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No one ever found the cross who did not take a burden to it.

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Knowledge can help us toward God, but it cannot bring us to Him.

Everything in the Christian's life that is not good dishonors God.

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Whenever the devil comes in sight of Heaven he begins to hate himself.

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An End to Bilious Headache.—Biliousness, which is caused by excessive bile in the stomach, has a marked effect upon the nerves, and often manifests itself by severe headache. This is the most distressing headache one can have. There are headaches from cold, from fever, and from other causes, but the most excruciating of all is the bilious headache. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will cure it—cure it almost immediately. It will disappear as soon as the Pills operate. There is nothing surer in the treatment of bilious headache.

Weight of Some Queens.

The queen of Italy is still a very handsome woman, and certainly most sympathetic in manner and speech. But she is growing too heavy. Her majesty is heavier than any other queen in Europe, her weight being 176 pounds, while Queen Victoria does not weigh more than 171 pounds. Next in weight comes the queen of Spain, who weighs 147 pounds, and then the queen of the Belgians, who weighs 143 pounds. The Empress of Russia does not weigh more than 120 pounds.

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First Girl—On thing that drew me to him was his extreme simplicity.

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First Girl—Indeed, no. He proposed almost exclusively in words of three syllables.

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Building on Sand.

Freddie — What is circumstantial evidence

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Not Altogether Wrong.

Mr. Green—Billson's boy has got to be an officer in the navy.

Mrs. Green—Well, well! I s'pose he'll wear epithets on his shoulders now.

PLAN FOR MOBILIZATION.

Scheme Outlined Which Would Enable Us to Put 35,000 Militiamen in the Field.

Three days the district officers commanding have been in session, and the work which is now concluded has been of a most satisfactory character. The question of mobilization in case of war was given considerable attention. Regiments of cavalry, batteries of artillery, and battalions of infantry must be of uniform strength, and an attempt will be made to carry out this idea gradually, existing battalions, weak and varying in size as they are, being at first combined into provisional regiments without interfering with their present identity, having a fixed peace establishment, which would, as required, be increased to a predetermined war establishment. The units thus organized could be combined into brigades and divisions.

The general has outlined the following plan:

Two small oompanies of infantry are formed into a larger single company, who will thus upon amalgamation possess a double number of officers and a double number of non-commissioned officers over and above the establishment laid down as necessary in the War Office schedules. This extra staff of officers and non-commissioned officers thus available will be retained at the headquarters of each of the battalions forming the provisional regiment, and will there raise by volunteer enlistment or by ballot, as directed, the second battalions to raise the provisional reserve infantry regiment. A similar system in the case of the cavalry will give at the headquarters of each regiment nearly all the officers and all the staff of non-commissioned officers required for the formation of a provisional reserve cavalry regiment. The active militia force, which at present provides a total strength of, on peace footing, 35,000 men, could thus be increased to a war establishment of approximately 50,000 men. An additional 50,000 men could be raised from the population, and a sufficient number of trained officers would be available.

General Hutton at the meeting of district officers requested the colonels present all to provide themselves with the new dat-topped German forage cap in place of the style presently worn.

Not Heart Trouble.

Coming down on a Euclid car the other day a man with a high collar of an old fashioned shape, a gray chin whisker and a derby hat a size too small for him occupied the extreme front seat. He was a nervous man and attracted the attention of the passengers on the seat opposite by his queer starts and grimaces.

At Case avenue the car stopped to let a Wade park car swing by and then started up again with a very unpleasant jerk.

When the jerk came, the man on the front seat suddenly slipped his hand inside his coat, an expression of sharp pain crossed his face, he breathed heavily and seemed to grow pale.

An alarmed and sympathizing man on the opposite seat leaned forward.

"Heart trouble?" he anxiously asked.

The other man glared at him.

"Heart trouble nothin," he growled. "I busted th' point off my lead pencil!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Of No More Use.

"Why did you discharge that cutter?"

"Oh, we can't use him any more," answered the tailor. "Now that box coats have gone out of style we have to make things to fit."

An Evasive Answer.

Banker—Before I accept you as a suitor for my daughter, I should like to know how you stand politically. Now, I am for gold.

Suitor—That's what I'm after, sir!

BEWARE IN TIME

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Delay and Those Twinges May Twist Your Leg Out of Shape.

