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PICTON, Ont., Dec. 31.—A grand send-off was accorded the three volunteers who will go from this town with the second contingent to South Africa. The Bijou opera house was crowded to the doors and eight loyal speeches were made by Wellington Boulter, G. O. Alcorn, Q.C.; H. B. Bristol, J. W. Conger, L. A. Wright, James Worrell, P. C. McNee, W. V. Pettitt, M.P., Alva Carscallen, W. H. Williamson, A. M. Terrill and others. The county council presented each of the volunteers with $50, and a subscription was started to raise money to insure each of their lives. The following are the volunteers: Frederick Peke, John Davenport and Frederick Guest.

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THE WAR SITUATION.

There is now a close reading of the war news. A clash of arms is daily expected, and it will be a fight to a finish so far as Buller and those who are opposing him are concerned. Across the Tugela river, and strongly entrenched, are now over 30,000 troops.

These are not all Boers. Thousands of them are mercenaries, educated or trained soldiers, who are not attached to any army corps, and are out for the money they can make by service. It is to these the Boers are looking for the strategy that has helped them so far, and for the big gun and artillery work that has been more or less effective. Mercenaries though they are, they have been fighting well, and helping to prolong the campaign, which, from a monetary point of view, is just what they want.

Gen. Buller is evidently preparing for another advance on Ladysmith. He has been marking time, but only that he may acquire the strength necessary and the information to make his attack successful. Any day may bring us the news of a deadly collision. Upon the next meeting of the armies depends the fall or release of Ladysmith, and both sides are preparing for it with the greatest care and energy. Some of the colonial troops are Buller's reinforcements, and pending the battle the suspense is very trying.

The besieged towns are in a similar condition. They appear to be well provisioned—how or under what circumstances we cannot imagine. The time for action was very brief and it is a singular fact that, though closed in, the troops are faring well while the besieging forces are suffering, it is said, for the necessaries of life. It needs but a reverse or two to create consternation among the Boers, and send them off to the interior strongholds for a last defence.

It is just possible that the several divisions of the British army may engage the enemy about the same time, and, winning, make way for a speedy termination of the war. Once the Boers are rooted out of their present strongholds they are lost.

THE FIGHT IN TORONTO.

Of all the places in which an exciting time was had with the municipal elections Toronto took the lead. The issues there are large ones. The offices of mayor and aldermen carry with them salaries for the possession of which some men are peculiarly anxious. It was a matter of surprise that E. F. Clarke, M.P., became an aspirant for mayoralty honors. He enjoyed them before, for four years, and discharged his duty well. No abler man filled the civic chair, and the Whig has paid him this compliment in a non political sense. He was a political candidate this year—the choice of the conservative party, or of a section of it, and he accepted of a requisition which, in itself, seemed to guarantee success. He had the World against him, and it afforded a medium for Mr. Macdonald's special appeal to the electorate.

What brought about the result announced by telegraph? Two things. (1) Mr. Clarke is a member of the commons. He has been mayor and member of the legislature. He has, therefore, been the recipient of many favours from the people. He purposed holding his membership in the commons if elected mayor. This would be different from serving in the legislature and council when both meet in Toronto. The people have evidently thought that one office was all he could fill well, and they have voted accordingly. (2) That Mr. Macdonald has been, in the past, "the great defeated." He has been the standing candidate for the mayoralty year after year. He has had his followers who believed he would be a radical reformer if he got the chance. He promised to be active and industrious and economical. He has ability. After turning him down repeatedly the majority have at last seen in him the man for the occasion. The city hall has need of a new broom. Will Mr. Macdonald supply it? The electors think so.

The third candidate, Alderman Hallam, was eminently respectable. For thirty years he had served the people faithfully. He has not been elected because he did not, in old age, seem to have the energy which the place demanded.

THE COUNCIL OF 1900.

If the results of yesterday's polling are any indication the one is a lamentable want of public interest in municipal affairs. The electors generally were not deeply concerned about the elections. Time there were not existing. They were confined to three wards, and even in these it was difficult to get out the votes. It is not a new experience. It is an incident of campaigns in which the mayoralty has been omitted.

