

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

Colonial Office Issues a Proclamation in South Africa.

The Political Question is Now Forcing Itself to the Front—This Move is Regarded as an Indication That the Two Republics Will Be Governed as Crown Colonies—Two Bulletins of Interest From Lord Roberts.

London, March 21.—While there is a lull in the military operations, the political surroundings of the war show interesting developments. The Colonial Office has telegraphed to Cape Town the text of the proclamation concerning the destruction of property. This will after its promulgation in London until after its promulgation in South Africa, but it is known that it will convey an intimation that a wanton destruction of British property during the war will be regarded as warranting a claim for compensation and as justifying a levy upon private property, should the resources of the Transvaal Republic prove inadequate.

May Be Crown Colonies.

The fact that the proclamation is issued by the Colonial Office is regarded as an indication that the republics will be administered as Crown colonies. In this connection it is understood that the Colonial Office does not admit that no other settlement is possible if the republics insist upon their demand for absolute independence. In view of this the Liberals will be confined to securing in the settlement the best treatment for the Dutch population, including security against the disfranchisement.

A South African Policy.

It is becoming to be regarded as quite a settled matter that, should the war be ended, as it is now hoped, before June, the Government will dissolve Parliament and appeal to the country on the basis of a successful South African policy. Should the war drag on, dissolution will be postponed until next spring. In any event one of the foremost planks of the Government platform will be army reorganization.

Buller Will Move.

Indications from Natal seem to show that Gen. Buller's forward movement will not be long delayed. The Government has decided that Major General Sir Frederick Carrington shall command a colonial force of 5,000, including the 2,500 men Mr. Chamberlain asked for from Australia, which will be stationed on the northern Transvaal border to prevent a Boer retreat or an incursion into Rhodesia.

Boer Losses 7,000.

A statement comes from Pretoria admitting that the Boer losses during the war exceed 7,000.

Nothing From Mafeking.

No fresh news has been received from Mafeking, but a Pretoria despatch Thursday, March 15, asserts that Col. Plumer has not been able to advance south of Lobatsi.

BOER PRESIDENTS' REPLY.

They Deny That the Burgers Misused the White Flag.

London, March 21.—The following despatch has been received at the War Office from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Monday, March 19: "I have received the following reply to my telegram of March 11 to the Presidents of the Free State and South African Republic:

"Your Excellency's telegram reached me yesterday. I assure you nothing would grieve me more than that my burghers should make themselves guilty of a deed such as that laid to their charge by you. I am, however, glad to say you must have been mistaken. I have made personal inquiry of General Delarey, who was in command of our burghers at the place mentioned by you.

Delarey Denies It.

"He denies entirely that our burghers acted as stated by you, but he says that on Saturday, the date being illegible, the British troops, when they were about 50 yards from our position, put up their hands as well as a white flag, whilst at the same time our cannon bombarded the said troops, with the result that Commandant De Beers was wounded. Yesterday morning the head commandant wrote in his account of the battle as follows: "The soldiers hoisted the white flag, but were then fired at by the British cannon and compelled to charge."

"Perhaps it is not known to Your Excellency that the same thing happened at Spion Kop, where, when a portion of the troops hoisted a white flag and put up their hands, and whilst our burghers were busy disarming them, another portion of the troops fired on our burghers, but some of the British troops were killed. It has also been reported that at the last battle of the Tugela English cannon fired on troops who had surrendered.

Very Cheeky Reply.

"With reference to the explosive bullets found in Cronje's laager and elsewhere, I can give Your Excellency assurance that such bullets were not purchased or allowed by the Government. I have, however, no reason to doubt your statement, as I know many of the burghers of this State and of the South African Republic took a large number of Lee-Metford and dum-dum and other bullets from British troops.

"May I request Your Excellency, as the cable is closed to me, to make my reply known to your Government and the neutral powers by cable. (Signed) State President."

Roberts Won't Continue It.

The despatch from Lord Roberts concludes as follows: "As the inquiry into the matter proves His Honor's allegations to be unfounded, and as I personally saw the holding up of hands, which he denies, I have

not thought it desirable to continue the correspondence."

PRIESKA OCCUPIED.

Gen. Kitchener Occupied It on Monday and Was Unopposed.