A Return to False Hair.

An era of false hair seems to be upon us, if one is to judge by the present displays in the leading hairdressers' windows. Such an array of fringes and pompadour pads and puffs and long curls and wavy switches and what not we have not had since the days of that terrible fact, the waterfall. Young girls affect the Newport col l and single long curl, and right becoming it is. The pompadour with light curling fringe is doomed and the dignified part is to be revived. With it the low coil and the fancy net of chenille, a la Trelawney, as it is named.

A PARALLEL CASE.

The Case of R. A. Wade, the Criminal Lawyer of Chicago, Duplicated by that of an Ontario Lady.

Wade's Sight Was Restored by Dodd's Kidney Pills—Mrs. Geo. Barnes Was Not Only Shortsighted but Deaf—Part of a Box of Dodd's Kidney Pills Restored Both Sight and Hearing.

Smith's Falls, Dec. 4.—The case of R. A. Wade, the great criminal lawyer of Chicago, is at present exciting considerable attention in the United States, many of the papers of that country having devoted considerable space to it. A similar case has occurred on our own side of the line, in that of Mrs. George Barnes of this town.

R. A. Wade is the lawyer who defended Prendergast the first time he stood trial for murdering Carter H. Harrison, Mayor of Chicago. He had been retained in a number of sensational trials before and has been since, and is one of the best known lawyers in America. He contracted Kidney Disease and the uric acid, always present in the system when the kidneys are deranged, attacked his eyes and Mr. Wade went blind. He started to take Dodd's Kidney Pills and gradually the Kidney Trouble disappeared and his sight returned.

Now read Mrs. Barnes' letter and see how what was almost considered a miracle by the people of Chicago has been duplicated in Canada.

Smith's Falls.

Dodd's Medicine Co.

Gentlemen,—I have been troubled for over a year with Female Weakness and Urinal Trouble resulting from Kidney Disease. I have consulted a doctor who gave me medicine that seemed to make me worse. At times I would be deaf and shortsighted. I was told of Dodd's Kidney Pills and I got one box. I have used part of the box and am completely cured, and strange to say both my hearing and eyesight is now unaffected. You may publish this if it will be the means of assisting others.

I remain, yours, etc.,

Mrs. George Barnes.

Miller's Worm Powders are the best laxative medicine for children; as nice as sugar.

Improved His Opportunities.

Hook — I understand that your neighbor, Tockman, has read and traveled extensively.

Shook—Oh, yes; he is a blamed fool in several languages and upon a great many subjects.

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What Did She Mean.

Mrs. Styles—Didn't I see you at the bargain counter at Gridley's yesterday?

Mrs. Myles—Yes; I was looking for something real cheap, but I didn't see you, though.

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Shoes for the Children.

Children's shoes should be entirely flat in the sole, but pliable enough to give slightly with the motion of the foot. What is known as the spring heel is suitable for children. Heels, whether low or high, cause many accidents, and are more or less injurious otherwise, because they throw the whole body out of correct balance.

That tired feeling will disappear, your appetite will improve, your digestion will be perfect, if you will take Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

A Marvelous Man.

"Marvelous man that Simpson. I tell you, he's a regular wonder."

"I never knew he did anything great."

"You didn't eh? Why, he succeeded in holding a charity fair that cleared expenses."

A new back for 50 cents. Miller's Kidney Pills and Plaster.

Didn't Quite Get In.

The Judge—Now, then, my good man, please be explicit. At what point did you enter the altercation?

Witness—I didn't get into the altercation. I had only got as far as the anteroom when dat red-nosed feller over there hit me with a chair.

If your child is pale, peevish, and does not thrive, a dose of Miller's Worm Powders occasionally will cure.

Accidents With Lamps.

Any table on which lamps are placed should be of firm construction, large top, and of sufficient weight at the base not to tip easily or jar when touched. A great many so-called accidents with lamps are caused by placing them on light, rickety tables.

That tired feeling will disappear and you will be able to eat well and sleep well by using Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

English Trade in Rubber.

Although one-half of the rubber product of the forests along the Amazon goes to the United States, most of the steamers, wharves and banking houses in the region belong to the English.

Cotton Goods Factories in Brazil.

