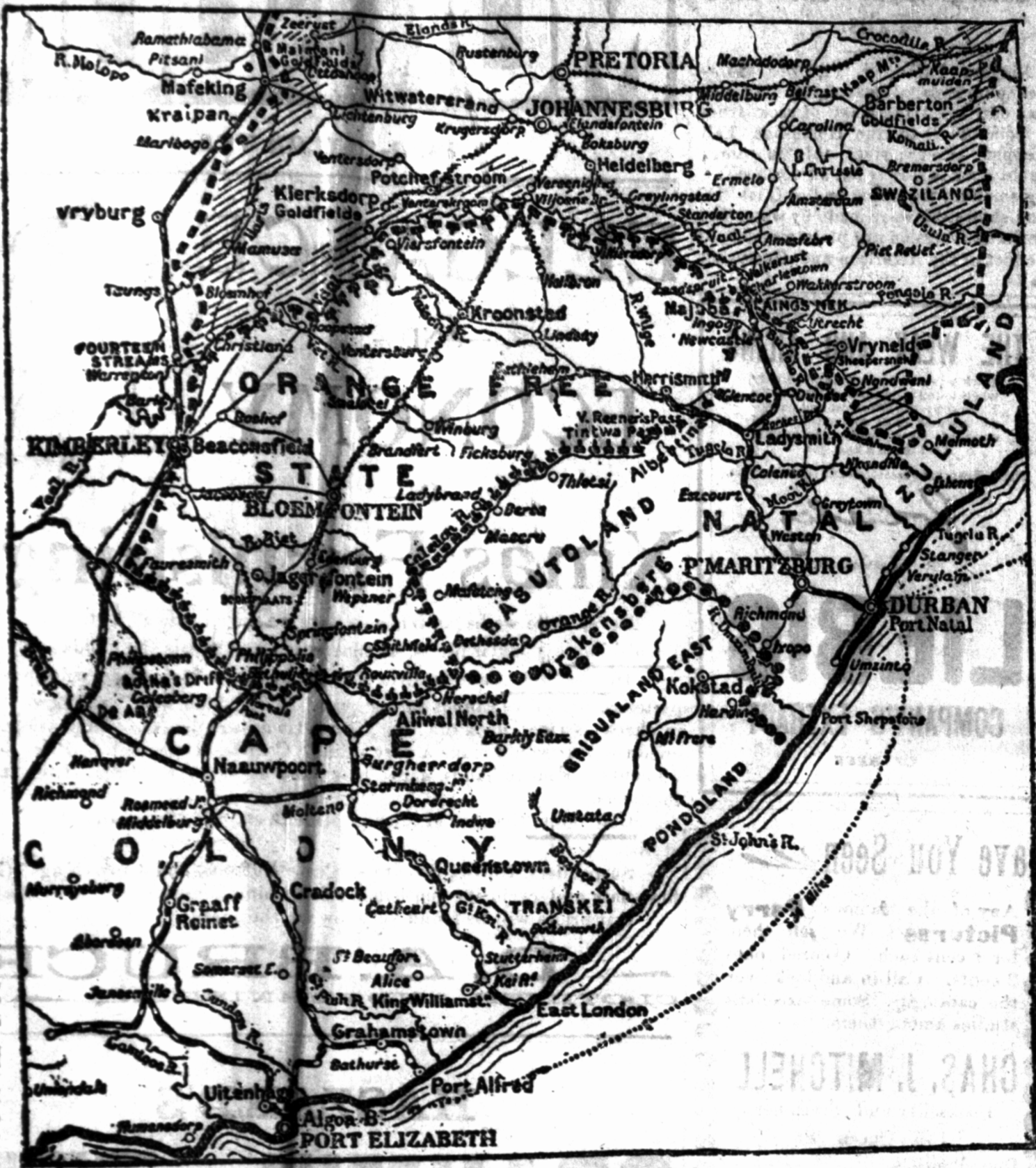


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THE SCENE OF WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Colesburg, the scene of Gen. French's reported victory, will be found on the above map. It is situated on the main line of railway from Port Elizabeth to Bloemfontein. Colesburg is 38 miles north of Naauport Junction, 307 miles from Port Elizabeth, and is 21 miles

from the Orange State at Norval's Point on the Orange River. Bloemfontein is 130 miles by rail from Colesburg. By an air line Gen. Methuen at Modder is about 120 miles distant and slightly west of north from Colesburg. Gen. Gatacre at Serskroon, is about 100

miles southwest of Colesburg. Gen. Buller a Chieveley, Natal is fully 320 miles distant by air line northwest from Gen. Gatacre, and about 330 miles due east from Gen. Methuen at Modder River. It will be seen that the lines of the British advance are quite widely separated.