London, March 21.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Tuesday, March 20: "Kitchener occupied Prieska yesterday unopposed. The rebels surrendered their arms. The Transvaalers escaped across the river. Mr. Steyn is circulating a notice by means of despatch riders in reply to my proclamation, to the effect that any burgher who signs a declaration that he will not fight against us again will be treated as a traitor and shot. The Bloemfontein people are affording us every assistance in the matters of hospital accommodations. We have consequently been able to arrange for 500 beds. Thirty-three prisoners were taken at Prieska. 200 stands of arms and some supplies and explosives. The Boers have begun to surrender on the Basutoland frontier."

TREATHS AS TO JOHANNESBURG.

Mr. Chamberlain to Issue a Proclamation Warning the Boers.

London, March 21.—In the House of Commons yesterday, the Parliamentary Secretary of the War Office, Mr. George Wynnham, said the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, was about to issue a proclamation on the subject of the alleged threats of the Boers to destroy Johannesburg, and as to what the Boers might expect in the event of wanton destruction of British property.

It was asserted in the lobby last evening that the proclamation would be a brief document of general application, prohibiting the destruction of farms, houses and other property, as well as gold mines.

Johannesburg Mines Not Flooded.

A correspondent of The Daily News at Bloemfontein, telegraphing Monday, March 10, says:

"I learn from Johannesburg that it is not true that the mines have been flooded or otherwise damaged, beyond the fact that the machinery is suffering from disuse. My informant declares that the whole story was fabricated to court sympathy."

The Safety of Johannesburg.

Berlin, March 21.—Political circles in Berlin place no reliance upon the despatch from Washington that the German Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Von Helleben, is trying to bring about joint action in order to guarantee safety of Johannesburg, and the papers last evening declared that there is no truth whatever in any such report.

FARMS FLYING WHITE FLAGS.

British Troops Cordially Received—Have Had Goodly of War.

London, March 21.—A despatch to The Daily Mail from Donkerspoort, dated Monday, March 19, says: "A reconnaissance toward Philippolis, 25 miles west of Springfontein, found the farms all flying white flags. The British troops were cordially received."

Boers Blow Up Bridges.

Cape Town, March 20.—The Boers have blown up the bridges north of Bloemfontein, including those at Winburg and Kroonstadt, and are now retreating to the north.

Bloemfontein, Monday, March 19.—The Boers blew up the railroad bridge over the Modder River, 14 miles north last night.

Sir Alfred's Proclamation.

Cape Town, March 20.—Sir Alfred Milner, the Governor of Cape Colony and British High Commissioner of South Africa, has issued a proclamation declaring that the Imperial Government will not recognize as valid or effectual any alienations of property, whether of lands, railroads or mines, within the Transvaal or the Orange Free State, or any interest therein or encumbrances, or any concessions granted by the said Governments.

HERBERT TELLS ON LEMIEUX.

Story of Ex-Teller of Villa Marie Bank in Witness Box.

Montreal, March 21.—The witnesses examined yesterday in the Baxter case were William Weir, A. C. Wurtel and James J. Herbert, the extorter, upon whom the Crown depends to prove their case. Herbert swore that while he was teller he had, under instructions from Lemieux, his superior officer, cashed Baxter's cheques for large amounts. Lemieux, he said, had instructed him not to say anything about these cheques to the directors, and a few weeks before the bank suspended Lemieux had got possession of the cheques, telling him that he would keep them until the trouble had blown over, when they would divide the cheques between the three of them. The amount represented by these cheques was about \$45,000. He had afterwards tried to get \$15,000 from Baxter without success. After he bank failed he had, on Lemieux's advice, gone into hiding and had got money from Baxter to pay his expenses. After he was arrested he had got back the cheques from Mrs. Lemieux, wife of the accused, and had given them to the detectives.

NEW ZEALAND BACKS BRITAIN

People Thoroughly Endorse the Imperial Policy.

The Country Will Support to the Last the Mother Country, as Far as It Lies in Its Power—Meanwhile the Colony Has Just Bid Farewell to Its Fourth Contingent—Cork Speeds Departing Troops—Recruiting for Halifax.

London, March 21.—Mr. Chamberlain has received the following telegram from the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of New Zealand, the Earl of Ranfurly:

New Zealand Backs Britain.

"The people of New Zealand wish to express their endorsement of the position taken up by the Imperial Government in declining to allow the intervention of any foreign power in the settlement with the Transvaal and the Free State and in declining to assent to either state being independent.

"My Government assures Her Majesty's Government that New Zealand will support to the last the Mother Country, so far as it lies in her power, in maintaining that position, which has been taken up irrespective of consequences.

