

# A VERY TIGHT CORNER.

## British Force Mistook Boers for British

A despatch from London says—The news from South Africa is fragmentary, adds little to the knowledge of the situation. Gen. Kitchener has left Naamwpoort and gone to the north. His destination is unknown.

An unofficial report from Cape Town says that a squadron of Yeomanry who were pursuing the Boers and retired from the front were ambushed. The Boers fired and the Yeomanry were wounded. The Boers deny any knowledge of the affair.

There is a report that the British force mistook Boers for British near Burgersdorp for Brakfontein. The Boers, with their rifles, and shortly found themselves in a very tight corner. The Boers were exterminated with the loss of one British lost six horses. It is stated that the Boers lost a number of men and horses.

## FALSEHOODS FROM PURVEYORS UNDAFFECTED DISTRICTS.

How the Boers are being misled in the districts. A despatch from London, Wednesday, says—Lord Kitchener is in the habit of sending out reports of the Boers' movements, and his reports are generally true. But the Boers are being misled by the Boers' own reports. The Boers are being misled by the Boers' own reports. The Boers are being misled by the Boers' own reports.

## ON THEIR OWN HOOK.

Individual Boers Now Looking Out for Themselves. A despatch from Cape Town says—The Boers who were repulsed at Steynsburg fled to the Zuurberg mountains, where they entrenched themselves. It is believed that they have already been driven out of their positions.

## HORSES WORN-OUT

The British Are Keeping De Wet on the Move. A despatch from London, says—A telegram from Maseru, Basutoland, brings the first news concerning General De Wet that has been received for some days. It asserts that the British are keeping him constantly on the move. His horses are getting worn out, and many of them have been abandoned.

## SERVICE RESTORED

Trains Run Regularly From Cape Town to De Aar. A despatch from Cape Town says—Regular railway service between Cape Town and De Aar has been restored. The report of the destruction of a bridge south of De Aar turns out to be incorrect. Only a trestle was damaged. Trains are running from De Aar to Kimberley regularly. There are considerable delays elsewhere as the result of heavy rains.

## HORRIBLE BRUTALITY

Creek Church Set on Fire and Destroyed. A despatch from Cape Town says—A body of Boers, numbering about 100, attacked a Greek church in Albany and after burning it down, they proceeded to kill the people who were gathered there. The Boers were very brutal in their treatment of the people.

## TWO PRINCES CAUGHT

Tuan and Chang Arrested on Shan-Si Border. A despatch from London, Wednesday, says—The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard says—The Government has arrested Prince Tuan and Prince Chang on the border of the Shan-Si and Szechuan provinces. The princes have been ordered to return to Szechuan to be executed. It is supposed that the princes were involved in the trouble in China.

## STATISTICS PUBLISHED

Statistics published show that 7,000 persons die every year in Norway of consumption. The Amer of Afghanistan has ordered all the unemployed young men of the country into the army. The Venezuelan Government has ordered to Germany for 10,000 Mauser rifles and 3,000,000 cartridges. There is a scheme afoot to buy 100,000 square miles of land in South America and put it under French control.

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# SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

