysmith had been relieved.

The announcement was received with immense enthusiasm and shouts of "Bravo, Buller."

ACROSS THE TUGELA.

New York, Feb. 21.—A Durban despatch says: Gen. Buller now has 4,000 men north of the Tugela and intends to push on to Ladysmith and out to the railway bridge. Engineers are endeavoring to repair the railway bridge. Heavy artillery has crossed on a pontoon bridge. The Boers are evidently retreating, maintaining only a small rear guard. They occasionally fire shells from their big guns on Grobler's Kloof.

MACDONALD WOUNDED.

London, Feb. 21.—It is reported that Gen. Hector Macdonald, commander of the Highland brigade, was severely wounded yesterday. The last news received about Gen. Macdonald and the Highlanders was that they were pursuing Gen. Cronje.

CRONJE'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

Pretoria, Monday, Feb. 19.—A portion of an official report from General Cronje, dated Sunday, Feb. 18, has been given out as follows:

"Yesterday morning about 6 o'clock while removing the laager near Scholtz Nek, we were attacked by the British. The fight lasted until 7.30 in the evening. Although, on the whole, the British were driven back, they each time renewed the attack. The loss to the British must have been considerable. Thus far the Boer loss has been eight killed and 12 wounded. This morning the British shelled us with cannon. Chief Commandant Ferreira's force was too small to stop the cavalry from entering Kimberley."

QUEEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

London, Feb. 21.—The War Office declares it is unable to substantiate the reports of the relief of Ladysmith. But this does not prevent the public from believing the Queen has again forestalled the authorities at Pall Mall and preferred to communicate the glad news direct to the public through the Mayor of Windsor, just as, yesterday, she dramatically announced, through Lord William Cecil, commander of a military corps, the tidings of Gen. Buller's success, hours before the War Office was able to re-

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leave the impatient anxiety of the United Kingdom.

Nevertheless, as the Queen's words are not actually quoted in today's announcement, official confirmation is eagerly awaited, especially as Gen. Buller's despatch of yesterday is very generally regarded as foreshadowing a juncture of his and Gen. White's forces some time to-day. Public interest, expectation and anxiety, therefore, away unceasingly and impatiently between Ladysmith and Bloemfontein.

The practical relief of the former place is regarded as due more to Field Marshal Roberts' brilliant strategy in driving off the Boers than to Gen. Buller's numerous assaults, and news of the result of the battle between Gen. Kitchener and Gen. Cronje, reinforced by the forces thus drawn off from Ladysmith, is expected to synchronize with the announcement that Gen. Buller has reached his objective.

The accomplishment of the latter event, however, is regarded with greater confidence than is the ability of Gen. Kitchener to thoroughly cripple Gen. Cronje, for the Boer general has proved himself so clever and daring in slipping through the British lines that, even if Lord Roberts quickly occupied Bloemfontein, there are many fears expressed that Gen. Cronje might still preserve the effectiveness of his mobile force.

A COSTLY BATTLE.

The Canadians and Highlanders Against the Boers.

Some Thing About the Chatham and Windsor Boys Who Were Killed and Wounded.

The following despatch is believed to describe the fight in which the Canadians took part:

"General Macdonald with the Highlanders reached Klip Kraal Drift by forced marches Sunday. Gen. Kelly-Kenny, moving from Klip Kraal Drift, was endeavoring to outflank the enemy and to cut them off from Bloemfontein, so as to drive them back into Gen. Macdonald's hands."

The despatch ends here, but General Kelly-Kenny evidently succeeded in turning the Boers back when they were pounced on by the Highland brigade, with whom were the Canadians. Finding themselves between two forces, the Boers must have fought desperately. The loss of the Canadians, 80 out of a thousand, is almost decimation. That the Highlanders also suffered is evidenced by the serious wounding of their chief, General Hector Macdonald.

J. L. Bandshaw, of Pictou, reported among the wounded, was formerly in the Standard Bank here. He will be remembered as taking part in Prince Rupert a couple of years ago. He was promoted from here to Pictou, from which place he enlisted in the Ottawa company for the war.

Victor Marentette, of Windsor, one of the wounded, has relatives in Chatham.

HARD BLOW FOR HIS FRIENDS.