Why this should be so is a question no one can understand. The mayor is not the active force in public life which many suppose him to be. He is the first citizen in a representative capacity, and in certain functions is very much in evidence. But in the council, in directing the issues of greatest moment, he has only one vote, and preliminary to the casting of it he has not the influence of some aldermen. Certainly he cannot obtrude his personality into the debates with the freedom of one not occupying his exalted position. It is a mistake, then, to let the ward elections go by default, with little attention, because the chief magistracy is not in the fight. It is important that the aldermen shall be as carefully chosen as the mayor, if not more so, and perhaps there may be occasion to remember this during the year.

The curious spectacle is presented of a tangle in two wards through an equality of votes. The difficulty in St. Lawrence ward is not serious. It affects two persons, only, and if the city clerk be influenced by a rule which prevailed through the long occupancy of office by his predecessor it will be ended by his giving the casting vote for the old member. This will secure Alderman White the seat.

The situation in Rideau ward is more complicated. Here three members have had polled for them the same number of votes, and there is no rule, apparently, nor precedent, for the breaking of this deadlock. It is just possible that there may be a new election, so far as two seats are concerned, and it will be the more exciting inasmuch as more life and energy may be put into the campaign. It is assumed that the contest will be confined to the same three candidates, Messrs. Taylor, McCartney and Dr. Duff. This point cannot be overlooked—that a new man in ward politics, Mr. Knapp, headed the poll. It is significant of something which the old members will, perhaps, best understand. Dr. Duff undoubtedly lost votes through the report that he was going to South Africa and could not serve the people if elected. He does not expect to be absent long, and in recognition of his loyalty, at a time when it is at a premium, he should be elected.

Politically the council is this year conservative, and by a majority which makes it easy for the party to pave its way. It can, if it likes, have a majority on every committee, and it is important that it should, and show what it really can do.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Something dropped in Toronto yesterday.

Mr. Macdonald will be a disturber in Toronto's civic life this year. He must be or become a great disappointment.

McLean, of the World, is happy to-day. He championed Macdonald's cause, and Macdonald is the mayor elect of Toronto.

The labour party made its influence felt in the civic elections yesterday. Now let's see what the aldermen of many pledges are going to do about it!

Capt. Donnelly will lead the government and Capt. Farrell the opposition in the council this year. The army and navy again, under new conditions.

The unlikely thing has happened in Toronto. Ned Clarke has been turned down for good. He is a good man, but he has been too grasping. There is a limit to a man's ambition.

SYDENHAM SIFTINGS.

The Annual Bachelors' Ball—Home for the Holidays.

Sydenham, Jan. 1.—The annual Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Sunday school was held in Wesley hall on Christmas night. It proved an unparalleled success. The children showed careful training and executed their parts admirably. The fancy drill by several of the girls, gorgeously attired, was worthy of special mention. The secretary's report showed that the Sunday school was in a healthy condition. The proceeds amounted to over sixty dollars. Several school teachers from surrounding schools are spending the holidays here. Among them are noticed: Misses Davis, Corkill, G. and C. Wood, Wolfe, Messrs. E. Corkill, F. and N. Harvey, A. Rielly. Among the college students are: R. Lawlor, Frank and Frederick Rielly, E. Lawson and Miss Daisy Caldwell.

A watch night service was held in the Methodist church on New Year's eve. A fair congregation was in attendance. The annual bachelors' ball was held in the town hall on Friday night. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion. The night, though cold, was favorable, and many accepted the invitation of the committee, who spared no pains to entertain their guests. A grand supper was prepared for them in the Union hotel. Among the guests were visitors from Tweed, Brockville, Tamworth, Yarker and Kingston. The Methodists have placed a new organ in their church. It greatly adds to the appearance of the church. The quality of tone is excellent. T. Watson has resigned his position as engineer on this branch of the Bay of Quinte railway. Mr. McQuaig, Deseronto, takes his place. Mr. Watson's departure is sincerely regretted. Stanley Fillion, Ottawa, spent Christmas week with his parents. Miss Gertie Woodruff, who has been on the sick list, is now convalescent. Miss Alice Hobbs has returned from Kingston, suffering with pneumonia. George Rogers, of the Orillia high school staff, spent Christmas with his parents. Thomas Harpell, Ottawa college, is a guest of Miss Gange. Dr. W. Jaquith, Chicago, is at home with his parents.