In the course of the last decade the manufacture of cotton goods has become a firmly established industry in Brazil.

A dose of Miller's Worm Powders occasionally will keep the children healthy.

Remarks From the Gallery.

Maggie—Ain't dat villun just orful! Jimmie—Dat's only in de play. I seen dat feller give a nickel to a blind man once.

NEW HOPE FOR CANCER SUFFERERS.

A New Method of Treatment That Cures a Large Percentage of Cases.

Cancer has for so many ages been considered an incurable disease, that to talk seriously about it seems like mockery. But such is the advance of medical science in these latter days, that things that were impossible in our fathers' time are quite possible now.

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On the Safe Side.

Mrs. Mascot—But, and, is it richt tae tak' sae bonnie a gift? The Gude Book says: "It's better tae give than tae receive."

Sandy—Then, dinna ye ken, Marget, that for me tae deprive a mon o' givin' wad be an awfu' sin.

It is only necessary to read the testimonials to be convinced that Holloway's Corn Cure is unequalled for the removal of corns, warts, etc. It is a complete extinguisher.

Putting Him to the Test.

Poor But Honest Suitor—I would do anything in the world for you, darling.

Rich But Elderly Maiden—Then kiss me, love.

Easy Picking.

Callow—All the world loves a lover, they say.

Rounder—Yes, indeed. Everybody appreciates a good thing.

Aid For Doukhobors.

Mr. John Ashworth, of Manchester, Eng., who has been investigating the condition of the colony of Doukhobors recently settled in the North West, says:

"In the spring, assistance will, in all probability be required in order to provide the new settlers with horses, cattle, agricultural implements and seed. Whatever money is needed to assist the settlers should be in the form of loans, at a small rate of interest, and repayable as may be arranged in each particular case. These loans should be issued under the care of the Government. Since coming to this decision, I have learned that the Government is preparing a scheme of loans to the Doukhobors. If this is correct, it will relieve those who are interested in their welfare from the necessity of subscribing private funds, which would be in the nature of gifts."

English Tars are Thrifty.

The men of the English navy are not by any means the spendthrifts that they are represented to be by some writers; at least not all of them. There is an increasing number who pay by money in the naval savings bank. Accoring to the last return there is $1,313,860 standing to the credit of bluejackets in ships' books or at the dockyards. The number of depositors is 23,000. It will be seen that each man, on the average, has over $60 to his credit.

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BAD REVERSE AT STORMBERG.

Gen. Gatacre Surprised by the Boers and Forced to Retreat.

Casualties Were Two Killed, 26 Wounded, While Nine Officers and 596 Men Are Missing—Missing Troops Undoubtedly Prisoners of the Enemy—Gatacre Was the Victim of Treacherous Guides—Successful Sortie From Ladysmith.

Gen. Gatacre.

Molteno, Cape Colony, Dec. 10.—Gen. Gatacre left Putter's Kraal by train for Molteno, and then proceeded by forced march 12 miles toward Stormberg. He had 2000 men, including the Northumberland Fusiliers, the Royal Irish Rifles and two batteries of field artillery. The British were unmolested by the Boers until the Boer position was reached, when a hot fire was unexpectedly opened upon the advancing column and the engagement began at 4.15 a.m.

At 7 a. m., after a sharp artillery duel, the British retired. They are now marching towards Molteno.

General Gatacre found the enemy's position impregnable.

It was impossible for the British infantry to get at the Boers.

GATACRE'S REVERSE.

Attempted to Attack Stormberg With 2,000 Troops—It Was Impregnable—Over 600 Missing.

London, Dec. 11.—The War Office publishes the following despatch from Gen. Forestier-Walker, at Cape Town:

Gatacre reports: "Deeply regret to inform you that I met with a serious reverse in the attack on Stormberg.

"I was misled as to the enemy's position by the guides, and found impracticable ground."

Casualties so far as known are:

Second Battalion Royal Irish Rifles—Wounded, Lieut.-Col. Eagar, Major Seaton, Capt. Bell, Capt. Kelly, Lieut. Stephens, Lieut. Barnardson.

Suffolk Regiment—Wounded, Second Lieut. Maynard and 12 men.

Missing—Capt. Weir, Lieut. Christie, Second Lieut. Rodney, 200 men.

