## RBITAIN'S BEST GENERAL

OPINION OF A GERMAN OFFICER WHO SERVED WITH BOERS.

Me Says They Are Cowards-They Always Send the Germans Into the Dangeroni Positions and Hang Back Thomselves Daying the course of the present war in South Africa more than one tter complaint has been raised by he French or German hoppers of the Boars as to the manner in which their arvices have been requited. A lieut. mant of Col. Villebois de Marouil hat already published a book exposing their treatment of that gallant officer and the Foreign Legion in general. Recently the tale was taken up by the letter of a German officer, at present prisoner in Ceylon, which appears ed in The London Times. The following are a few extracts from this interesting document: When there was an attack planned, the Germans always were sent to the most danger. ous positions, and were used especiale ly to project the little guns, which were opposed to such a terrible concentrated artillery fire, and the Boers were not able to stand that. . . I am very sorry to say that lots of he Boers were awful cowards during those days, and I pity the brave Gen erall Botha, who had to send them se repeatedly back to their positions. OVERCAME DIFFICULTIES.

In criticizing our conduct of the

campaign this writer says:
I must confess that the English, alhough they were sometimes headed by bad generals, very often behaved ike good soldiers and finally defeated the greatest difficulties ... linglish infantry is splendidly brave and rather skilful; they are good shots

too. . . . When I was captured an English colonel, who was rather brughty, asked me, which English general I thought the best, wherepop I instantly answered "Tommy Ark ns." Now they were looking to me very much astonished, not knows ing what I meant to say by it, and had to explain to them, that the Boors fear nobody else as the English infantry. For, in spite of the great mastake the English generals so often mode, Tommy Atkins is always going on bravely, and doesn't care if hund dreds of his fellow-soldiers are killed in the action. The English officers ro also good, brave fellows.

LOOT THEIR OWN PEOPLE. With regard to the looting proper dias of the Boer's, the writer related bew after being wounded at the battle Krantz Hill-

next morning I was awakened by a Boer who had found me lying among a couple of slain, and who fried to pull out my long boots, hinking I was dead. I was plundered out in a fair way. My money, watch, military papers, and photos

### THE BOER COWARDICE.

After Rhendster River, he says: Now came a genearl breakdown. iv High treason was made by the cowardly Boers, as nobody will think at to be possible. I was disgusted with this kind of war. They blackguarded each other, and especially the foreignin jers, in a most terrible way. Each general or commandant was jealous of the other. They, gave up splendid position's with it trying earnestly to defend them. They laid down their arms by hundreds and thousands. When they lost a portion of their and stupidity and the brave behavior of an the English they said some one, and, of course, a damned foreigner, must have betrayed them. They often ran fall away from commando and kept quiet of and said to the English they would not fight any more, but when those now thought the district was pacified then they took up arms again and looted what they could get anyhow. They don't know anything about word. of honor or oath. They put white flags upon their houses and fired in be neighborhood of them. The Engen lish were far too lenient at the befor ginning of the war, and therefore they art now in the opposite extreme. You should have : seen the flourishing Natal how it was laid waste by the Boars. This looting instinct in them! is far greater than the fighting one." FEARS OF TREACHERY.

With regard to the mistrustfulness of the Boer character, the writer

"At Dalmanutha they put their gun long Tom, upon a hill top, and built ng a strong intrenchment, so that it found, of dourse, very soon the posttion of this gun covered it with some lyddites. The Boers lost the battle because their position was too long and thin and because their commandiss, est stally Ermelo, didn't come to their sistance. Now they said that. some besty had given up the position of 'Long Tom,' and so betrayed their army. You would not believe it when I tell you that they said it was I who gave this position to the English. Although I have not seen the gun at Dalmanutha, although I have come cut from Germany with my own them. I can say something with heck distinction, although I have wounded five times for them, they believed I had betrayed their position."