"I am desirous to add that there are large numbers of men volunteering, who are good riders and shots, willing to go to South Africa for the relief of the Imperial forces. If their services later will be required elsewhere."

New Zealand's Fourth Contingent.

Wellington, N.Z., March 21.—In bidding farewell to the fourth contingent of New Zealand troops, yesterday for service in South Africa, the Premier, Mr. R. J. Seddon, emphasized the determination of Australasia to uphold the Imperial prestige. The country had 400,000 male adults, mostly drilled, prepared to defend the colonies, and, if an emergency arose, to send men enough to South Africa to release the Imperial troops to deal with any unfriendly power daring to meddle with the settlement. Lord Salisbury's reply to the Boer Presidents and the friendly note of the President of the United States, and the announcement that Great Britain would not assent to the independence of the Republics, were all endorsed by New Zealand, who, the Premier added, would maintain that position at any cost.

Cork Speeds Departing Troops.

Cork, March 21.—The troopship Aurania sailed yesterday for the Cape having on board 64 officers and 1,605 men, detailed from the Scottish Borders, the Oxfordshires and the Wiltshires. Sir Charles Carrington, who has had much experience in South Africa, led the troops in the transport. There was great enthusiasm at the departure of troops from the wharves and on board the Aurania everybody was wearing cockades, and the green flags were flying everywhere.

Recruits for Halifax.

Toronto, March 21.—Recruiting is going on steadily at Stanley Barracks. Yesterday 13 were sworn in, making a total of 70 men who left for Ottawa last night, but no orders were received.

IRISH RACKET IN LONDON.

Hon. Edward Blake Proposed "Ireland, a Nation," and the Police Had to Be Called.

London, March 21.—At the Nationalist banquet at the Hotel Cecil in London last evening, Mr. John Redmond, leader of Nationalist party in the House of Commons, who presided, said he regarded the last nine years of public life in Ireland as a "hideous nightmare."

"Our re-union is sincere," he continued, "and there is nothing humanly speaking, which the 86 Irish members of Parliament cannot obtain with the exigencies of the British parties."

Mr. Edward Blake, member of Parliament for South Longford, who proposed the toast "Ireland—a nation," was greeted with hostile cries. A disturbance ensued, and the police were called in to restore order.

During Mr. Blake's speech in consequence of the uproar, the stewards were sent for to secure quiet. A scrimmage followed, and blows were exchanged. After a sharp tussle, quietude was obtained.

Later, while Mr. Edward McHugh, member of Parliament for South Armagh, was speaking, a small coterie followed their interruptions, which developed into a free fight. Many ladies who were present became greatly alarmed. Ultimately the police overpowered the disturbers and ejected them.

Prairie City News Notes.

Winnipeg, March 21.—Forty men left for garrison work at Halifax yesterday.

Rev. Hugh Pedley left for Montreal to-day to take the pastorate of Emmanuel Church.

Friends of the late Major Arnold are arranging to have a life-size portrait of him painted.


At the Spring Assizes yesterday Ed Cameron was sentenced to seven years' confinement in Stony Mountain Penitentiary for shooting George Pullipatt with intent to kill.

A Galician was found near Emerson shot through the head. It was a case of suicide.

Ex-Mayor Blaicher Dead.

Hamilton, March 21.—Ald. Peter C. Blaicher passed away at the General Hospital last evening. He had been in the institution for about a week, since he was stricken with paralysis while playing billiards in the Waldorf Hotel. He was 65 years of age, and was born and raised in this county. Deceased was Mayor of Hamilton for two years.

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LETTERS OF INTEREST

From Correspondents All Over the County

VALENTIA.

Churns, washing machines, wringers, etc., cheap, at Cinnamon & Everton's, Lindsay.

Mr. Jas. Casey, our enterprising young farmer, is getting ready to supply the British market with turkeys next season. He has just bought a fine pair at a fancy price.

The Y.P.S.C.E. entertainment last Wednesday evening was a grand success. Rev. C. O. Johnston of Toronto gave his lecture "Bacon and Beer," which gave great satisfaction to all present. The proceeds amounted to \$64.

JANETVILLE.

Mr. Wes. Bradburn spent Sunday with friends in Janetville.

Mr. J. McGill spent Sunday with Mr. G. Bradburn.

Mr. M. Stacey left for Manitoba on Saturday last.

Miss Eva McGill spent last week among friends in Franklin.

