

A FIGHT AT PAARDEBERG MARCONI'S MOVEMENTS.

Attacked a Convoy of Two Hundred Men, Under Badenhorst.

LONDON, December 16.—Paardeberg again appears as the scene of fighting. A despatch from Bloemfontein says that on the night of the 26th of November Maj. Pack-Beresford, with 200 of the South African Constabulary, marched to Wastebosch, west of Balfontein, and surrounded the place, where the enemy had formed a laager, trekked but during the night, Major Pack-Beresford pursued the Boers for several miles northwards and finally came up with and attacked a convoy escorted by 200 men under Badenhorst at Paardeberg. The Boers lost one man wounded, four men taken prisoners, 60 horses and a number of cattle and wagons, while Major Pack-Beresford had two men wounded and four horses killed. Most of the laager belongs to Bester, who was present at the fight.

Two days previously this British force had sighted the convoy, and after a hard gallop of seven miles the Constabulary overtook the enemy at Martinsrust, on the Vet River, and captured 7 Boers, 170 horses, a number of cattle and carts and a quantity of grain.

TREATMENT OF WOUNDED.

EFFORTS OF BOER LEADERS TO STOP CRUELITIES.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—In connection with the charge of cruelty to the wounded at Brakenlaagte the Times publishes a letter to a friend in England from an officer who took part in the fighting. The letter says: "It is my interest you to know that Commandant Grobelaar sent the following letter to Col. Benson with regard to the stripping of some of our wounded by the Boers on the 25th: To my utmost dis-

pleasure, I had to see to-day that the Burgers had undressed your wounded soldiers. It is without my order; I am trying to find the culprits out and punish them to the utmost. It was done without the orders of any of the officers or leaders."

A war correspondent, writing from Pretoria on Nov. 8, says that the Boers behaved with considerable cruelty to the prisoners taken at Brakenlaagte, and also to the wounded. One Boer had collected about 20 water bottles and when a British officer asked him for one so that he might carry water to the wounded, he replied, "I'll teach you—Englishman! You can die of thirst." Others looted the dead and wounded. To their credit, however, Louis Botha, Britz, Cris Botha and Grobelaar took measures to prevent this, and used their sjamboks freely. Grobelaar made a number of the offenders march round in a circle for several hours—a sort of Boer pack drill.

The reports of the officers commanding at Forts Itala and Prospect are appended to the despatch from Lord Kitchener, published by the War Office. In the report Colonel Chapman states that "the Boers shot harmless natives and stripped and robbed the dead and wounded." But in a postscript to his report Major Chapman says: "Lieutenant Fielding, Royal Army Medical Corps, reports that nothing could exceed the kindness and courtesy of General Chris. Botha to the wounded; it was only his presence and influence which restrained the burghers from robbing the wounded, and on several occasions he struck burghers for trying to do so. It will be remembered that Lieutenant Fielding was detained by the Boers to look after their wounded."

He Will Select a Site and Will Probably Establish a Wireless Station at Canso.

St. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 16.—The Marconi wireless telegraphy company, of London,



HARBOR OF ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.

and the Anglo-American Cable Company also, in London, have opened negotiations for settlement of the difficulty between them arising from Mr. Marconi's work here.

In the meantime, as it is important that Marconi's operations be expedited he will

resume his experiments here and will leave next Sunday for Nova Scotia where, in the event of the failure of the present negotiation he will select another site for a wireless telegraphy station. The inventor's work in Nova Scotia will occupy about a week. He then leaves for London via Halifax.

Marconi expects that the negotiations between the two companies will be satisfactorily terminated before he reaches England. In this case he will make his preparations for the erection of a wireless telegraph station at St. John's or Canso, N. S. If Nova Scotia is selected the station will probably be erected next spring.

The local press criticizes the action of the Anglo-American Cable Co., and expresses its regret at such proceedings which, it says, are likely to jeopardize the chance of the colony to secure a wireless telegraphy station.

A PENCIL CAUSES DEATH.

James Moore's Wrist Pierced by Head of Pencil Point and Gangrene Followed.

Three weeks ago James H. Moore, proprietor of the creamery, at Vassar, Michigan, a highly respected citizen of this place, met with an apparently slight accident at his place of business, which however, was the cause of his losing his life. While attempting to hang up a board upon which was kept the daily receipts of milk, it slipped, and in his endeavor to catch it before falling, pierced his right wrist with the point of a lead pencil held in his left hand. The wound was probably not more than an eighth of an inch deep, but it caused him great pain, and a few days later he went to Saginaw and through the agency of the X-ray unsuccessful in attempting to locate the difficulty. Returning home, physicians were called, but they were unable to give him relief, although one or more operations were performed. His entire arm was badly swollen and apparently lifeless. His physicians say the pencil point struck the median nerve, causing paralysis of the veins, and stopping the return circulation

of the blood, terminated in traumatic gangrene, and consequently death. He passed away at 8.30 a. m. last Sunday morning, at his home on West Huron avenue. Mr. Moore was a man in vigorous health, and it seems almost improbable that so apparently slight an injury should have resulted fatally.

His death will be keenly felt by the business interests of Vassar. Three years ago he located here, and successfully established and operated the Vassar creamery. He enjoyed the confidence of not only the business community, but entire farming country surrounding, from which he secured his milk product. By his fair and honorable dealings, with each succeeding year his business and patrons increased. Through his death, should the creamery be discontinued it would be a severe financial loss to all.

Mrs. James Moore is a native of Cavendish, P. E. I., and a grand daughter of the late Speaker McNeill of that place. (Patriot Please Copy.)

A NOTABLE NEW YEAR ISSUE.