Edward Donegan left for his home in London this afternoon. His father is seriously ill and Mr. Donegan fears that the news of Prince Rupert and his death may have a fatal effect on Mr. Donegan, senior. Out side of the newspaper despatches, Mr. Donegan has received no official news of his brother's death.

Prince John Donegan was well known in this city and a general favorite. He came here about four years ago, to work in the C. P. R. freight department. His duties brought him in contact with the leading business men of the city and they all speak highly of Mr. Donegan. Outside of business Mr. Donegan was a leader in all athletic exercises and social excursions. As captain of the Young Men's Catholic Club baseball team he distinguished himself on a great many of the diamonds of the county. His manners were affable and sociable, and he made hosts of friends wherever he went. He was a native of London, Ont., and was in his 22nd year.

WINDSOR'S LOSS.

Windsor had one man killed and two wounded.

The young man who lost his life was Walter Raymond McCullough White, son of Joseph White and nephew of Sol. White, ex-M. L. A. for North Essex. He was only 19 years old the day he left London, Ont., to go to the front.

Young White's parents had refused their consent to his enlisting. He ran away and went to London, but the officers there would not accept him. White was so disappointed that he burst into tears, and to comfort him, his commanding officer, Lieut. Col. Guillot, promised that he would try to get his parent's consent. He succeeded, and White sailed with the rest.

The two wounded men are Arthur Paddon and Victor Marentette. Paddon is the son of R. Paddon, plumber. Victor Marentette was the nephew of Victor Marentette, the well-known stationer and book-seller and used to be employed by him.

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RESPECTING THE SENDING OF THE CONTINGENT TO SOUTH AFRICA—JUST TWO KICKERS.

Special Correspondence of The Planet. Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Military matters furnished the chief interest in the parliamentary discussions of last week. The Finance Minister's resolution asks for two million dollars, of which \$850,000 was authorized by the orders-in-council, providing for the despatch of the two contingents, and \$1,150,000 is to provide for further outlay in connection with Canadian troops in the Transvaal. Mr. Fielding said he hoped that the resolution would be adopted unanimously.

SIR CHARLES APPROVES.

This pious wish met, Sir Charles Tupper's views, who endorsed all the Government proposed to do for the Empire, and much more. The leader of the Opposition was rather complimentary to the Premier. He commended the wisdom shown by Sir Wilfrid in abandoning the views which he took so strongly last October when the Premier declared that Canadian troops should never be used for any other purpose than the defence of Canada. Sir Charles had opposed this view and had been denounced by the Premier and his friends for it, but he did not mind that a bit since the Government had come round to his way of thinking. Sir Charles had said that the Government should not only send the troops but should pay them. The Premier and Mr. Tarte had attacked this view, but it was pleasant to see that they had so far come round as to agree to pay the men while in Africa. The difference between the Imperial and Canadian scale. He perceived that the Government had also pledged itself through Sir Richard Cartwright to provide for the relatives of the soldiers who might die abroad. Some protection that would have been given by the insurance contract that the Government organs promised, but which the Government had failed to complete. The leader of the Opposition would have been pleased if the Government had gone further and relieved the home Government of all charge in connection with the Canadians. But when he thought of the position taken by the Premier four months ago, and now what had been accomplished since he was disposed to be grateful for what had been secured.

MR. CHARLTON'S REPENTANCE.

Those who remember John Charlton, of Michigan, of three or four years ago, when he proposed to sacrifice Imperial interests and even British connection for the sake of closer trade union with the United States, would be surprised to find that no Government supporter and no Opposition member exceeds him in the exuberance of his loyalty. He was willing to vote anything that might be necessary for this war, and declared that it was Canada's war as much as Britain's. Not satisfied with affirming his own loyalty, he proceeded to lecture the Opposition and even Mr. Blake and the other Irish Home Rule members, was a "resolution of cravens actuated by reasonable feelings." When one recalls the fact that only eight years ago Mr. Blake withdrew from the Liberal party of Canada, because he believed that the commercial union policy, of which Mr. Charlton was one of the authors, was a policy of treason to the Empire, it may be found difficult to decide which of the two public men is the more correct in his opinion of the other.

THE BOER SIDE.