Mr. David Bradburn has been suffering from a severe cold this last few days.

Mr. Geo. Bradburn sold a fine driver the other day for \$90.

Mr. Dick Johnston sold his fat cattle last week.

Mr. Albert McNeil has returned home again after spending two very pleasant weeks with friends in Cavan.

Mr. H. Ridge took in the party at Yelverton last Friday evening and reports a good time.

Money found—It is like finding money to purchase your stoves and hardware supplies at Cinnamon & Everson's, Lindsay.

FENELON FALLS.

Miss Henderson of Lindsay is the guest of her sister Mrs. T. Sadler.

Mr. A. Webster came from Lindsay to the Falls to visit friends.

Sap Buckets cheap at Cinnamon & Everson's, Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sandford left a short time ago to reside near Souris, Man. They went via Chicago.

Evangelist Hill is still drawing large crowds nightly at the Methodist church.

The ice crop is still being harvested and is certainly a splendid one.

Inspector Reszin made his semi-annual visit to our schools on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Evidently March is keeping up its reputation for stormy weather, as one mail train stuck last week between Lindsay and Fenelon Falls and delayed the train for over an hour.

Messrs. Needler & Sadler have finished repairing the damage done to their power house about a month ago, when the wheel slipped and nearly went through the side of the building. The water was let on last week to try the action of the wheels, and everything went satisfactorily.

Mr. R. Menzies had a narrow escape from drowning on Monday morning. While engaged in drawing water from the river near the slide, he fell in the water and would have been unable to reach land again, had some person near not heard his cries for assistance. The place is a bad one and Mr. Menzies certainly had a narrow escape.

On Sunday morning the barn of Mr. Carpenter, south of the river, was destroyed by fire. The fire originated from a fire used to keep the fowl warm. Three cows, a pig and a number of hens were removed, but some of the poultry was burned with the building.

The most interesting hockey game of the season took place on the skating rink here last Friday evening, between the married and single gentlemen of the village. The teams were as follows:

- MARRIED
- C. Burgoyne goal
- T. Austin point
- SINGLE
- H. Littleton
- J. H. Stanton

J. L. Arnold cover point
M. McCallum } forwards
T. Sadler }
H. Sandford }
F. Callon }
D. Campbell }
C. Edwards }
H. Hunter }
A. McIntyre }

The game was refereed by E. Beteau, who performed his duties as he does everything in the hockey line, exceedingly well. The married gentlemen won in a score of 6-5 and some good playing was done on both sides. The first goal scored by the Benedicts was due to Mr. Arnold, who brought the puck down the rink and Mr. T. Austin played hockey as he does everything, energetically and well. Mr. Stanton was put on the fence for misbehaviour, but the game throughout was pleasant and jolly. Only one fault was to be found and that was the attendance. If a few—fourteen—of the most highly respected gentlemen of the place took the time and trouble to give our hockey boys a benefit, surely the turnout should have been better. The scribe attended, with his best girl, and could do no more, for fear his best girl would be jealous. But if the public at large wish to keep our young men from questionable places of amusement, then why not patronize and encourage them in harmless, healthy pastimes, under which head hockey certainly comes.

PORT HOOVER.

On Wednesday evening, March 14th, the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Hoover assembled at their pleasant home to enjoy a pleasant evening, prior to their departure to take up their abode in Lindsay. The ladies were accompanied, not only by their partners, but by well-filled baskets, while the gentlemen provided plenty of oysters, in partaking of which and in social games and conversation a pleasant and profitable evening was spent. During the evening the worthy couple were presented with a handsome salad set, accompanied by an address, as a slight token of the esteem in which they are held in this section.

Births.

MERRIFIELD.—At Cannington, on Sunday, March 11th inst., the wife of Joseph Merrifield, of a son.

ESSON.—On March 11th, in Harvey, the wife of Thos. Eason, of a daughter.

METCALFE.—At Fenelon Falls, on Monday, March 12th, 1900, the wife of Mr. Frederick Metcalfe of a son.

Marriages.

DAWSON-BARKER.—At the Methodist parsonage, Victoria Road, by the Rev. S. J. Terrill, Richard Dawson to Susan Barker, both of the township of Bexley.

SWAIN-NOBLE.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Chestnut Lawn, near Port Hope, on March 8th, by the Rev. E. Daniel, Mr. M. Swain of Mariposa to Miss M. A. Noble, daughter of Mr. Wm. Noble of Hamilton township.