A LESSON IN COOLNESS. Jones was a very courageous man and when, one stormy night, he heard mysterious noises in his house he took a revolver, and decided thoroughly to explore the place. On reaching the hall the light from his candle disclosed to view a typical Bill Sikes, laden with a bulging nack, and just on the point of letting himself out. Holla ! cried Jones. Come back

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What's that ? said the burglar. An yes, the silver candlestick ! Permit me Takes it from the hand of the aston ished Jones, and puts it into his bes Ten thousand thanks! Have L'65 gotten anything else 7

# Man Who Knows.

III. Continued.

Why, I m that the ends are bound up in vay-look for yourself. Now n landsman in a rope's end. This line was take om come ship in the barbour, and By Jove! here's another discove

"What nove he cried, being by this time almonis excited as I was "Why, look "c," I said, holding the middle of the rope up to the light, e." I said, holding you?

get a better view of it. 'Not very ny hours ago this rope was rung and that block was rather an uncommon one." "How do you

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uncommon one

"Because if nier still, painted and what's green, of all ot this streak of how it's smud the case as we lk along." ..

So saying, ly the Marquis beoff down the street, hoping to be

"First and most," I said, 's talk of the South member cld he collection of da od eoinu Beckenham. | Pro bably he ow schooner; and it's that this line and more than pr came from, it." this bit of ch "I see who!" re driving at," said the Inspects 's worth considering. Directly et to the office 1 will set men fork to try and find this myster gentleman. You

gain, my lord?"

ediate reply.

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any idea at all

"I should k Peckenham's "And have where this ducted' you,

would know

cab.

None at was about h which all the the corner--were one-"Nothing suppose?"

Stay! I an empty how almost oppoleading up to the front door with cutstroff of one of the

-was missin The Inspect his pocket-b and just as he had finished we ed it to the got in and us

What are of going to do first? Tut semd lem on to find Mr Draper, and de more to find an island schoone with her blocks newly painted gree long in letting us Lou woo know. what discover, will you?"

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· I said. [ ember how anxious we L'ou may that on my coming to you at once hany news I may procure," he at

its later we drew up s door. Bidding the. -tive we went up the shall have him nicely.' the bell. By the time ut in the street again house making our le butler, to Mr. Weth-

we were in way, Chind erell shud leman had not gone to ast as I had left him so the world in general. dhe rose to receive us. Mr. Hatteras, you have Inspector. said. "I have been in waiting for you. What

much, I'm afraid," I But first let me have eckenham to you, whom Mile good fortune to find

rell bowed gravely and

Mr. Wed My lore his said, "I am thank-ful that we have been discovered. I look upon as one step towards the recovery my poor girl. I hope now that I h you and Mr. Hatterds ! will take it cour abode with me durcome to N South Wales. We must make up for it. But chighly worn out; Al exid like to go to bed." . He rank the bell, and when his red, gave him some in-

polit preparing rooms for Ten mid As later the man returnthat our rooms were Mcupon Mr. Wetherell ucted Beckenham to the spigned to him. When he return me, he asked if I to retire too, but I of it. I could not have his, he seated himself selves." like ourselves, had not ing to bed, though his thepeatedly urged him to

and announced the Inhobbled across to receive nxious face. "Have you idings for me?" he asked. much, I'm afraid, sir, a said, shaking his head. have to tell you is that and horse have been and of an empty house

any chie to who put them there!" The horse was found hafts tied to the wall your neighbours may be?"

There, was not a soul about

Wetherell sat down covered his face with his hands. that instant the telephone bell in the corner of the room rang sharply. I jumped up and went across I ped and examined a mark on heard a small voice say, "Is that right hand post. Then he sto

Mr. Wetherell's house, Potts Point?"
"Yes," I answered "Who is speaking?" "Mr. Hatteras. Mr. Wetherell,

however, is in the room. Who are "Detective officer. Mr. - Wetherell that Mr.

house has been discovered?" I communicated the message to Mr. through a block, Wetherell, and then the Inspector joined me at the instrument and

"Where is the house?" now that it was an quired. Charlemagne Street-north "83,

been newly painted side."

Very good. Inspector Mardkin speaking. Let plain clothes men be colours. Look at stationed at either end of the street t along the line; see and tell them, to be on the lookout Now let's review for Draper, and to wait for me. I'l start for the house at once."

'Very good, sir." He rang off and then turned to

to pick up an early ... Are you too tired to come me, Mr. Hatteras?" he enquired. "Of course not." I answered. us go at once.