Mr. Bourassa was expected to dissent and he did make a speech in favor of the Boers and against Chamberlain. He argued for an hour that the war was unjust, that the Boers were a brave people fighting for their liberties, and that Britain had broken faith with them. He expressed pity for the Canadian lads who had been misled by the volunteers for service in Africa and condemned the offer of Canadian troops by the Government. But he made himself ridiculous in the end by announcing that he would vote the whole bill through, except the one clause authorizing the proposed 25 cents per day in addition to the imperial rate, while the troops were in Africa. The statement did not amaze the House, as the members had already made up their minds that Mr. Tarte, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Mr. Bourassa, were, as Clarke Wallace said, "three of a kind." It is pretty generally recognized that the Bourassa protest was arranged by his leaders, and when he appeared in the House under the escort and patronage of Mr. Tarte after an unopposed election, the pretence of independence was no longer even plausible. It may be remarked that since Mr. Bourassa made his pro-Boer speech and pro-Government vote he has been elected by the Government caucus to the position of parliamentary whip for Quebec.

A BETTER SPECIMEN.

Mr. Monet, Liberal member for La Prairie, is another who wrote letters

of protest against the despatch of a contingent to Africa. He seems to be sincere. At least he stands by his declaration. He spoke after Mr. Bourassa, more modestly, it may be, but in a firmer tone. Mr. Monet did not try to shield his leaders. He showed that the position which he now took against Canadian interference in British wars was not the position taken by Sir Wilfrid and Mr. Tarte four months ago. It was also the unanimous opinion of the government press in Quebec, and was part of the campaign platform on which Sir Wilfrid and his party appealed to the Quebec in the last election. Sir Wilfrid does not say that he has changed his mind. Mr. Tarte declares that he has not changed his. But they have changed their course, because, as they contend, they have ascertained that public opinion was the other way. Now Mr. Monet believes that when minister have convictions with which the people do not agree, it is their business to try and set the people right. If they fail it is their duty to resign. That is his idea of responsible government. Instead of resigning Sir Wilfrid turned directly about, and adopted a course which he declared to be wrong and which he still believes to be wrong and which he had declared that he would not take. Mr. Monet found no belief in that sort of opportunism. Besides, he declares that the public opinion to which the ministers turned was Conservative opinion, worked up and expressed by the Conservative press and Tory journals. The press, Sir Wilfrid had described as a reptile press, and Mr. Monet feared that the snake had got into the government council board.

While Mr. Monet was speaking, Senator General Fitzpatrick called him a traitor, and Mr. Monet retorted that Mr. Fitzpatrick's own history would show that he had been himself stigmatized as a traitor by his present friends. The end of it was that Mr. Monet refused to go into the party councils a few days later.

SECOND DAY'S DEBATE.

When the discussion was continued on Friday (Mr. Davin had the floor). He repeated the arguments of Bourassa and Monet, but pointed out that these gentlemen were simply following the college and down by the Premier himself. Sir Wilfrid had only once in his career as prime minister expressed a positive opinion. That was when he took strong and positive ground against sending a contingent to Africa. A few days later he treated this opinion with the contempt that it deserved, but it was not surprising that one of this more independent thinkers should prefer the Laurier of October 1914 to the Laurier of October 1916. Mr. Davin thinks that the Premier himself would prefer the older Laurier if he were free to express an opinion.

Mr. Bass Robertson reminded the Premier that he had pronounced Canada a nation, and asked him why he did not propose that Canada should pay her own troops like a nation. He identified that country with some nations had hired out their armies for other countries to pay, but he thought that Canadians were not Hessians. "When the day of reckoning comes," he said, "I will come down if the government is alive to see it, Canada should ask for the vouchers and give Britain a check for every dollar the mother country has spent on the Canadian troops."

PATIENTLY BORE DISGRACE

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ment, which he said had shown energy in organization. But Mr. Clarke, of Toronto, testified that the people whom he met would have been much better satisfied if the government had placed Canada first among the colonies instead of last, and if Laurier had at least offered to pay our own troops as some other colonies have done. Mr. Wallace was uncompromising in his attack on the government for misleading the people of Quebec and for stirring them up in opposition to the patriotic course and for aiding and abetting the Bourassa revolt. The debate stands over to next week.

