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## J. S. SKINNER, Secretary.

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Partially Destroyed by Fire. OWEN SORNER, Oct. 12.—The Owen Sorner house was partially destroyed by fire early this morning. The fire started in the pattern department in the second story. Most of the patterns were destroyed, together with a part of the roof. Loss about \$1,000; insured.

## GATACRE IS BLAMED.

Not Fit to Command in South Africa.

## LORD DURHAM'S BAD TASTE

THE BRITISH PRESS IS WAITING FOR NEWS.

Before It Will Criticize the General, or Badly Severely Discommiserate to General Methuen's Guns held to the greater Honor Than the Boers'—Boers Will Not Go Back to the Aid of the Boers.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The worst coast to South Africa is interrupted, and the only communication is by way of the sea. This fact must be assumed to be the main reason for the Boers' present position.

All the accounts of the reverse emanate abruptly at a point where interest continues, and nobody knows how the British troops were apparently so easily captured.

The war office seems to be as much in the dark as the public. The only information in the public hand is a most plausible suggestion, based on a statement made by the Boers, that the Boers were so completely surprised at a point where interest continues, and nobody knows how the British troops were apparently so easily captured.

As a lieutenant yesterday Lord Durham formerly a lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, said that Gen. Gatacre had overworked his troops in the Sudan and that he was not fit to have a command in South Africa. He also said he blamed the war office for the disaster to the British forces in the attack on Stormberg, as the officials know the opinions of the officers who had served under Gen. Gatacre.

Lord Durham's hasty tirade is condemned as being in the worst taste, but the fact seems undeniable that Gen. Gatacre, who personally is most energetic, is an excellent commander. The Morning Post's military critic says: "The one anxiety of those who were of his iron energy was that, with an independent command, he might work his men too hard. Further details must be awaited, however, before deciding that he has done so."

Fear is expressed that the depletion of his force will compel him to fall back on Johannesburg, a step which would doubtless have a deplorable political effect.

The unofficial reports from Modder river, indicating that Gen. Methuen's artillery is of longer range than that of the Boers, are received here with welcome relief, after the constant experience of Boer superiority in this respect elsewhere. The fact, if fact it be, will obviously be of direct importance in the event of a direct attack on the tremendously strong positions at Stormberg and Magerfontein.

Native rangers report that three thousand Boers are in the nearest kopjes and that eight thousand are strongly placed near Sholto Nek. The railway between here and Spynontein is seriously damaged. There was great activity at the station here and yesterday they attended church services.

A battery of artillery, a squadron of Lancs and part of the battalion of Argyll Highlanders went south to reinforce the rear guard which had an engagement with a thousand Boers who had returned to their old position at that post. It is not known whether the Boers came from Griqualand or were a Free State command.

Boers captured at Renin say that the burghers are greatly in need of stores for both men and horses. The captured horses have a starved appearance and are much galled. Everything here points to an early forward movement.

A report from Pretoria that commandant Cronje had captured fifty of Gen. Methuen's men is not confirmed from the English side. The only fighting that was recorded Sunday between the western column and the Boers was a lyditic and shrapnel long range bombardment by the British naval brigade and howitzers.

The positions at Kimberley on December 7th and at Mafeking on November 28th, when they last reported, were unaltered. The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News says: "It is feared here that Gen. Gatacre's repulse will have a bad effect on wavering Dutch colonists. It is felt that it was a great mistake to abandon Stormberg, which, owing to its position, is almost impregnable."

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

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 8.—(Delayed in transmission.)—President Steyn has written stating that the Orange Free State forces operating against Lord Methuen had thirty eight medical officers, and that now only two are left, and asking an explanation. A reply was sent to him stating that five republican medical officers had been found with wounded Boer prisoners. Permission had been given to those to return to their own lines, but only three availed themselves of the opportunity, the others refusing to leave.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The National Zeitung claims to have received from a trustworthy source the following list of Boer artillery: Eight 75 calibre Krapps; sixteen 75 calibre Maxim; eight or nine Maxim; four 120 Olinde howitzers; four modern 150 Krapp mountain guns; four 155 Krapp, making a total, with odd pieces, of eighty or ninety. The Boers have purchased in recent years twenty five million cartridges, 40,000 Martini rifles, and a large number of Mannlicher rifles.

Messrs of Synthesis.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A special cable from London says the princess of Wales, through the columns of a woman's weekly newspaper sends a message of sympathy to the women of England. The princess's words are: "My heart bleeds for the poor widows and fatherless who have been left a great gloom in the habit of their loved ones and mothers. May God help and comfort them in their saddest hour."

## NEWS OF THE WORLD.

What Comes To Us From All Quarters.

## CONDENSED PARAGRAPHS.

TELEGRAMS FROM THE EARTH'S FOUR QUARTERS GIVEN.

Little Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Every-thing Slightly Stated and Remembered by the Dear Public.