Seventy-Fourth Field Battery—Severely wounded, Lieut. Lewis, three men; slightly wounded, two men.

Seventy-Seventh Field Battery—Killed, one gunner; wounded, Major Percival.

Northumberland Fusiliers — Missing, Major Stephens, Capt. Fletcher, Capt. Morley, Second Lieut. Wake. Second Lieut. M. Coulson, Lieut Radcliff; missing, 306 non-commissioned officers and men.

Royal Berkshire Regiment—Killed, one private.

The remainder of my casualties will be wired as soon as ascertained."

Boers Lost Their Way.

London, Dec. 11.—The Times published the following from Molteno: "General Gatacre attempted to assault the Boer position at Stormberg at dawn to-day (Sunday.) The guides went wrong and we were surprised while in fours, and after a very trying march. Our retirement was effected in excellent order, there being no hurry, even at the most critical time. The Northumberlands and Irish Rifles behaved as if on review. I hear our losses are heavy. One of the guns we had to abandon."

DETAILS OF THE COLLISION.

Gatacre's Forces Marched All Night—Boers Had Machine Guns.

Molteno, Cape Colony, Sunday, Dec. 10, 5.30 p. m.—Gen. Gatacre's movement may be formed a reconnaissance in force. Its object was to ascertain the strength of the position of the Boers, who were strongly entrenched on the Stormberg Range. He left Putter's Kraal shortly after noon yesterday, with a fighting force slightly over 600 men. Leaving Molteno at 9 last evening, he made a memorable night march over the rocks and veldt. There was no sound, except a steady tramp, and there were no distinguishing lights, the bright moon having gone down about half-past eleven.

"Halt!" Just in Time.

The column arrived safely within a couple of miles of its destination, the only incidents of the march being an occasional sudden call of "Halt," under the belief that the Boers were near.

Opened a Terrific Fire.

Suddenly a terrific fire opened simultaneously on the British front and right flank. The Royal Irish Rifles, which formed the advance, sought shelter behind a neighboring kopje, and were speedily joined by the remainder of the column. It was soon found, however, that this position, also, was covered by Boer guns, which were more powerful than had been supposed. The troops, therefore, sought a safer position about half a mile away, two batteries, in the meantime, engaging the Boers, and covering the troops in their withdrawal.

Action Became General.

The action now became general at long range, and a detachment of mounted infantry moved northward, with a view of getting on the enemy's right flank. Suddenly, a strong commando was seen moving from the north, and the Royal Irish Rifles and the Northumberland Regiment were sent out to meet it.

Boers Had Machine Guns.

It was soon discovered, however, that the Boers had machine guns well placed, and the British were compelled to face a terrible fire.

Gatacre Could Not Hold It.

Finding it impossible to hold the position in the face of an enemy apparently superior in position, numbers and artillery, the British retired on Molteno, the Boers following up the retirement closely, and bringing two big guns to bear on the retiring column.

A Reassuring Note.

It is believed here that the British casualties were not serious.

CAPTURED BOER GUNS.

British Sortie From Ladysmith After Midnight a Success—Carried Lombard Kop.

Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Friday, Dec. 8. — The British have stormed and captured Lombard's Kop, putting a big Creusot gun and one howitzer out of action and capturing a small Maxim.

Later—The British troops made a sortie between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning. They crawled up a ravine and stormed and captured Lombard's Kop, which was held by the Boers, and on which were placed a Creusot gun and a howitzer. These guns were destroyed with dynamite. The British captured a Maxim gun and then retired.

The Lancers, Hussars and Guards made a sortie west of Ladysmith at daybreak, under cover of a heavy artillery fire, which the Boers returned briskly. The British afterwards returned to Ladysmith. The Boer losses are reported to have been slight.

To Be Court-Martialed.

Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Friday, Dec. 8.—Major Erasmus and Lieut. Malan will be tried by court-martial in connection with the loss of the guns.

Boer Story Confirmed.

London, Dec. 11.—The War Office on Saturday night issued the following despatch from General Buller, dated Frere Camp, Dec. 9. afternoon: "Last night sent General Hunter with 500 Natal Volunteers, under Royston, and 100 of the Imperial Light Horse, under Edwards, to surprise a gun on a hill. The enterprise was admirable carried out, and was entirely successful, the hill being captured and a six-inch gun and a howitzer being destroyed, with gun cotton, by Capt. Fowke and Lieut. Turner. A Maxim was captured and brought to Ladysmith. Our loss was one killed and Major Henderson of the First Battalion of the Argyll Highlanders wounded.