"God bless von!" said Wetherell. hope you may catch the fellow." Bidding him good-bye, we went downstairs again, and jumped into the cab, which was directed to the street in question. Though it was a good distance from

one starting-point, in less than half to us. an hour we had pulled up at the corner. As the cab stopped, a tall. man, dressed in blue serge, who had I been standing near the lamp-post, came forward and touched his hat. "Good-morning, Williams," said the Inspector. "Any sign of our man?"

to the persons who committed it."
You frighten me, sir," reputed the lady. "I campet at all see in what way I can help you. I lead a life of "Not one, sir. He hasn't come down the street since I've been here," Very good. Now come along to which he conand we'll pay the house a visit." only know that it follow us slowly, and we proceeded ly down a street of down the street. About half-way people?"

es, save the one at along he stopped and pointed to was a grocer's shop house on the opposite side. "That is the house his lordship more definite; I mentioned, with the broken windows and this is where Mr. Draper dwells, if I am not much mistaken—see the th broken windows eagles are on either side of the steps,

just as described." It was exactly as Beckenham had two stone cagles told us to the extent of the headless wings. The head feagle on the left of the walk. es-the left, I think was a pretty little place, and evident noted these things in ly still occupied, as a maid was busi-

Pushing open the gate, the Inspecwalk. When we had costed the girl "Good-morning." he said politely.

"Good-morning," he Pray, is your master at home?" "Yes, sir; he's at breakfast just

now." Well, would you mind telling him that two gentlemen would like to there see him?" Yes, sir."

The garl rose to her feet, and, wiping her hands on her apron, led the way into the house We followed close behind her Then asking us to wait a moment where we ere, she knocked at a door and the right, and opening it, disappeared within.

"Now," said the Inspector, "our man will probably appear, and we

The Inspector had scarcely spoken before the door opened again, and a man came out. To our surprise, how ever, he was very tall and stout, with materially." a round, jovial, face, and a decided air of being satisfied with himself and ly could not do it."

"To what do I own the honour of this visit?" he said, looking at the

"I am an Inspector of Police, as you see," answered my companion, yand we are looking for a man named Drapar, who yesterday was, in possession of this house."

"I am afraid you have made some little mistake," returned the other. "I for knowing what goes on in the am the occupier of this house, and street. Now we will visit Messrs. Mr. Draper has anything at all to do the things. Meantime, William", here he called the plain-clothes con-

Marquis had given such a minute description of the dwelling opposite and the two stone birds on the steps, that there could be no room for doubt that this was the house. And yet it was jumped into it and directed the driver physically impossible that this man could be Draper; and, if it were the place where Beckenham had been drugged, why were the weapons, etc., he had described not in the hall?

"I/cannot understand it at all," said the Inspector, turning to me. This is the house, and yet where are the things with which it ought to be furnished?" "You have a description of the furniture, then?" said the owner.

"That is good, for it will enable me to prove to you even more clearly that you are mistaken. Pray come and see my si ting-rooms for yourtentively while I gave from which he had been summoned,

room at the back of the house. was upholstered in the latest fashion but again there was no sign of what Beckenham had led us to expect we should find. We were completely nonplussed,

"I am afraid we have troubled you to do so six times in the afternoon. without cause," said the Inspector, as we passed out into the hall again. "Don't mantion it," the owner answered; "I find my compensation in the knowledge that I am not involve been able to discover ed in any police unpleasantness."

SOME OF THEIR EXPERIENCES ON THE MIGHTY RIVER.

encies. On my left, the Chief Teller

of the Bank of New Holland Both

very worthy members of society, and

"In that case we can only apole

gise for our intrusion and wish you

have been glad to have assisted you

We went down the steps again

out into the street. As we passed through the gate, the Inspector step

and picked up what looked like a pob-

ble. Having done to we resumed ou

of it all?" I asked, "Can his ship have made a mistake?"

cleverly duped, that's all."