The British army in Africa is short of beef. The Walland canal will remain open until Thursday next. The principal agricultural product of South Africa is Kaffir corn and mealies. The National cycle and automobile company will establish the works at Hamilton. D. F. McWatt, Barris, has been appointed senior judge of Lambton county. The local bye-elections in South Ontario, East Elgin, West Elgin and South Brant take place today. W. J. King has been appointed assistant manager of the Canadian bank of Commerce, Montreal. It has been discovered that most of the ammunition issued by the Boers is of German and French make. The name of Hon. James McShane is prominently to the front in connection with the Montreal mayoralty. Mr. McShane, Montreal, has gone to Sum-merdale, P.E.I., to take charge of a branch of the bank of Nova Scotia. Tottenham carried yesterday a by-law to make a loan to the promoters of the furniture factory in that village. The Baldwin locomotive works are turning out four locomotives per day. They have just shipped ten engines to Algiers for the French government. Mrs. E. W. Bloomfield, N.J., affected with paralysis, has been cured, after the injection of 700 drops of goat's lymph in two to ten drop doses. The Elder Dempster SS. Merrimac, now forty seven days out from Quebec bound for Belfast, has been posted at Lloyds as "lost." How crew comprised forty-five men. During the performance in a theatre at Meron, capital of the Spanish province of Saragosa, a bomb exploded and set fire to the theatre, which was destroyed. No one was hurt. Joseph K. Emmett, the actor, has filed a petition in the bankruptcy court with liabilities at \$17,500 and no assets except his clothing, valued at \$1,000, which is exempt in law. A Royal fire destroyed the residence of constable Saunders, near the mounted police barracks. Mrs. Saunders and a baby in arms escaped, but her three little boys were burned to death. Jim Popp, Toronto, Canadian light-weight champion, and Spike Sullivan, an American with a long and creditable career in the ring, will meet at Buffalo on the 15th inst. at 133 pounds. A body believed to be one of the crew of the steamer Niagara was found near Port Mulland and a bottle was picked up on the shore near Port Colborne, containing a farewell message from Capt. McGilroy. John W. Darr, an Oregon boy, was killed on the Chile river in the Philippines. Dean was a member of the 21st infantry and was shot by a Filipino bullet. His father and mother reside at Geneva, N.Y. A number of members of "The Sign of The Cross" company and other passengers of the steamer Scotsman wrecked last September, have instituted actions against the Dominion line for compensation for loss of effects as well as for damages. It is reported that the McLaughlin carriage company, recently burned out at Oshawa, is negotiating with the Hamilton authorities and may move there. The cheap power furnished by the Cataract power company seems to be an important factor in these negotiations. All butchers and grocers having old margarine in their possession in the state of New York are liable to five years' imprisonment. Several Troy, N.Y., butchers will be sent to Auburn, N.Y., in prison for two years for passing the article off for butter, although the judge remarked that any person who purchased the article deserved to be punished. At Montreal judge Choquet acquitted Edward C. Perkins and Mrs. James Mann, the former tenant and the latter proprietress of the Webster house, who were charged with manslaughter in connection with the deaths which occurred at a fire at that hotel. His honor said the building inspector endorsed or ratified the proprietor or tenant of the hotel to provide fire escapes. HUGH JOHN IS SILENT. Nothing Authoritative About the Next Manitoba Cabinet. WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 12.—Premier Greenway, Hugh John Macdonald and poll officers, generally are not saying anything for publication as to the future intention until after the Dauphin and Gimel elections on Thursday and Friday. It is now known that Greenway is anxious to hand over the reins of office just as soon as possible. Any talk regarding Hugh John's cabinet is empty speculation. His success in the bye elections depends greatly on the material he selects. He has very little to choose from the members. Dauphin and Gimel are doubtful. ASPHYXIATED BY GAS. An Old Gentleman From Whiteby in a Death-Like State. TORONTO, Dec. 12.—Henry Gould, cattle dealer, Whiteby, Ont., seventy five years old, married and having a grown up family, was shown to a room in the Bull's Head hotel about 1:20 this morning by J. Reer, Jr., son of the proprietor of the hotel. About six o'clock Gould was found in his room unconscious from gas, the jet in the room being turned on. Drs. McRobison and Leanning are still working hard to bring him to, but little hopes are felt for his recovery. Hardly a spark of life is left. Gould died about 12:15 o'clock without having regained consciousness. A Sick Trick. The biograph last night was heartily applauded, even occurred. To-night and to-morrow afternoon at 4:30. Adults, 25c; children, 15c.

## GATACRE'S REVERSE.

The Details Of It Have Been Received by War Office.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The war office has received the following from Gen. Froster Walker, from Cape Town, December 11th. Gatacre's report: "The idea to attack Stormberg seemed to promise certain success, but the distance was underestimated by myself and the local guides. A policeman took us around some miles, consequently we were marching from 9:30 p.m. till 4 a.m., and were landed in an impossible position. I do not consider the error intentional. The Boers commenced firing from the top of an unscalable hill and wounded a good many of our men while on the open plain. The 3rd Northumberland tried to turn, but the enemy held a kopje near a garden bed, supported by the mounted infantry and Cape police. The guns under Jeffrey could not have been better handled. But I regret to say that one gun was overturned in a deep nullah and another sank in quicksand. Neither could be extracted in time to be available. "Seeing the situation I sent a despatch rider to Methuen with the news and collected and withdrew our force from ridge to ridge, for about nine miles. The Boer guns were remarkably well served. They carried accurately 5,000 yards. I am holding Bushman's Hook and Cyperberg. Am sending the Irish rifle and Northumberland to Sterksdrom to reorganize. The wounded proceeded to Queenstown. The missing Northumberlands number 368, not 308 as previously reported." The above despatch seems to indicate that Gatacre has fallen back from Modder river.

What They Were After. A strange item of news reached here from Boer sources announcing that the Weebank bridge was damaged. This was taken in some quarters as a possible confirmation of the suggestion that the British had made a wide sweep by way of Neepmakar and were preparing to take the Boers north of Ladyenith in the rear. Ready for Attacks. LONDON, Dec. 12.—The almost complete absence of news from the theatre of war up to 9:30 p.m. increased the public curiosity so deeply stirred by Gatacre's disaster. Such scanty messages as dribbled through seemed to indicate that preparations were about completed for simultaneous attacks of Tugela river and Modder river. The despatches showed that the British and the Boers were in touch in both directions on Monday. Now there is confirmation of the reports of another day's long battle along the Modder river on Monday. 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