MACHINE VS. TEETH.

A Quiet, Quaint, Old-fashioned Couple Were Observed

Buying a Sausage Machine and were interrogated as to its Use—They Answered by It They Would Masticate Their Food

A quiet, quaint, old-fashioned couple were observed buying a small sausage machine and were interrogated as to its use. The old man explained that as both of them had suffered indigestion on account of defective teeth they had adopted this method of getting around the difficulty and would hereafter take the machine to the table with them and masticate their food artificially by its aid before tasting it.

"But why don't you each get a set of false teeth instead?" questioned a bystander.

The old man looked up at him and winked humorously.

"We did think of that, the old woman and me," he said, calmly. "But we thought we'd rather have the sausage machine after all. You see, each set of teeth would cost us something like \$15, while the sausage machine will only cost us fifteen dimes."

The First Telescopic Comet.

On the evening of October 1, 1847, the Mitchell's were entertaining a party of invited guests. But Maria Mitchell was not to be deterred by "company" from following her custom of sweeping the heavens with the telescope every clear night. She slipped away and ran up to the observatory. Soon afterward she returned and told her father that she thought she had seen a comet. He hurried up to the observatory, to look himself, and declared that it was indeed a comet. This discovery entitled Miss Mitchell to the gold medal that had been offered some years before by the King of Denmark to the first discoverer of a telescopic comet, and it was struck off and awarded to her—Amelia H. Boltsford.

Light Tires for Winter.

An English rider contends that light tires are better suited for winter riding. He says he finds the light road racing tires are good in the mud of winter, do not slip as much as big tires and are not uncomfortable, because most of the time in winter the roads are "padded" with mud. On the other hand, the narrow, hard tires, except the best of them, bump distressingly on the dry roads, they puncture easily. Vibration, it is agreed, is the chief discomfort from small tires. For long distances and higher rates of speed in summer large tires are the best, but in the mud of winter the "sped" tires lessen the exertion. The theory is interesting if nothing else.

An Injurious Benefaction.

It is well known that missionaries in China do a great deal in the way of alleviating suffering among those who cannot obtain the service of a doctor. Quite recently a Chinaman lost his sight, and some sympathetic neighbors came and enlisted the services of a local missionary in his behalf. The missionary found his patient suffering from cataract, and succeeded in removing it and restoring sight to the Chinaman. The obliging neighbors then, however, presented to the missionary that he had robbed the man of the means of earning his living, he was a "blind" beggar, and that in future he would be expected to take him into his service and keep him. Well doing is difficult in China.

Disease Germs in Hangings.

The investigations of Vito to Rosco, an Italian hygienist, show that paper and tapestry wall coverings in houses are favorable to the preservation of disease germs. On the other hand, walls covered with stucco or good varnish can not only be freed from germs by washing, but they possess the property of cleaning themselves spontaneously from bacteria lodged upon them. It has been found that the germs of typhoid, of cholera and of pneumonia, when placed on such walls, perish within 24 hours, while on walls covered with dried size they survive for weeks and even months. Dampness increases and prolongs the danger.

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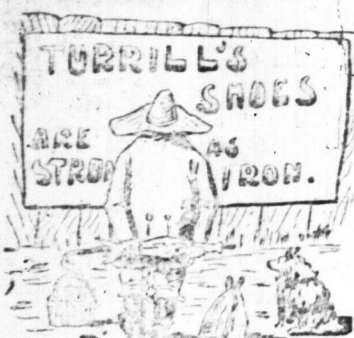
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MILBURY.

Feb. 21.—Crawford's handle factory, owing to extensive orders, is running day and night this week.

Mrs. Poole returned yesterday from a visit with her parents in Chatham. Dr. Smith received word on Monday of the death of his nephew, David Wanda, aged 17, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Deceased was also a nephew of Mrs. J. S. Stewart, here.

Mrs. W. Stewart returned yesterday from a short visit in Detroit.

Thamesville curlers visited here yesterday, and defeated the local club by a score of 4 to 1. An uncommon fate for Tibbity.

Miss Annie Wanda, of Merlin, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Nettie Richardson.

WHY HE WAS FIRED

Gen. Hutton Would Not be Dictated to by Politicians.