No, I think not. We have

What makes you think so

"I didn't think so until we pass

through the gate on our way out

Now, I'm certain of it. Come acros

I followed him across the road to

mall plain-looking house, with

meatly-curtained bony window and

brass plate on the front door. Fron

the latter I discovered that the pro-

prietress of the place was dires

maker, but I was | completely at ..

loss to understand why we were visit

As soon as the door was opened the

Inspector asked if Miss Tiffins were

was, inquired if we might see her

The maid went away to find out, and

presently returned and begged us to

follow her. We did so down a small

which contained the bow window.

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ner, and corkscrew ourls. She come at a loss to understand our creand but bade us be scated and then aske

in what way she could be of

"In the first place, madamf"

the Inspector, flet me tell you that

am an officer of police. A serious

rime has been perpetrated and I

Miss Tiffins was a lady of incer-

"What on earth can be the mean

not at all the sort of people

"Pray don't apologuse.

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Good-morning."

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Good-day.'

"Good-day."

midday yesterday?"

"Now, think for one moment.

Yes. I remember reading

ed if the tenant was going to move.'

spector turned to me and said:

man we saw comes out, follow him,

"Very good, sir," the constable re-

Then, hailing a passing cab, we

to convey us to George Street, By

had been in Nikola's hands nearly

fourteen hours, and so far we had

not obtained one single definite piece

of information as to her whereabouts.

To be Continued.

THE WAY QUAILS ARE FATTENED.

and let me know where he goes."

plied, and we left him to his vigil.

van about half-past six."

furniture van it was?"

The Narrow Escapes They Have in the Winter Season - Fighting the Ico-Flocs-Most of Thom Scotchmon.

In a tugboat office at the River's edge, chatting around a stove, yet bundled thickly as if no stove was there, I found some half a dozen sharp ders heaving off for home, glancing men, who might have been actors in New York or noblemen in Russia, I judge by the fineness of their furs, but were pilots here, lower 4t. Then they all climb out, and with river pilots who, as one of them as- dragging and pushing get ahead for sured me are vastly more important a hundred feat or so:\ See now bow than the upper river kind, writes Cleveland Moffatt, in the Boston

They conversed in bad French or worse English, and were most of them, strange, to say, Scotchmen, who had never seen Scotland and never would -Douglasses and Browns and Mc-Gregors, who couldn't pronounce their own names, but could take a liner to the Gulf day or night, through the reefs of Crane Island, past the menacing twin Pilgrims, by the windings and dangers, safe down to sea.

I asked the man what they were going to Orleans Island for, and he pexplained that they lived there through test their mudiles and their skill beat home, and, on being told that site the winter months; they and other pilots, many others. It was a pilot colony, set out in mid-stream. Yes; it was cut off from the land, quite cut passage towards the door of the room off; they liked it so. Sometimes they didn't come ashore for weeks; it was not exactly fun fighting those ice flors. Then they fell to discussing winter navigation. and whether it would ever come, on the St. Lawrence as it had on rivers in Russia. A pilot in coon skins was sure it would come, they would put on one of these new fangled ice crunching steamers to keep the main channel open, and, sacre bleu, there you are ! That would have reason to believe that it may save five months every year. But the others shook their heads, they didn't be in your power to give us a clue believe it and didn't want it any-

STRUCK ON A REEF

the greatest quietness. How, therefore, can I know anything of such down the river late one season. He hoped never to take another down so "I do not wish to imply that you if you remember seeing a brougham Now, the ice could neither break the drave up to that house opposite about reef nor drive them over it, but ground period. There has been a diminu-'No, I cannot say that I do,' the stern ripping her wide open, so that tion of native States, which is now daylight on the frozen rocks.

cue of thrilling happenings, told stor- ed to successive famines and you please, and tell me what vehicles, ies of dangers on the river one after plague. The heaviest decreases are another until the tardy pilot who had recorded in Rajpu ana, Central India, if any, you remember seeing stop jingled up meanwhile unnoticed, was and the Bombay native States, which in his turn forced to wait for them. have recently surfered so severely "I was just putting off one night." from the famine and which are now "Let me try to remember. There was Judge's baker's cart, about three the milk about five, and a furniture

off from this very place-" "That's just what I want to know. And have you any recollection whose late comer. "I shaw sh-sword fish 000, and the Central Provinces declashe a wh-whale once off Saguenay crease of nearly . 000,000. Behgal, River, an wh-Whale-a sh-cword fish," name as it turned round. Goddard & James, George Street. I wonder-

ed by the stove.