VICTORY FOR GEN. FRENCH He Surprises the Boers and Captures Colesburg.

FRED. M. McRAE OF POWNAL

Promoted to Charge of Maxim—Buller and Methuen Quiet—Six Boer Spies Found Among the British Forces—Winnipeg Men Get Marching Orders—Messages to Major Weeks.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Advices show that in the skirmish near Dordrecht the Boers had eight killed at about twenty wounded.

GEN. FRENCH'S VICTORY AT COLESBURG.

Gen. French has completely defeated the Boers and occupied Colesburg.

HARASSED THE ENEMY TWO DAYS.

RENSBERG, Cape Colony, Jan. 1.—(Special)—French has completely defeated the Boers and occupied Colesburg.

The General continued to keep the Boers on the move with his cavalry, pressing them closely Saturday and Sunday, giving them no time to make a prolonged stand.

A NIGHT MARCH TO FLANK THEM.

When day broke he was within striking distance.

Last night all the cavalry, artillery and infantry started upon a night march to turn the Boer's right flank and the operations were successful.

A FEIGNED ATTACK IN FRONT.

The infantry and field batteries made a feint attack upon the Boer front and while this was proceeding the cavalry and light artillery got completely around the enemy's flank.

A NEW YEAR'S SURPRISE.

The programme worked without a hitch.

The Boers were utterly surprised and finding their retreat threatened, fled in disorder to the eastward, leaving Colesburg in general confusion.

NO MOVEMENT BY BULLER OR METHUEN.

The news does not indicate any impending movement, either by Buller or Methuen.

The Boer position at Modder River on the left has been somewhat weakened by the well-directed naval guns.

BOER SPIES AMONG THE CAPE CAVALRY.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Some alleged Boer spies have been discovered to have enlisted in the Yeomanry in Taoyayrol. Horse. Six spies were discovered. No steps have been yet taken to punish the alleged spies.

BOER REPORT OF BRITISH LOSS.

Boer sources report the loss of the British in the sortie from Mafeking has been heavy.

WINNIEPEG MEN GET MARCHING ORDERS.

WINNIEPEG, Jan. 1.—(Special)—The Winnipeg Contingent of Artillery men, comprising eighteen men, has received marching orders for South Africa and left this afternoon to join C Battery at Kingstons, whence it proceeds to Halifax.

COL. EVANS RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS.

TORONTO, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Lieut. Col. Evans, second in command of the Mounted Infantry, arrived at Stanley Barracks from the Yukon yesterday and took over his command.

He will go to Ottawa on Wednesday for instructions.

Col. Evans will command the force until its arrival at Cape Town.

MAYOR OF ST. JOHN SENDS MESSAGES.

ST. JOHN, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Mayor Sears today sent this cable to Capt. Weeks, of Canadian Contingent, Belmont, South Africa.

"Success to ours." [Signed.] SEARS. The Mayor also sent greetings to the men through Lord Strathcona.



MAJOR-GENERAL FRENCH (Cavalry). In command at Blandsharpe.

FURNITURE TRUST.

Will Take Over All Canadian Exporting Furniture Factories.

TORONTO, Jan. 1.—(Special)—The British American Furnishing Company (Ltd) has been incorporated with a capital of three millions, to acquire all the export furniture factories in Canada.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

To Be Purchased by the United States for \$4,000,000.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(Special)—The arrangements for the purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States for \$4,000,000 are progressing satisfactorily.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Fair, continued low temperature, light to variable winds, becoming north westerly.

TO CURE A COUGH IN A DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. W. W. Gray's signature on each box.

A NECESSARY BUG.

Blastophaga Fly Eaten Every Day.

A very interesting article in the Scientific American of Dec. 23rd, relating to California fig culture, deals with a fly which is kept embedded in the windows of all our groceries, and is eaten in every home by every "small boy" (of whatever size or gender) every time he eats a fig.

The usefulness of the Blastophaga Fly does not rest upon the fact that an insect remains in every mature fig until both are devoured together,—but it does rest upon the fact that without the existence of the insect, such a dainty fruit as the fig would never have been known. When we consider the enormous quantity of figs grown in Smyrna, almost \$3,000,000 worth of which come yearly to America, we may be surprised and amused to know that the whole industry depends upon the quiet labours of an ugly bug.