"At the same time Col. Knox seized the hill; one squadron of the 19th Hussars rode round Pepworth Hill, burning kraals and cutting the Boer telegraph lines. They had no casualties."

ADVANCING ON COLESBURG.

3,000 British Preceded by Armored Train From Naauwpoort.

London, Dec. 11.—A special despatch from Pretoria, dated Friday, December 8th, says 3,000 British troops, preceded by an armored train, are advancing on Colesburg, from Naauwpoort.

All Quiet at Frere.

Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 6.—(6 p.m.)—Heliographic communication with Ladysmith continues daily. General Schalkburgher and Commander Luis Botha are in command of the Boer forces at Ladysmith. The horses are said to be in poor condition. A heavy report was heard in the direction of Colenso to-day. The sound was followed by a big cloud of smoke. The supposition is that the enemy had blown up the highway bridge.

All Boer Camps Located.

The British have now accurately located all the Boer camps in the vicinity of Colenso. The positions occupied are of great natural strength, the place where the heaviest fight will certainly occur is a large entrenched position near Fort Wylie, where the Boers are in great force.

Coolies to the number of 234, whom General White refused to receive at Ladysmith, have arrived here in a starving condition.

18th Hussars Under Fire.

London, Dec. 11.—A despatch from Ladysmith by way of Frere, adds to the War Office account cabled Saturday of the capture of the Boer guns near Pepworth Hill. It says:

"General Brocklehurse, with cavalry and artillery, reconnoitered in the direction of Pepworth Hill, with a view of cutting off the Boer retreat, but he found the position still strongly held. The 18th Hussars, pushing forward, drew a furious fire and suffered severely, losing 4 killed and 17 wounded.

"The Boers fired incessantly as the British slowly retired. At a special parade afterwards, General White thanked General Hunter and all engaged, especially Major Henderson, for brilliant work."

OUR BOYS MAY SOON BE IN IT.

The Contingent is Now Rapidly Getting Into Fit Shape.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Special by cable from W. Richmond Smith, The Star's Canadian correspondent, attached to the Canadian contingent:

Orange River, Cape Colony, Dec. 6.—Via Cape Town, Dec. 8.—The Highland Brigade, to which the Royal Canadian Regiment is attached, arrived here to-day (Wednesday) and we are now encamped here awaiting orders to move forward to assist General Lord Methuen's column in their advance upon Kimberley.

We are all well and military experts say the Canadian Regiment is rapidly getting very fit. Our association with old and tried regiments is having a marked effect upon the morale of the men, and there is every indication that when the hour of battle does come, our boys will do credit both to themselves and to their native land.

The weather continues exceedingly hot, but we are not suffering more than the ordinary discomforts incident to a campaign.

The censorship upon news from the front is very strict, even here in camp, and we are dependent for our ideas of what is going ahead of us on the merest rumors of the Kaffir boys. It would not surprise us to be moved to the front at any moment, nor would it be astonishing if we were to be delayed here for several days, but our officers seem to think that our baptism of fire is very near.

Canucks Are Zealous.

Orange River, Saturday, Dec. 9.—All the men of the Canadian contingent have gone forward. Like the Australian contingent, they have been put to stiff work since their arrival, and have been building sidings, erecting platforms and rendering the usual routine service. They are in excellent condition and very zealous.

BRITAIN TO ARM NATIVES.

West Griquas to Be Put in Shape for Successful Defence.

London, Dec. 11.—A despatch to The Times from Cape Town says it is reported that the Imperial Government has instructed Sir H. G. Elliot, commander of the British forces in Griqualand East, to arm the natives for defensive purposes.

WAR OFFICE ADVICES

State That the Boers Had Six Laagers at Stormberg.

London, Dec. 11.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Cape Town, dated Saturday noon:

The position of the enemy in Stormberg district last night was the following: At Stormberg, 6 laagers; at Dordrecht, 800 men; 23 miles south of Sterkstrom, 220 men.

Major Elliott reports that Dalgetty, with force, has gone towards Dordrecht to operate with Gatacre.