The Inspector rose, and I followed COLLISIONS AT NIGHT. The tall man went on with his tale, inces and for the native States and "I am exceedingly obliged to you, which described how on the night in now published:-Miss Tiffins. You have helped me question he was about to board downcoming steamer of the Leyland "I am glad of that," she answerline, he was to take the place of the Ajmere-Merwara, ed; "but I trust I shall not be want-Montreal pilot, when she crashed into ed to give evidence in court. I reala tramp atcamer coming up in a head Bengal..... on collision, and two sailors sleeping You need have no fear on that in their bunks were instantly killed. the Inspector, answered He described the panic that ensued, Burma. and told what they did, and wound up with a queer theory, which he de-When we had left the house the Inclared perfectly sound; and the others Madras .... agreed with him, that the growth Northwest Provinces "It was a great piece of luck of cities along the river, is every year finding a dressmaker opposite. Comincreasing the danger of such night mend me to ladies of that profession collisions.

The point was that a pilot using Andamans..... have been for some months past. No Goddard & James and see who hired comes accustomed to the darkness, and coming out of it suddenly, as at Quebec, into the glare of many elec-The Inspector's face was a study stable to him, "you had better remain tric lights, cannot see well for some for perfect bewilderment. Nor could here and watch that house. If the minutes. And in one of those minutes he runs into a vessel whose guiding lights are confused by him with lights

Another man came forward with the explanations of night collisions based on the supposition that when two vessels are approaching in the darkness, this time it was getting on for mid-both holding a steady course, or one day, and we were both worn out. But at anchor, the pilot of one of them I was in such a nervous state that may fail to see a light on the other Burma States. could not remain inactive. Phyllis simply because of an intervening mast. This seemed to me about as improbable as that two bullets should strike in midair, but the man insisted that it happened, and cited names of vessels to prove it. Presently

WE STARTED FOR THE BOATS. A burly line, for the furs, with caps A curious account of how quails are up, until everything was coveredfattened for the market is given in cars, forehead, chin, everything but a rectly or indirectly. London paper. It appears that peeping place for nose and eyes. I quails, being regular in their habits, of snow under foot and see the glare can still hear the squeak and crunch from which he had been summoned, durant, from which he had been summoned and he ha inished before I heard and nicely furnished, but not a the morning. They are, therefore, put the river buoys are left through wintithe bell, and presently South-Sea curio or mative weapon in a large cellar, lit only by electric ter. Spar buoys, gas buoys and bell was to be seen in it. Then we follight. In the dark they go to sleep, buoys, ranged along now like great lowed him, to the corresponding but directly the light is turned on red tops numbed by the cold to sleep. they wake up and breakfast. This process is repeated time after time. Then, they put off in the boatsthree open boats-that are sleds as well, with runners on the flat bottoms der the delusion, that morning has and ends turned up in an easy slant. derived once more, breakfast over and so that when the broken see gets too over again. They have been known thick for paddling they may be haulto do so six times in the afternoon. method of transit is practiced on the St. Lawrence by those who dare, durriver is no longer open, nor yet frozen into a solid ice bridge, but partly open

but the cick, and they are rarely taken. Not that the pilots would mind paddling other men across, but the ther men would almost cartainly freeze if they sat still. There is no. safety against the blasts that sweep this river, when the glass says twenty:

below, but in vigorous exprison, ceaseless exertion.

FIGHTING THE ICE-FLOES So there they go through the choked river swinging their raddles lustily, every pilot of them, hears nodding under black astrachan caps shoulthey strike the first solid place, and the men forward climb out carefully and heave up the boat's nose a couple of feet to go if the ice holds under

they stop and swing their arms Already the p tiless wind is piting, through their furs. And think of that poor woman.

Presently they reach an open some dozen words across, and all but ome takes places in the boat, the sterp man standing behind on the mush: off and then, with nicely effort springs aboard himself as he gives the last impulse that shoots her into the river

From the open space they paddle into a jam of grinding ice blocks that hold hard against them butil starcely chough to bear the sledges. They must work through somehow, poling and fending, to youder heaped up ledge, whele up they go again on a great rough raft of ice that will fore they get across, and drift them a quarter of a mile or so up stream while they are doing it.