FISHER-BEVIS.—At the residence of Mr. James Brown, North Monagan, brother-in-law of the bride, on March 14th, 1900, by the Rev. T. F. Steel, Mr. John Sandfield Fisher of Woodville, Ontario, to Florence Maud, second daughter of the late Samuel Bevis of North Monagan.

Deaths.

STEWART.—At lot 4, con. 1, Thorah, on March 10th, 1900, Donald Stewart, aged 99 years.

McKENZIE.—At the residence of Alex. Matheson, North Portage Road, 1st con. Eidon, on Thursday, March 8th, Alex. McKenzie, aged 82 years.

DYKES.—In Glasgow, Scotland, on Feb. 13th, James Dykes, at one time of Bobsaygen.

McGEE.—In the township of Verulam on Sunday, March 11th, 1900, Mrs. Joseph McGee, sr., aged 73 years.

IMRIE.—In the township of Fenelon, on Wednesday, March 14th, 1900, Mrs. Mary Imrie, aged 70 years.

SNOWDON.—On Feb. 26th, 1900, Mr. Joseph Snowdon, at Gilesgate Moor, Durham, England, aged 77 years, father of Rev. T. Snowdon, Cambury.

BERTRAM.—At 220 Beverley-st., Toronto on Tuesday, March 20th, George H. Bertram, aged 53 years.

EMES.—At the home of Mrs. Tell, her daughter, at Wilfred, on Thursday Feb. 22nd, Mrs. M. A. Emes, relict of the late Calvin Emes, in the 80th year of her age.

The Lindsay Markets

GRAIN.	
Fall Wheat per bushel....	0 00 to 7 65
Fyfe Wheat do do.....	0 00 to 0 65
Spring do do.....	0 00 to 0 65
Goose do do.....	0 00 to 0 65

COARSE GRAIN.	
Buckwheat.....	0 40 to 0 45
Barley, per bushel.....	0 38 to 0 43
Rye.....	0 00 to 0 43
Oats.....	0 27 to 0 27
Peas, small.....	0 00 to 0 00
Peas, Mummies.....	0 00 to 0 00
Peas, Blue.....	0 55 to 0 55
Blackeye peas.....	0 00 to 0 50

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes per bus.....	0 25 30
MEAT, POULTRY AND DAIRY PRODUCTS.	
Ducks, per pair.....	0 45 to 0 60
Geese, per lb.....	0 06 to 0 06
Butter per lb.....	0 18 to 0 20
Chickens, per pair.....	0 45 to 0 50
Eggs, per dozen.....	0 09 to 0 10
Turkeys per lb.....	5 00 to 5 35
Hogs live weight per cwt.....	5 25 to 6 75
Hogs dressed per cwt.....	5 25 to 6 50
Farmers' Hams per lb.....	5 00 to 6 00
Lard per ton.....	6 00 to 7 00
Stray per load.....	0 99 to 0 10
Hay.....	2 00 to 2 00
Hardwood.....	7 50 to 8 00
Tannin.....	4 00 to 4 50
Mixed Wood.....	3 00 to 3 25
2 75 to 3 00	

Toronto Live Stock Market

CATTLE.	
Shippers, per cwt.....	\$4 25 to 4 80
Butcher, choice do.....	3 75 to 4 25
Butcher, medium to good.....	3 25 to 3 50
Butcher, inferior.....	2 75 to 3 00
Stockers, per cwt.....	2 75 to 3 50

SHEEP AND LAMBS.

Ewes, per cwt.....	\$3 00 to 3 75
Lambs, per cwt.....	4 50 to 6 00
Bucks, per cwt.....	2 25 to 2 75

MILKERS AND CALVES.

Cows, each.....	25 00 to 45 00
Calves, each.....	2 00 to 10 00

HOGS.

Choice hogs, per cwt.....	5 25 to 5 62 1/2
Light hogs, per cwt.....	4 50 to 5 00
Heavy hogs, per cwt.....	4 50 to 5 00
Sows.....	3 00 to 3 25
Stags.....	2 00 to 2 25

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Heart Humbug

It is fashionable to-day to have a new heart scare every 24 hours. The commonest symptoms of dyspepsia or nerve trouble, such as palpitation, weak spells, loss of appetite, and poor circulation, are magnified and distorted into serious signs of heart trouble, with the object of frightening the public into taking this or that heart remedy.