The insect with the unwholesome name is hatched and nurtured within the "caprifig," a kind of fruit which has no commercial value whatever, and exists merely to supply the "pollen" with which the mature Blastophaga Fly unconsciously loads itself when it is forcing its way to freedom in the easiest way. On emerging from the "caprifig," the fly keeps on the wing a veritable humming bug until it finds the perfectly crossed blossom of the tree upon which commercial figs are borne. Having found such a sealed blossom, it bites its way into the interior to make its first breakfast upon the nectar, and also leave its stolen load of pollen-dust where (and where alone of all imaginable places) it is needed. But there the fly dies, and like the live insect which is purposely enclosed in every Chinese idol, it gives its trembling life, and leaves its little body in the living tomb.

JEREMIAH S. CLARK.

Bentley's Liniment will cure Croup in a few minutes.

Lost Saturday evening between Gentlemen's Club and Hotel Davies a gold watch, chain and locket. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at Hotel Davies.

Furs have got to "move on" at "My Store"

Jackets will "move on" at "My Store"

OWING to the storm last night the lecture given by the Rev. Edwin Smith was not as largely attended as it should have been. Seldom is Charlotte-town given such a treat as those present enjoyed. Beautiful views by a powerful lantern were given of places of interest in Liverpool, Oxford, Warwick, Windsor Castle, Stratford-on-Avon and Kenilworth. His description of the Queen reviewing and saying good bye to the Household Cavalry was indeed beautiful and pathetic. Should Mr. Smith again visit the city he will be sure of a good audience. Mr. A. B. McKenzie moved, and Mr. J. T. McKenzie seconded the vote of thanks. Mr. D. Schurman was chairman.

NEW HOWN HAY is sweet smelling and a good source of honest profit, but phosphenic from a cough is neither pleasant nor profitable, so insure with 25c. with a bottle of Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam. 25c. all Druggists.

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For winter wear you need good serviceable boots that will keep your feet dry and warm. We manufacture the boots we sell, out of stock tanned with "Long Tan Process" not like the soft spongy stock tanned by the "Quick Process" used by some because it is cheaper. Get the best—Our Own Make. Prices from

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Presbyterian News.

CENTURY FUND.—From P. E. Island we learn that Rev. D. B. Macleod has visited eight congregations, explaining to them the Century Fund movement and organizing them with the object of securing a contribution from every member and adherent. Mr. Macleod was very cordially welcomed wherever he went. Two congregations, Murray Harbor North and Georgetown, were canvassed with the result that the latter already promises \$450, and the former \$400. These are small and comparatively weak congregations, but they are to give more than these sums when all persons are enlisted in the effort. In the other congregations visited a start was made and about \$200 in each was subscribed, and the sessions in each charge will continue the work. Mr. Macleod says:

"The best subscription I received was from a poor blind woman in Cal-

donia. She put her name down for four dollars." Mr. Macleod adds, "The spirit manifested by our people is excellent. I enjoyed my work very much. I never thought so much of our people as I do now. I wish I could visit every Gaelic congregation in our Synod." But Mr. Macleod cannot do this for he has a large congregation in Charlottetown under his care. He will visit early in the New Year the other Gaelic congregations in P. E. Island.

In another portion of P. E. Island Rev. W. H. Spencer, assisted by the Rev. George Miller, has organized four congregations during the last two weeks, receiving subscriptions to the amount of \$32058. From the congregations considerably more will be obtained. The congregation of Clifton, which is still in the enjoyment of the faithful ministry of the Rev. Alex. Stirling, contributed nearly \$1000 to the Common Fund. Four congregations, west of Charlottetown, are to be visited after New Year's. A conservative estimate of the work in this part of the Island leads us to believe the Century Fund will receive \$9,000 from these congregations. The Rev. D. B. Macleod has still seven congregations to visit in the Eastern part of the Province. From his report we estimate that this section of the Presbytery will be good for \$6000. Taking these estimates with those of Charlottetown and Summerside given in the Witness last week, the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island have about \$21,000 in sight.

FROM word just received from Dr. Ralph Brecken, Sackville, Rev. W. E. Johnson of E. P. N. B. has so improved in health the last week that he hopes to be able to perform his regular duties, and therefore Mr. Herbert E. Vossy, teacher of Royalty East, who had received a call to work will not be required at present.

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