## Newsy Items About Ourselves and Our Neighbors—Something of Interest From Every Quarter of the Globe.

### CANADA.

Typhoid and pneumonia are prevalent at Dawson. Brantford market fees for 1901 were sold by auction to Joseph Rowe for \$1,310. Berlin has had 151 new buildings and additions erected in a year, worth \$150,000. The recent auction sale of Crown claims in Dawson brought \$60,000 for 13,000 sold. The Government has ordered a survey of the French river, with a view of improving navigation. A building is being fitted up at Ottawa for a census bureau. The census will be taken in April. February 26th is the date fixed for the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association at Ottawa. Halifax temperance people are anxious to introduce a prohibitory liquor law in the Provincial Legislature. Several more aliens have been deported from Hamilton to the United States under the Alien Labour Law. A jury gave six Guelph district farmers \$50 damages against a storekeeper for selling them the wrong seed. A conference will meet in Ottawa next January under the auspices of the Dominion Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. Alien Labor Officer Williams is at Bruce Mines on the Soo branch of the C.P.R., investigating a complaint that the Copper Company has imported aliens. An old man who stole a scarf at Hamilton, giving poverty as his excuse and declaring it to be his first offense, was sentenced to two months in jail. The City of Kingston, has notified the Kingston Light, Heat & Power Co. of its intention of taking over the plant at a price to be decided by arbitration. A cablegram to the department of Finance states that official notice has been given in The London Gazette of the admission of the Dominion inscribed stocks to the list of securities in which trust funds may be invested. GREAT BRITAIN. An organization has been formed in London to recover stolen milk cans. A Government bacteriologist says he can inoculate horses against the fatal horse disease in South Africa. Two cavalry regiments and a large number of horses will be sent to South Africa at once from England. The Queen has appointed the Empress of Corea an honorary Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire. Viscount Goschen and Viscount Ridley—these are the new titles for Mr. George J. Goschen and Sir Matthew White-Ridley. The London dailies are showing that England is losing trade supremacy, being over-reached by the United States and Germany. UNITED STATES. A seat on the New York Stock Exchange was sold for \$50,000, the highest price on record. It is said that a company has been formed in New York to control the crude rubber trade. Alleged maladministration of the United States mining laws at Cape Nome, Alaska, is to be investigated. A train robber named Barnes, pursued and wounded by officers of the law, cut his throat in a swamp near New Orleans. The proprietor of a Knitting mill at Bennington, Vt., unable to make any terms with his striking operators, has decided to move his mill to Elmira, N. Y. Four large freighters are to be built at Cleveland for a new steamship company. They will carry grain, ore and general freight between Duluth and Buffalo. GENERAL. At Antwerp 30,000 dock labourers are out on strike. A severe epidemic of influenza is reported at St. Petersburg. It is thought that the Czar's illness will make him stronger than ever. "Peter's peace" at the late jubilee celebration of the Pope amounted to \$1,600,000. Germans expelled from the Transvaal have asked their Government for an inquiry. Statistics just published show that 7,000 persons die every year in Norway of consumption. The Amer of Afghanistan has ordered all the unemployed young men of the country into the army. The Venezuelan Government has ordered to Germany for 10,000 Mauser rifles and 3,000,000 cartridges. There is a scheme afoot to buy 100,000 square miles of land in South America and put it under French control. The oldest living man in the German army, aged 95, died at Quilmes, Docty of Argentina.

# MARKETS OF THE WORLD

## Prices of Cattle, Cheese, Grain, etc. in the Leading Markets.

### BREADSTUFFS, ETC.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Wheat—The local market was very slow again today. Quotations are as follows:—Red winter, 63 1-2c; and white, 63 1-2c; middle, 63 1-2c; No. 1 hard, old, g. l. t., 62 1-2c; No. 2 at 67c; No. 1 hard, North Bay, 91c. Millfeed—Scarc; ton lots, at the mill door, sell as follows:—Bran, \$12 to \$12.50; and shorts at \$14 to \$14.50 west. Corn—Easy; No. 1 American, yellow, 45c; on track here, and mixed at 44 1-2c. Peas—Steady; No. 2 sold, middle, 40c; No. 1 at 41c; and east at 62c. Barley—Very dull at present; No. 2 east, 41c; and middle freights, 40c; No. 3 extra, 39 1-2c; east; and 35 1-2c, middle freights. Rye—Easy. New rye, 46c; west; and 47c, east. Buckwheat—About steady. Car lots, west, are quoted at 49c; and east at 50c. Oats—In fair demand; No. 1 white, east, 27c; No. 2 white, north and west, 26c. Flour—Dull. Holders ask \$2.65 for 29 per cent. patents, in buyers bids, middle freights, and exporters bid \$2.55. Special brands sold locally from 10 to 20c above these figures.

