

CHURCHILL'S ESCAPE.

Thrilling Account of His Journey From Pretoria.

LORENZO MARQUES, Dec. 22.—Winston Churchill arrived here late last night and left for Durban by the steamer Induna.

LONDON, Dec. 27. Winston Spencer Churchill has called and the Morning Post publishes to-day an account of his escape from captivity with the Boers, after having been taken prisoner in the reconnaissance of an armored train at Estcourt. The despatch, which is dated Lorenzo Marques, Dec. 27, says:



"In the evening I concealed myself in a railway truck under a great pile of sacks. I had a small store of good water. I remained hidden so, shunning discovery. The Boers searched the train at Kamatipoort but did not search deep enough. After sixty hours of misery I came safely, here. I am very weak, but am free. I have lost many pounds in weight, but am light in heart. I shall avail myself of every opportunity henceforth to urge earnestly the unflinching and uncompromising prosecution of the war.

"On the afternoon of December 12, the Transvaal secretary of war, informed me that there was little chance of my release. I therefore resolved to escape and the same night I left the state school prison in Pretoria by climbing the wall when the sentries' backs were turned momentarily. I walked through the streets of the town without

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disguise, meeting many burghers, but was not challenged in the crowd. I got through the pickets of the town guard and struck the Delagoa Bay railroad. I walked along it evading the watchmen at the bridges and culverts, and waited for a train beyond the first station. The 11.30 goods train from Pretoria had arrived before I reached the board and was moving at full speed. I boarded it with great difficulty and hid under coal sacks. I jumped from the train before dawn and was sheltered during the day in a small wood, in company with a huge vulture, who displayed a lively interest in me.

"I walked on at dusk. There were no trains that night. The danger of meeting the guards of the line continued, but I was obliged to follow it, as I had no compass or map, I had to make wide detours to avoid bridges, stations and huts and my progress was very slow. Chocolate is not a satisfying food. The outlook was gloomy, but I persevered with God's help. For five days my food supply was very precarious. I was lying up in daylight and walking by night.

"Meanwhile my escape had been discovered and my description telegraphed everywhere. All trains were searched and everyone was on the watch for me. Four times the wrong people were arrested.

"The sixth day I managed to board a train beyond Middleburg, from whence there was a direct service to Delagoa.

Coal Exports to Europe.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—When will our Cape Breton coal find its way into the markets of Europe? Philadelphia coal merchants, who ship both from that and Virginia ports, have of late been invading ports of Europe which formerly were supplied by Cardiff. So great are the exportations expected to be in the future that the question of building American vessels for its transportation is discussed in Philadelphia shipping circles. It is pointed out that the vessels for return cargoes could get iron at ports in the Mediterranean, from which a tremendous amount is to come next year, contracts already having been made by the iron and steel companies.

Orders have been given for the Spanish steamship Onton, now in Philadelphia to load coal for Genoa. She will take on about 3,700 tons. This cargo, it is stated, will be the first to go direct from Philadelphia to Italy.

Where the Planets Come in.

New York, Dec. 28.—Hindu Astrologers are connecting the plague and British reverses to the peculiar conjunction of the planets, when on the 15th of November seven planets were in the sign of Scorpio. The Hindus of Bombay, therefore, to avert further calamity and ensure success to the British arms, arranged for great prayers and religious ceremonies at one of their great temples. Seventy-five learned Brahmans officiated. The first act was the presentation to the priest of valuable shawls and money. The priests then invoked divine blessings on rulers and ruled, and the people sang hymns.

Luck of Famous Farms.

Luck has dealt in much the same fashion with the famous Palo Alto farm. Senator Stanford used to breed race-horses like Racine, Flaubert, Fairy, Flirtation, Nomad, and others of that quality, and the best prices were always paid for anything from the big ranch. At all once the winners quit coming, and Mrs. Stanford, in disgust, sent everything to the New York sale ring, reserving not a hide or a hair of the old thoroughbred department.