Wanted the Militia Free From Party Wire-Pulling and Hence His Dismissal.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—In the House on Monday Mr. Prier called attention to some language used by Major-General Hutton in a speech delivered, by him at a farewell dinner at Ottawa. In this speech the General said, among other things:—"I have used my utmost endeavor to create a national militia army worthy of the responsibilities which are peculiarly its own, and which, to ensure success, must be placed upon a plane above all possibility of party political interference as regards its discipline, its personnel and its military machinery. I should, however, more hopeful of the future of Canada if the Government had ever shown active interest in our recent efforts for a higher efficiency, or indicated their approval of the principles upon which our efforts are based. I would ask you, however, in all due seriousness, not to suppose that the reverence of my ties with you is due to petty misapprehension with the Minister of the Militia upon minor issues or appointments or disciplinary matters, but that it is due to broader, wider and vastly more important issues."

"Is it true," asked Mr. Prier, "that the Government have not approved of the policy of the major-general commanding, as set forth above? Can the Government inform the House what was the cause of the disagreement between them and the major-general?"

The Premier replied:—"Yes, the attention of the Government had been drawn to that portion of Major-General Hutton's speech mentioned in the question, and to other portions also equally reprehensible. There have been differences of opinion between the Government and General Hutton. The Government were disposed, now that he has been recalled for service in Africa, to let the differences pass without any comment. The Government had reason to believe that this was in accordance with General Hutton's views, and therefore, when the subject was brought up in the House a few days ago, the Government refrained from making any statement on the subject. There is now no reason to follow that course any further. General Hutton, in his speech, has insinuated that his differences with the Government are due to a desire on the part of the latter to exercise improper political influences in the military organizations of the country. I desire on the part of the Government to say that there is absolutely no foundation for such a statement. The cause of differences between the Government and General Hutton were not over any broad questions of general policy. The cause of differences was that General Hutton was insubordinate and disrespectful, and deliberately ignored the authority of the minister in the administration of the department. The Government desire to state that while they will at all times be prepared to give the most careful consideration to any representations which may be made by the officer commanding the militia, it must be distinctly understood that any such officer, on accepting the position, becomes from that time an officer in the employment of and subject in all respects to the Government in Canada, and that he is to be regarded as the advisor, but not as entitled to control the department of militia. The Government are responsible to Parliament and the people of Canada for the administration of each and every branch of the public service, and would be derelict to their duty if they were to permit a subordinate official, under any circumstances, to take upon himself to disregard the instructions he may receive from the constitutional chief of his department."

GOOD SHOW TO-NIGHT

"Nothing is so good but what it can be bettered" is always the watchful maxim of those clever farceurs, Mathews and Bulger, and thus stimulated, their supporting company is always on the alert to make use of the big handsome operetta "By the Sea" as a vehicle. Opportunities are always arising which are immediately seized and the result is a spirited, mirth producing, rollicking performance. Don't miss to-night's performance at the Grand. It will be well worth seeing.

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DEAR MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BIRTH

SPRY.—At St. Thomas, Ont., on February 20th, 1900, the wife of Daniel W. B. Spry, of Chatham, of a son.

THE PROBABILITY

G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—10 a. m.—Milder, with sleet or rain before night. Thursday, mild, with occasional rain or sleet.

LOCAL BRIEFS

This morning Sheriff Gemmill took Asa Bodi, convicted of larceny, to Kingston.

The young daughter of B. Trudell, of Pain Court, died at St. Joseph's Hospital this morning.

Mrs. J. B. Kelly left to-day for Hamilton, Toronto, and Montreal for the purpose of purchasing spring millinery.

A special meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church will be held in the Board Room on Thursday afternoon at 3.45. All ladies are requested to be present.

C. D. Fleming, the popular, will give an oyster supper to the Kent Mills employees to-night in the reception hall at the mill.

"Patron" who criticizes the management of the Grand Opera House must send The Planet his name before the letter can appear.

Major J. B. Rankin has received a letter from Lieut.-Col. Holmes, commanding officer of London District, promising to be present at the Patriotic Concert on Friday evening and present the "get well" medals.

An special request, the Y. M. C. C. will give another social on Thursday evening, Feb. 22nd.