The railway bridge at Modder River was completed on Dec. 7.

Methuen reports that he made a demonstration up the line of the railway at daylight to-day with artillery. The enemy did not respond.

Methuen is receiving the remainder of his reinforcements and supplies. He has established detached posts on his lines of column.

Mafeking reports all well on Nov. 30.

Bound and Riddled in Battle.

London, Dec. 10.—A despatch to The Times from Pietermaritzburg says:

"Three bodies found after the Moor River fight proved to be the remains of three scouts belonging to Thorneycroft's Light Horse. They had been captured by the Boers, and while bound had been riddled with bullets. The troops are indignant over this outrageous treatment."

Boer Loss at Elandslaagte.

A copy of The Johannesburg Standard and Diggers' News, received here, contains a list of the Boer casualties at Elandslaagte. This list shows the Boer loss in that fight was 43 killed and 110 wounded.

Steyn Becomes Unpopular.

London, Dec. 10.—A despatch to The Times from Modder River says the unpopularity of President Steyn of the Orange Free State is growing among the Free Staters and Cape Dutch.

Great Britain's Volunteers.

London, Dec. 10.—It is stated to-night that the Government has decided on the formation of the volunteer reserves. It is expected that half a million volunteers will join the new organization.

Bechuanas Have Risen.

A despatch from Cape Town to The Daily Mail, dated Thursday, Dec. 7, says:

"News that Chiefs Khama, Linchwe, Bathoen and Sechele, with their people in Bechuanaland, have risen to attack the Boers, seriously complicates the situation. It is probable that the Basutos and other tribesmen will follow their example."

Rumored Attack on Kimberley.

Cape Town, Saturday, Dec. 9.—It is rumored here that Boers attacked Kimberley at close quarters last night, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

River Gunboats for Africa.

London, Dec. 11.—Two shallow draught river gunboats are being prepared at Chatham for service in South Africa. Each will carry two six-pounder quick-fires and four Maxims.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR GEORGE S. WHITE.

General White is a veteran campaigner; but, outnumbered as he was by the Boers, his campaign around Ladysmith was practically doomed to failure when it was begun. When hostilities opened, he was in command of all British troops in Natal.

British Attack Cronje.

Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, Dec. 9.—A despatch from Pretoria dated to-day says.

"Reports have been received here of fighting early this morning in the vicinity of Schaltz-Nek, the British attacking Gen. Cronje.

"Fighting is also reported to have occurred in the direction of Kimberley. It is presumed this is another sortie."

AN ARMY CORPS

To Be Raised by the University and Colleges of Toronto—W. S. Taylor Declared Governor of Kentucky.

The Election Commissioners decided on Saturday that W. S. Taylor, Republican, had been elected Governor of Kentucky.

Signor Crispi was operated on at Naples yesterday for cataract. The final operation will be performed a fortnight hence.

An official despatch from Manila says that 229 Spaniards, who were formerly prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos, have arrived there.

The North German Lloyd steamer Koenigin Luis, which grounded Friday in the Lower Scheldt, has been floated and has proceeded on her voyage.

Sixty miners met death in a coal damp explosion in the Carbon Hill Coal Company's mine on the Northern Pacific Railway, 40 miles from Tacoma, Wash., on Saturday.

Monday the cotton mill employes at Fall River, Mass., started in at an increase of 10 per cent in wages. This means a total increase paid out weekly of $105,000 in wages.

The Pope, who, it was announced several days ago, was suffering from a severe cold and experienced some difficulty in breathing, has completely recovered his usual health.

Rev. Dr. Talmage of Washington, D. C., preached in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, on Sunday from the text "The statutes of the Lord are right." A great crowd was in attendance.

Indications are that the Toronto Poultry Association's show in Toronto from the 18th to 22nd inst., (inclusive), will be a grand success. It will be held at 56 and 58 West King street.

The Deep Waterways commissioners, who have been meeting in Detroit to consider means of sustaining higher lake levels, will, it is said, recommend a system of dams in the Upper Niagara River.

At Augusta, Georgia, on Sunday fire started in the big dry goods store of J. R. White and burned the whole stock, including the Arlington Hotel, Masonic Hall and other buildings. Loss, $1,000,000.