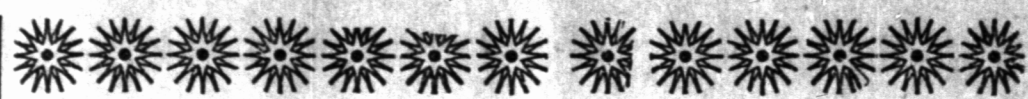
The prices, except in one or two instances, were small, and Racine, that same Racine which we saw clip a fraction off Ten Brock's mile record, that same Racine went begging without an offer. Yet in his day he was perhaps the fastest horse in training at a mile or under. Washington Park once rose at him.

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LIEUT. COL. C. J. LONG, R. A.

Who commanded the artillery force at the battle of Tugela River Dec. 15, and was so unfortunate as to lose 10 guns to the enemy, besides one destroyed by the enemy's shells. He had before this disaster the reputation of one of the ablest and most experienced officers of the Royal Artillery. Though he was twice wounded in the engagement there is an implied censure of him in Gen. Buller's despatch, which is greatly strengthened by the military critics. It was his duty first to support Gen. Har.'s attack upon the upper or left ford, which he effectually performed, and when that attack had failed, to move his batteries to the right and support Gen. Hildyard's attack on the ford at Colenso. It was in changing his position that the critics claim he made his fatal mistake. They claim he should have taken his guns back along the route by which he first advanced to the upper ford, making a circuit out of range of the enemy's fire, instead of which he is described as carrying his batteries in a slap-dash manner along close to the bank of the river, where the enemy was known to be in force, and suspected of being concealed. This was a double fault, inasmuch as his reserve ammunition, which was expected to follow him, was still on the way to the west ford when he had changed his position a mile or more away to the right. He had also taken position close to the river where all his horses were speedily killed by the Boer rifles. His ammunition also speedily gave out and the guns had to be abandoned. Had he made a detour toward the rear when changing his position, and sent forward scouts to examine the ground before making his second advance to the river, the concealed enemy would have been discovered, he would not have advanced his batteries so far and he would have been steadily supplied with ammunition as required. It is only fair to Col. Long to say that his answer to his critics has not yet been given, and until we know more of the conditions which led up to the appalling disaster a adverse judgement should be suspended.

Thinks Birthday in Doubt

Boston, Mass., Dec. 25.—A few days ago a Cambridge paper requested pastors of churches in that city to send in programs of the Christmas exercises. Most of the pastors complied with the request. The Rev. Samuel G. Shaw, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, was one of the few who did not. Mr. Shaw sent the following communication, which has caused considerable comment.

"For the coming Sabbath we have made no arrangements respecting our church services, either musical or otherwise, different from our ordinary custom. No one knows on what day our Savior was born. If anything is certain, his birth did not take place at this season of the year.

"The 25th of December has been fixed an anniversary of his birth by the Roman Catholic Church, and we want higher than this for any important departure from the rules for divine worship plainly indicated in the New Testament."

Mr. Shaw says his letter is self-explanatory and refuses to make any further observations on the subject.—Charlottetown Tribunal.

War Will Last A Long Time

New York, Dec. 24.—The London correspondent of The Sun says: "The War Office authorities seem to be at last convinced that the war will last far longer than was at first expected. Last Wednesday they placed with one firm in London a contract for 10,000 tons of fodder, the delivery to commence in South Africa during the first week in March. Similar contracts have probably been made elsewhere, showing that the War Office is preparing for a continuance of the war until well along in the summer.

The Maine's Dead.

NEWPORT NEWS, Dec. 26.—The Maine's dead were brought ashore at 1.30 today on a lighter and transferred without ceremonies to a Chesapeake & Ohio special baggage train, waiting to transfer them to Arlington. A large silent throng watched the transfer. The train will leave at 10 o'clock to-night. The coffins on the lighter were in two large blocks, completely covered with flags, on top of which were wreaths in profusion.

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