Caintown Locals

Caintown, Dec. 30.—The entertainment in the Presbyterian church took place on the 22nd, and was considered a splendid affair. Several drills were gone through in fine manner, which reflected credit on the trainer, but the leading feature of the evening was a song by J. McKinnon, entitled "Billy Barlow." The entertainment for the Methodist Sunday school was equally successful, and the church was filled to overflowing. Little Miss Gertrude Forth, of Glen Buell, gave several selections, which brought down the house. Miss Elsie and Master Harley Ferguson gave a couple of duets, which were loudly encored. Several new members are being initiated each night into court Echo, I.O.F. W. G. Connolly is home for the holidays from Albert college, Belleville. Miss Maude Connolly will return with him for the next term at the college. J. A. Ferguson spent Christmas at J. Leeder's. Ernest Tennant, of Syracuse, is home for the holidays. Miss Mattie Hunt has been spending the holidays with her friend, Miss A. Ferguson.

Customs officers at Toronto have seized a number of buttons to be worn on the lapel of the coat bearing the words "Victory to the Boers," in some cases in French and in others in English. The buttons will be destroyed.

The Banque Jacques Cartier, which got into trouble when the suspension of the Banque Ville Marie caused a run on other banks in Montreal, proposes changing its name to Banque Du Canada.

The united kingdom is threatened with a coal famine.

THEY HELD THEM AT BAY.

Thirty Scouts Beat Off the Repeated Attacks—Relief Came In Morning.

Cape Town, Jan. 1.—A despatch to the Cape Town Times from Sterkstroom, dated yesterday, says: "One hundred and twenty men of Brabant's horse, under Capt. Montmorency, while reconnoitering eight miles from Dordrecht to-day, were engaged by a party of Boers. The Boers were reinforced and the English fell back to a stronger position. Lieuts. Ford and Turner, with twenty-seven men, were cut off from the main body. Lieut. Warren had been wounded, and his men refused to leave him. They succeeded in occupying a donga. These thirty scouts beat off the repeated attacks of the Boers during the night and held them at bay until they were relieved by Capt. Goldsworthy and 100 men of the Cape Town mounted rifles, who rode up with two guns and drove the Boers helter-skelter over the hills. The Boers had eight killed and twenty wounded. The British casualties were two wounded and three missing. The missing are expected to turn up, however."

Outbreak of Disaffected.

London, Jan. 2.—Rumors of serious importance come from Cape Town, indicating an outbreak of Dutch disaffection in the neighborhood of city. There is talk of an imminent rising of the Dutch Afrikanders, with the object of seizing Cape Town and the docks and capturing governor Milner. The centre of the rebel operations is said to be Paarl, a village thirty miles from Cape Town, a notorious centre of disaffection. According to the Standard's correspondent precautions are being taken by the military and police.

Another correspondent records meetings of Afrikander bund at Richmond on Dec. 28th, and at Paarl on Dec. 30th. The members of the bund in these places are acting in concert with those at Wellington.

A Peep at Colenso.

Frere Camp, Natal, Jan. 1 (7 p.m.)—Heavy firing was heard in the direction of Ladysmith at midnight, perhaps an exchange of New Year greetings by the British and the Boers.

Fifty picked shots from Thorneycroft's command, under Capt. Mann, and guided by Capt. Gough, approached to within 500 yards of the river to-day at an angle from which Colenso could be seen from the rear. The British advanced under cover of a donga, and commenced firing at a range of 1,000 yards. They drew the fire of the Boers, who wasted about 10,000 rounds of Maxim, Hotchkiss and rifle ammunition. The British sustained no losses.