DECREASE OF POPULATION IN INDIA IS 4.2 PER CENT.

Brittsh India Grews in Population While Native States Become Depop lated-Statistics by Provinces.

The rough results of the third general census of India taken or night of March have been pull shed with wonderful premptitude. The full totals, were published a fortight Then one man told what the ice did after the enumeration and they show to a sailing vessel he was taking that the population of India, including native States and territory enlate, He had got out of his course umerated for the first time had indo know anything of them. I only one night in the dangerous ways off creased from 287,317,048, as estimatwant you to carry your memory back Crane Island and finally dropped anas far as yesterday, and to answer me
chor to hold her against the crush
the few simple questions I may ask of ice. But the anchor snapped like a shoe string under the tremendous ated for the first time the increase is "I will answer them to the best of pressure and they were borne along reduced to 4,283,069, or 1.49 pc. cent. on a glacier field until they struck That is a great decline from the 11.2 Well, in the first place, may i ask on a peef-just what he had feared. per cept. in the previous decennial

its way right through the schooner's tion of 4.34 per cent. in the populaold lady replied after a moment's the river poured in, and down they consideration.

"Do you remember seeing a number of men leave the house during to scramble over the floe as best they did has risen by 4.44 per cent, and the afternoon?"

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stern ripping ner wide open, so that the of increase for the floe as best they did has risen by 4.44 per cent, and the afternoon?"

to scramble over the floe as best they did has risen by 4.44 per cent, and the afternoon?"

the afternoon?" small rate of increase for Indigraps At this the others, taking up this whole is unexpected and is at hibut. English than the rest, "just putting computation no less than 5,000,00 61 f from this very place—" their inhabitants. The Bombay Trash nothing," interrupted the Presidency records a necrease of 197. on the other hand, shows an increase then he mumbled to himself and doz. of 8,500,000. Madras an increase of 2,500,000, and the Punjab and Burma an increase of 1,500,000 each. The an increase of 1,500,000 each.

> BRITISH INDIA. Berar... Bombay..... Central Provinces!. Coorg..... Oudh:.... ..... Plinjab..... Baluchistan.....

Total British India ..... NATIVE STATES.

Hyderabad... ...... Baroda... 1,950,927 Mysore..... ...... 5.538 482 Kashmir..... 2.906 173 Rajputana..... 9.841 032 Central India. 8.501 883 Bombay States ..... Madras States..... Central Province States ..... Bengal States..... Northwest Province States Punjab States.....

Total, Native States .... Total, all India..... The Viceroy of Ind a toward end of last year, estimated that the total mortality through the faming of 1899-1900 would amount to about 750, It is almost certain that this reaching down, and collars reaching Many experts are of the opinion that at least double that number died di-

> ALL HE WANTED, 3 Superintendent of a German pini

Convict: I am glad to hear it. I hope that from now on you will

You may be sure I will. Are you sure that you will not Never again will I be up to

The released convict hesitates. Superintendent; Why don't

## CAMP AND

NAVAL AND MILITARY NEWS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Condensed Paragraphs of Interest to Both Billitary and Civilian - How Tommy

Atkins Pares in Different Countries. The War Office has intimated that direct appointments to commissions in the regular army of members of volunteer corps and others have ceased to be made.

The Lords of the Admiralty have awarded to Capt. H. J. May the Good Service pension of £150 a year vacant by the promotion to Rear-Admiral of Capt. P. B. M. Davies.

Captain John Barlow, of Bury, who on so many previous occasions' has generously endowed the Bisley prize list, will again give a prize of £2500 for the encouragement of young shots. Lady Sladen, who has been very anxious about her son, Lieutenant,

missing two months ago, has received the good hows that he has been released by the Boers at Wolmaranstad. Mr. E. A. de Ridder, Devenport Dockyard; has been confirmed in the appointment as naval afore officer. The appointment carries with it a salary of £550, rising by £20 a year

Sladen, Ath Beds, who was reported

to £750, and official residence in the dockvard. It has been decided that the pena ioned carpenters in the Steam Re serve at Portsmouth are to be placed. on the same footing in respect to pay as those employed in the Fleet Reerve. By this an increase of 1s. por

day will accrue. One British regiment has been in mourning for more than a century. This is the old 47th the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. The officers wear black blended with the gold braid in memory of General Wolfe, who was killed at Quebec..