Edward Dunkley, proprietor of the Erieau celery farm, returned on Saturday from a visit to Kalamazoo, and left for the Eto to see how the celery farm is standing the winter.

S. D. Barnes, organizer of the Chatham Friends, is in the city, working for the interests of Chatham C. O. C. F. E. Mr. Barnes expects to see the local council number 100 members before he leaves the city. His prospects are very bright at present.

Radley's Drug Store, is supplied with a full line of drugs and well known special preparations that are offered at the lowest prices. 1m Capt. Sam Smith, president of the Veterans' Association, requests that the veterans will all meet at the office of J. B. Stringer at 7.30, sharp, on the night of Patriotic Concert, to attend in body. Special reserved seats have been provided for them.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green Houses is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone 181.

The handsome window bills announcing the Grand Patriotic Concert for Friday next have been distributed throughout the city, and have been warmly complimented by the committee and promoters. This being the case it is needless to add that they come from The Planet presses.

The C. P. R. Capt. Waggoner's boat, the New Ducktown, and Oak Hall, the residence of John Piggott, are also flying their flags at half mast to-day for the Canadians who fell on Sunday.

The Independent Order of Foresters held the most successful ball at Northwinds last evening. There were fully 150 couple present, and a very delightful time was spent. Lorrain's orchestra was in attendance and furnished excellent music throughout. The floor managers were Thomas Stanton, Peter Dezelia, Alex. Holmes and Paul Trudell. The reception committee were Peter McArthur, W. G. Burrows, A. O'Rourke, D. Polle, James Ransom, and W. Easton.

ANOTHER SCRAMBLE.
By the death of Israel Evans the position of license inspector for West Kent has become vacant, and the usual scramble for office is taking place. The candidates most prominently mentioned as in the field are T. C. Macnabb, who is in possession; Wm. Hickey, of Galsburg; James Dill, of this city, and W. A. Mills and E. Parrott, of Chatham township.

HOWARD LADY DEAD.
There died in Howard township on Feb. 16, Mrs. Annie Jewell, wife of Wm. E. Jewell, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Julien, aged 23 years and 10 months. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock by her many friends, at the Methodist church, Thamesville, where services were conducted by Rev. G. J. Kerr, assisted by Rev. Mr. Fanjoy, after which the remains were interred in the Everitt cemetery. The pall bearers were her cousins: C. Eberly, F. Eberly, J. Eberly, R. Jewell, J. Jewell, G. Jewell.

A PRESENTATION.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tobey were pleasantly surprised last evening by about 25 members of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the William street Baptist church. The delegation was headed by the Rev. J. J. Ross and took this opportunity of presenting Mr. and Mrs. Tobey with a handsome vase in remembrance of Mrs. Tobey's services as organist in the Y. P. S. C. E. after the Rev. Mr. Ross had made the presentation and feeling thanks had been returned by the recipients, a pleasant social time was spent till a late hour.

The list of casualties again demonstrates the fact that a number of mere youths are serving in South Africa. Lieut. the Hon. W. McIntosh Bunkley, was the eldest son and heir of Lord Rathdownell. He was born Sept. 15, 1876. Lieut. H. N. Durand was born in 1876. He is the heir of Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, British minister in Tientsin, Peking. Lieut. W. Long, was born in 1878. He is the heir of the Right Hon. Walter Long, president of the Board of Agriculture.

FEELING IS ACUTE

Pain Court Split up on the Separate School Question.

Supporters of the Public System hold the Old Property While the Others Use the Church Vestry.

The separate school vs. public school war is on in dead earnest at Pain Court now. Three of the trustees were for the public school and the others were for changing the public to a separate school, it is said. Miss Mogan, of Ridgetown, has been engaged to teach the separate school and for want of a better place it is being held in the vestry of the church. The accommodation is poor and pupils are very crowded. Of the 81 pupils who formerly attended the public school 60, it is claimed, are now attending the separate and only 21 the other school. Miss Kate Kelly, the principal, has 12 scholars, and Miss Quarrle 12 also. The separate school supporters boast they have public school supporters beaten. However, the latter hold the school property and declare they will stick it out. In that case the separate school section will be put the expense of building a new school and their opponents say many of them will come back to the old school again rather than have this additional tax go against their property.