Anna C. F. McCarthy, 66 years of age, died at Barrie on Saturday morning of heart disease. She was a daughter of the late Dalton McCarthy, sr., and sister of the late D'Alton McCarthy, the well-known lawyer and Parliamentarian of Toronto.

His Excellency Lord Minto on Sunday unveiled the memorial tablet erected in the armouries at Toronto to the memory of the officers and men of the Battleford column, who were killed or wounded in the Northwest in 1885. Thousands of citizens witnessed the ceremonial.

The season of navigation has closed at Depot Harbor, and the Parry Sound Railway will henceforth have diminished business. A large staff has been employed all season, and about 12,000,000 bushels of grain have been sent from the harbor, another million bushels being still in the elevator.

COL. AYLMER ON THE WAR.

He Thinks One Hundred Thousand Men Will be Needed in Africa.

Colonel Hon. Matthew Aylmer, Adjutant-General, who is still suffering from the accident to his foot, gives the following view of the Transvaal war. He says: "I was in England during the critical period preceding the outbreak of hostilities, and while peace was desired and diplomacy did its utmost to avert war, it was thought that from the attitude of the Boers such was the only solution of the trouble. When it assumed a serious aspect they commenced to mobolize and equip the troops. We had 35,000 mobolized at Aldershot. The valise equipment was used and the clothing was of khaki, even the boots being yellow and corresponding to the uniforms."

Continuing, Col. Aylmer said that the war occasioned the most intense excitement all over the Mother Country. Nothing else was talked of. "I was there," he said, "when intelligence was first received of Canada's intention to send out a contingent, and the announcement caused great delight. It merely tended to show the reality of Great Britain. Those who attended the Queen's Jubilee, however, needed no stronger evidence of Colonial loyalty and unity in the Empire's interest. The embarkation of troops was attended by great outbursts of enthusiasm, although the men went off in comparatively small detachments whenever a ship was ready.

"How long will the war last?" was asked.

"In England it was thought that the Boers could be wiped out in a few weeks, but after the recent developments, I think they have changed their tune. The country is quite large and full of rocky fastnesses and almost impervious passes. To my mind at least 100,000 men will be required to bring the issue to a successful termination."

Asked if there was a likelihood of a second contingent going out from Canada, Col. Aylmer thought that by the time the one which was now on the way was in fighting trim, there would likely not be a necessity for more.

"Do you think the Canadian contingent will be called on to fight?"

"That is what they've gone out for, but it will be some time before they are ready. They're a fine lot of men, well officered and every way a credit to the country, but they need a month's systematic drill and practice in rifle shooting before being called into action."

"That story about the contingent being detailed for garrison duty exclusively is all bosh," continued Col. Aylmer. The War Office, if it ever entertained such an idea, would never give it out. If you went on your knees for such information you would never get it from the War Office. There is surely nothing in such a rumor. The men will probably spend the first month in Cape Town in disciplinary and other drill."

"What will likely be the outcome of the war?"

There is no doubt but what the British will ultimately win. In the first place, we'll have the cream of the army there, lots of experienced officers, and then the army to-day is in its most perfect shape, equipped as never before and one of the greatest generals of the time, Sir Redvers Buller, is at its head. The Boers will likely lose everything, but their franchise. They will never be wholly reformed from their customs. They'll always be Boers.

"Another and very important outcome of the war will likely be the development of Africa by the construction of a railway from Cairo to Cape. Of course in this work Germany would have to be taken into consideration, as it has a possession in Africa, but the amicable relation existing between these two countries augurs well for the success of the project."

A Heartless Maiden.

There is a girl in town who, being both bright and pretty, has a good many admirers, but the most ardent of all happens to be a pudgy old grass widower, with two grandchildren and a red nose.

Naturally she has to stand a good deal of guying on his account and skips him as much as possible. So much, in fact, that the poor man had no chance to plead his cause in private and alone and so was at last driven to the use of pen and paper.

Here is his production. It is recommended to all bashful lovers for its brevity and beauty, as well as businesslike construction:

Nettie, I want to know my fate. You know that I love you. Will you marry me? If so, speak to me about it. I think the world of you. Give me a chance, Nettie. Yours truly,

BLANKEY DASH.

And would you believe it? That heartless maiden hasn't "spoken to him about it" yet.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.