A picket of the South African horse surprised eight Boers on the Weenen side of the river, near Langaaus. Three of the Boers were killed before the enemy were reinforced by a body of 500 of their countrymen, whereupon the few British withdrew.

The Inactivity is Wearisome.

Modder River, Dec. 31.—An artillery duel at long range, which caused no damage to either side, has been the only firing since last Wednesday night. On that occasion the Boers kept up a purposeless fire for several hours. It is believed that they were misled by the extinction of British searchlight into believing that a night attack was contemplated.

Three native runners started this afternoon from Modder River headquarters for Kimberley. They carried despatches for the commander there.

The inactivity here is very wearisome. The outworks that have been thrown up cover an enormous area, and extend toward Enslin.

Lord Methuen has ordered a large marble headstone, which is to be erected in the burial ground near headquarters. It will be inscribed with the words, "Erected to the memory of the officers and men who fell at Magersfontein." The burial ground has now been fenced in.

It is reported that Gen. Cronje has signed the death warrant of a Free Stater who had been commandeered, and who was arrested while trekking homeward.

War Tidings.

Correspondent Lynch, captured by the Boers outside of Ladysmith, has arrived at Lorenzo Marques. His captors apparently released him.

Hereafter Boer prisoners will be sent to Simonstown instead of St. Helena.

The White Star line steamer Majestic, which left Liverpool on Dec. 13th with 2,000 troops, arrived at Cape Town on Sunday.

It is reported at Lorenzo Marques that the contraband of war on the German steamer Bundsrath, recently seized by the British, included 7,000 saddles for the Boers.

The Johannesburg commando has reorganized in consequence of its heavy losses. Three hundred men of this commando were sent to reinforce commandant Cronje at Magersfontein.

Three stowaways were found on board the SS. Sardinian, who turned out to be deserters from the battery at Quebec.

The Transvaal is abundantly supplied with ammunition. Mauser cartridges are being manufactured at Pretoria.

There are twenty cases of enteric fever in the hospital at Modder River. Among the patients are some of the troops who were inoculated against the disease on the voyage out from England.

BY A LARGE MAJORITY.

T. G. Carscallen Becomes Mayor of Napanee—Other Tidings.

Napanee, Jan. 2.—The New Year was ushered in with a nice fall of snow, which made sleighing good for the election business; and it was used to the best advantage, too, by the contestants. All day long the handsome rigs, with their wealth of furs, carried loads of admirers to the polls, where they recorded their votes for their favorite men.

The mayor, T. G. Carscallen, rolled up the largest majority (176) of any mayor for a number of years. The following compose the council for 1900: Mayor, T. G. Carscallen; councillors, J. Carson, E. S. Lapum, J. Lowry, R. A. Leonard, G. F. Ruttan.

James Smart, of Deloraine, Man., is visiting relatives in this vicinity. Mr. Smart has been for seventeen years in the prairie province and has, like many other Canadians, prospered in his western home.

Miss Janet Templeton has been appointed organist of the Presbyterian church.

The curlers were noticed yesterday afternoon with their "sweeps" wending their way to the rink for their New Year's curl.

Hamilton ratepayers carried a by-law for the permanent improvement of the roads at an estimated cost of $150,000, and for the adoption of the public parks act of Ontario.

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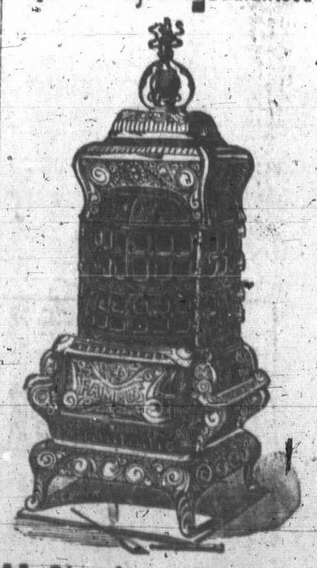

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