By a royal warrant dated March the pay of the Commander-in-Chief is raised from £4,500 to £5,000 per annum while from December 1 of last year a Field Marshal on vacating the Commander-in-Chiefship is to receive half-pay at the rate of £2,000

The firm of Carl Zeiss, of Jena, has shipped a large number of field glasses for the army in India and in exactly the same type as those sup-

Lord Frederick Blackwood's wound s said to be even more serious than t was at lirst supposed. He was wounded in an engagement in Cape Colony about six weeks ago. He had left the shelter of a rock to attend to one of his wounded men, who had been hat a few yards off; and in returning he was struck a little above tho waist by a bullet, which passed brough his body between the spine and the other vital organs, but, unfortunately, perforated the base of

he lung. General Ian Hamilton, who was recently reported to have in a speech recommended that our Boer prisoners began a tall man, who spoke better estimated to have lost at the lowest should be set to work on the Canadian Pacific Railway, writes that the remarks made by him-at the Authors's Club were never intended to travel beyond its walls, and that they have been unintentionally misrepresented. What he did say was, that if our Boer prisoners had been sent to Canada and encamped along the Pacific Railway! most of them would have been only. too glad to accept parole and employ hemselves at suitable wages on the adjacent farms.

The following are the names of the old warships sold out of the British 74,713 020 navy last year, with the amounts re-2,772 418 ceived for each; Acorn, sloop, £4,500; Alecto, gumboat, £1,000; Azov, brig, £225; Carysfort, corvette, £7,445; Conquest, corvette, £8,345; Constance, corvette, £8,035; Clarence, line-of-battleship, £5,000; Grampian, screw battleship, £2,950; Minx, gunboat, £525; Moorhen, gunboat, £1,651; Prince Albert, turret ship, £7,025; Royalist, brig, £155 Shannon, armoured eruiser. £10,104; Torpedo boat No. 9; firstclass; £51; Torpedo boat No. 19, firstclass, £39.

THAT SETTLED IT.

The man who did odd jobs in certain country school gave up his place the other day. When asked! what was his reason, he said: I'm bonest, and I won't stard being suspected. If I find a pencil of handkerchief about the school when I'm sweeping, I give it up. Every now 1,223 160 and again, however, the teacher, or someone who as too cowardly to face me, will put a sfur upon me. Why, a little while ago I saw wrote on the board, Nad the least common multiple. Well, I looked from cellar, to garret for that multiple, and I wouldn't know the thing if I met it. Last night, in big writing on the blackboard; it said, Find the greatest common divisor. Well, I says both of them things are lost now, and I'll be accused of stealing 'em. So I'm

COST OF ARTIFICIAL MAN.

A doctor has calculated how much it would cost to make an artificial man He estimates, we learn from the "Bri tish Medical Journal," that a pair of arms cost £18, or, with the hands articulated, about £35, a pair of legs also articulated cost about £28; a Talse nose in metal from £16 to £20. For £20 he believes that he would get a pair of cars just like Nature's handiwork, fitted with artificial car drums and resonators. A complete set of teeth, with palate in platinum, costs from £8 for (18, and for a good pair on of artificial ages about £6 would thave to be paid. Thus the total costs of restoring a battered veteran whe has lost most of his separable parte

THERE ARE OTHERS.

He would never have become so addicted to drink if it hadn't been for

nd the birds, always labouring un-

ed in any police unpleasantness."

"By the way," said the Inspector Why, what trouble did he have! The first rule of the boats is that Ain't you going to give me back my of restoring a battere suddenly, "have you any idea who He had trouble in keeping away every man lay hand to a paddle and dark lantern, and my jemmy, and he has lost most of his work. There are no passengers here rest of my professional implemental would be about £120.

ne certain weeks of winter when the

tentiary to convict: Your term of im prisonment expires to-day. lead an honest, upright life.

turn to your evil ways? thing crooked. You can go now.