The January Delineator has a rich and inviting table of contents, and attractive features are added to all the existing departments. Ira D. Sankay, the famous evangelist, vividly describes his journey through Egypt and Palestine, and the personality of the author gives to these papers an interest that is truly remarkable. They are illustrated by photographs made by I. Allen Sankay, who accompanied his father. Recent mournful events and the intense public sympathy with Mrs. McKinley make very timely an article on Notable Pensioners of the Nation, in which the annuities paid to certain illustrious ladies are made public for perhaps the first time. Dr. S. R. Elliott begins his series of recollections of a group of women noteworthy for personal character and attainments and Clara E. Laughlin tells with great charm the story of Poe's love and marriage. Some excellent fiction is offered in this number; the children are especially considered and the various miscellaneous articles—the fancy work, cooking, the holiday display, house-furnishing, etc.—have a distinctly seasonable flavor.

PRICE OF SUGAR REDUCED.

New York, December 17.—Arbuckle Brothers and the National Sugar Refining Company have reduced the price of refined sugar ten points.

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RAILWAY NEWS.

(Railroad Gazette.)

An official report of the traffic on the Siberian Railway has been published, by which it appears that the freight shipments on it were 778,213 tons in 1900, against 716,237 in 1899. The principal freight was grain, of which 310,846 tons were shipped. Of the total grain shipped 13 per cent went to Baltic ports, 3 per cent to Archangel, 13 to European Russia, 20 to the Ural district (the country bordering European Russia, where mines abound), and 38 per cent went to places in Siberia itself. This grain was shipped chiefly from stations on the western 200 miles of the road. Wheat formed 10 per cent of the grain shipments and more than nine-tenths of this came from the 200 miles named—about as far across as Iowa. Live stock shipments were insignificant—5,642 horses, 9705 cattle, but 21,519 tons of butter, and 44,856 tons of tallow were carried. The shipments of tea were 28,602 tons. The coal shipments were only 22,302 tons. As the enumerated articles altogether make but 570,000 tons, we may assume that the largest part of the other 300,000 consisted of materials for the extension of the railway.

The last Paris World's Fair brought this trade, a vast traffic to the French railways, but apparently no profit. The Economiste Francais has been studying the subject, and finds that while the French railways carried 400,000,000 of passengers in 1900, against 399,000,000 the year before, and earned gross 94,000,000 francs, extensive and costly preparations had been made for the exhibition traffic; and the speed of trains on most of the lines was greatly increased, and this, together with the general rise in prices of material, in 1899 and 1900, accounts for the increase in expenses. This has not been so in previous world's fair years. In 1897 the railways carried 14,000,000 (17 percent) more passengers than 1896; earned 90,000,000 more gross and 25,000,000 more net. In 1878 the increase in passengers was also 14,000,000 (10 per cent), the increase in earnings 70,000,000 gross and 40,000,000 net. In 1888, with an increase of 20,500,000 (9 percent) in passengers, gross earnings increased 78,000,000 and net 48,000,000. Three of the great French railway companies in 1900 had their net earnings reduced by the exhibition traffic. The amount therefore for traffic, however, was unprecedented. The arrivals and departures at the Paris stations during the exhibition were 92,100,000 in 1900 (seven months) and 13,505,000 more than the year before. In 1889 (six months) they were 57,500,000 and 19,000,000 more than in 1888; in 1878, 44,300,000 and 5,900,000 more than in 1877. Thus the travel last year was more than double that in 1878; but the railways seem to have gained little but glory from their great performance.

BURGLARS TOOK \$1,350.

OIL SPRINGS, Ont., December 17.—Kersey Bros. store, at Eddy's mills, was burglarized last night. The safe was smashed and \$1,350 stolen.

The Hacking Cough.

One of the meanest things to get rid of is a hacking cough. There is apparently no cause for it. No soreness, no irritation at first; but the involuntary effort of the muscles of the throat to get rid of something is almost constant. Of course, with many coughs is a habit, but it is a bad habit, and should be stopped. When you realize this and try to stop it, you find you can't for by that time there is an actual irritation, which will never get better without treatment.

It is a curious thing that nearly all treatment for cough actually makes the cough worse. Then, too, most medicines for cough have a bad effect on the stomach. This is especially true of so-called cough remedies that contain narcotics. The true treatment for cough is one that soothes the irritated surface. This is what Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam does. It protects the throat also while the healing process is going on. When this remedy was first compounded our old men were young boys, and all this time it has been doing a steady work of healing throats. The most obstinate hacking cough will quickly show the effect of the balsam. People who have been trying for years to break up the mean little cough, will find sure relief in this old time soothing compound made from the barks and gums of trees. All druggists sell Adamson's Botanic Balsam, 25 cents.

COMPLETED NEXT WEEK.

WINNIPEG, December 17.—D. B. Mann, of MacKenzie and Mann, said today that he expected the line between Port Arthur and Winnipeg to be completed next week.

WONDERS OF THE HEART.

All the blood in the human body passes through the heart in about three minutes. The heart beats 70 times a second, 4200 times an hour, 100,000 times a day, throwing out 2 1/2 ounces of blood a second, 656 lbs. an hour, 72 tons a day. It is only when supplied with pure, rich blood that the heart, an organ 6 inches long by 4 wide, can accomplish this enormous amount of work and rebuild its own wasted tissues. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is the most effective treatment available for heart affections because it forms new red corpuscles in the blood and gives to it that sustaining quality which is necessary to the health of every organ.

CONVENTION OPPOSED.

BERLIN, December 17.—The news of the Russo-Persian treaty is received with considerable doubt in official circles here. Such a convention would be quite inconsistent with the existing treaties between Persia and the other countries and especially with one made between Germany and Prussia in 1871.

Get Wise

This Christmas and give your children something they can wear, such as a nice dark Tweed all-wool Suit, we are selling for Xmas Gifts at \$2.75 the Suit.

Or You

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