### PRODUCE.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Eggs—Trade fairly, mostly in cold stored. Prices are as follows:—New, laid, 26 to 28c; cold stored, 18c; mixed, 15 to 16c. Poultry—Receipts today were large, consisting of stock held by country storekeepers over Christmas. Quality was not up to the mark, and demand was slow. Turkeys sold at 7 1-2 to 8 1-2c; geese, at 6 to 7c; chickens, at 20 to 35c; and ducks, at 40 to 70c. Potatoes—Firm. Car lots, on track here, 32c. Sales, out of store, are made at 40 to 45c. Field produce, etc.—Turnips, out of store, 30c per bag; onions, 60c per bag; carrots, 40c per bag; apples, per bbl., 40c to \$1; sweet potatoes, per bbl., \$1.50. Dried fruits—Dried apples sell at 3 1-2 to 4c; and evaporated at 5 to 5 1-2c. Beans—Ordinary white beans bring \$1.20 to \$1.25; choice hand-picked beans are quoted at \$1.40 to \$1.45. Honey—Firm. Dealers quote from 9 1-2 to 10c per lb for 5, 10, or 20-lb tins, according to the size of the order. Comb honey sells at \$2.40 to \$2.75 per dozen sections. Baled hay—Firm. Choice timothy, on track, \$10.25. Two-ton lots, delivered, \$11. Straw—Scarc. Car lots of straw on track here, \$7. DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS. Toronto, Dec. 31.—Dressed hogs on the street today were unchanged at \$7.40 to \$7.75. Car lots, on track here, were quoted firm at \$7.10 bid for mixed lots. Provisions continue in good demand at firm prices. Quotations for provisions are as follows:—Dry salted shoulders, 8c; long clear bacon, loose, in car lots, 10c; and in case lots, 10 1-4 to 10 1-2c; short cut pork, \$19.50 to \$20; heavy mess, \$17.50 to \$18. Smoked meats—Hams, heavy, 12c, medium, 12 1-2 to 13 1-2c; light, 13 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13 1-2c; picnic hams, 10c; roll bacon, 11c; smoked backs, 13c. All meats out of pickle 1c less than prices quoted for smoked meats. Lard—Tereos, 10c; tubs, 10 to 10 1-4c; pigs, 10 1-4 to 10 1-2c. Chicago, Dec. 31.—December corn closed 16 lower, January a shade higher, and May unchanged. Oats closed unchanged. Provisions at the close were 2 1-2 to 7 1-2c lower. Minneapolis, Dec. 31.—Wheat, Cash 72 1-2c; May, 73 3-4c; July, 75c. On track, No. 1 hard, 71 1-4c; No. 1 Northern, 72 1-4c; No. 2 Northern, 68 3-4 to 69 1-4c. Flour—First patents, \$7; second patents, \$3.90; first clears, \$2.80 to \$2.90; second clears, \$1.90 to \$2. Bran higher; in bulk, \$11.75 to \$12. Duluth, Dec. 31.—Wheat—Cash, hard, 72 7-8c; No. 1 Northern, 70 7-8c; No. 2 Northern, 61 1-2 to 66 1-2c; No. 3 spring, 52 1-2 to 59 1-2c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 73 1-2c; No. 1 Northern, 71 1-2c; December, 70 7-8c; May, 75c; Corn—33 1-2c. Oats—24 3-4 to 24 1-2c. Buffalo, Dec. 31.—Flour—Dull. Wheat—Spring, No. 1 hard, carloads, sold, 83 3-4c; No. 1 Northern, old, carloads, 80 3-4c; winter, no offerings of spot; No. 2 red closing steady; No. 2 red, 77c; mixed, 76c; No. 1 white, 75c bid, on track. Corn—Easier; No. 2 yellow, 41c. No. 3 do, 40 3-4c; No. 2 corn, 40 1-4 to 40 1-2c; No. 3 do, 40c. Oats—Quiet. No. 2 white, 29 1-4c; No. 3 white, 29 1-4c; No. 2 mixed, 25 3-4c; No. 3 do, 25 3-4c; through billed, on track. Barley—Offerings light, extra, 64 to 65c; choice 64 extra, 62 to 63c; low grades, 53 to 55c. Rye—Nominal; No. 1, 56c; No. 2, 55c, on track here. Detroit, Dec. 31.—Wheat Closed: No. 1 white, cash, 77c; No. 2, cash and December, 77c; May, 70 3-8c. St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Wheat—Closed: Cash, 71c; December, 70 1-2c; January, 71c; May, 72 1-2c.

# CHILDREN'S COLUMN

## Five Men's Morris.

This interesting little game is played by two persons on a board marked as the diagram here shown, and begins or ends with a roll of two dice. Each player has five pieces, none of which is the same as the opening of the game. The players take turns in placing their men, one at a time, on the points of the board.



The pieces meet each other and after one has been put on in his own color, the other player must place his piece on the next to the next in his own color, along the lines. Each player must place his piece on the next to the next in his own color, along the lines. Each player must place his piece on the next to the next in his own color, along the lines.

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## The Rev. Dr. Talmage

Timely. A despatch from Washington says Rev. Dr. Talmage preached from the following text:—"It is the last time."—1. John ii. 18. John is here enforcing certain points by the consideration that the people to whom he writes have been postponing dispensation of the word. He says, "It is the last time." I am standing in the last week of the Sabbath of the last month of the year. Four more ringings of the clock and the year, with all its joys, sorrows, and achievements, will have passed. It is the last time, and so I speak to you of last things.

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