WERE SURPRISED.

People of Kimberley Could not Believe the News

When General French Signalled them of his Approach—Cronje's Hasty Hitting.

Modder River, Wednesday, Feb. 21.—Although the rapid march of Gen. French's division, was marked by a number of conflicts, the actual entry into Kimberley was unopposed. When the British were still eight miles off the signalling corps intercepted a helicopter message from the besieged garrison to Modder River, saying:—"The Boers are shelling the town."

The advancing column replied:—"This is Gen. French coming to the relief of Kimberley."

The garrison was incredulous and thought the message was a Boer ruse, and flashed the query: "What regiment are you?"

The reply satisfied the defenders of Kimberley. Anxiously awaited succor was at hand, and a few hours later Gen. French, at the head of a column, made a triumphant entry into the place, the people surrounding the troops and intermingling with them, cheering wildly, grasping the soldiers' hands, waving flags, hats and handkerchiefs, and exhibiting in a hundred ways the intensity of their joy.

PEOPLE WERE IN DIRE STRAITS.
The inhabitants had been on short rations for some time, eating horse flesh and living in burrows under heaps of mine refuse. Draining operations were served out daily, at 11 o'clock, in the market square, under the shell fire of the Boers, whose guns opened on the square whenever the inhabitants assembled. No horse food was left.

Throughout the siege Cecil Rhodes provided the natives with work and food, and thus kept them quiet. The miles of convey for provisions for the beleaguered column and the town, slowly winding its way across the plain in the direction of Kimberley, was the gladdest sight which greeted the eyes of the besieged for four months.

Gen. French's march was so rapid and the heat so intense that many of his horses died of exhaustion.

AT CURLING

The Sarnia Rinks Proved to Much for the Chathamites.

A capital curling match was held on the local rink last evening between three rinks of Sarnia curlers and three local rinks. The game was very exciting and some capital playing was done by both sides. In the first and second rinks Chatham secured a tidy majority, but in the third the Sarnia stalwarts showed their prowess by taking the lead with a majority large enough to win. The score:—
SARNIA.....CHATHAM.

Rink I.
D M McCarty Geo Fielder
Dr Wilkinson Geo Taylor
Dr Washell Dr Cornall
A Gibson, sk—10 G Schofield, sk—12
Rink II.
T Maxwell W Gordon
J Murdoch W G Richards
J W Hamilton P S Coate
Jno. Leys, sk—9 Dr J L Bray, sk—14
Rink III.
A H Patterson W S Richards
H Johnston J B Rankin
T H Cook Jno Sowerby
R MacKenzie, sk—19 Robt Gray, sk—5

Sarnia.....88 Chatham.....31

THAMESVILLE

Feb. 21.—Wm. Wiberly has accepted a position in a tailoring establishment in Dresden.
B. Manning is home on a visit for a few days from Detroit.
Do not fail to attend the Patriotic Concert to-night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson were in Chatham yesterday, guests of their daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Quince.

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COLOR LINE IN THE A. O. U. W.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—The color problem has broken out in the A. O. U. W., the Grand Lodge of which meets here to-day. It is proposed to strike out the word "white" from the constitution in the sentence:—"No person shall be admitted to membership in the order unless he be a white male, of the full age of eighteen years," etc. In the executive yesterday, there was a very lively debate on this proposal, and wide divergence of opinion. The Grand Lodge will decide the point.

Old pipe or tea lead wanted at The Planet office.

WOOLLIVER VS. THE COUNTY OF KENT.

This action, brought by two of the trustees of School Section No. 17, of the township of Chatham for a mandamus to compel the county council to appoint arbitrators to hear an appeal against by-law 315, passed by the council of Chatham township altering the boundary lines of certain school sections in the township was heard upon affidavits by Chief Justice Armour at Toronto, Monday. The question raised was whether under the law the county council must appoint arbitrators to hear an appeal properly lodged with them against such a by-law, or have a discretion to refuse to make such appointment. The chief justice decided the council had no discretion, it was their duty to appoint the arbitrators, and he made an order accordingly and directed the defendants to pay the costs of the action. John S. Fraser for plaintiffs, J. B. Rankin, Q. C., for defendants. The defendants have instructed Mr. Rankin to appeal.

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