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NAVY OF GERMANY

To be at Once Doubled in Strength.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION

Opens April 14—Manitoba Election 23 to 15—Some Appointments.

PARIS Dec. 11. (Special)—The official opening of the Exposition will be Saturday April 14 th.

GERMANY WILL DOUBLE HER NAVY.

BERLIN Dec. 11.—(Special)—In the Reichstag today the Chancellor announced that the present navy was insufficient and estimates will be submitted to double the number of warships.

SOME FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS.

OTTAWA Dec. 11.—(Special)—F. W. Annand has been appointed immigration agent in place of J. A. Kirk, appointed Warden at Dorchester.

Judge Robinson of Lambton has resigned and D. F. Macwatt will be appointed.

THE MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

WINNIPEG Dec. 11.—(Special)—The latest election returns show 23 Conservatives, 15 Liberals, Hatchings, (Conservative) carrying Springfield by a single vote.

It is understood that McMillan, Provincial Treasurer, will be made Governor and Greenway a Senator.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(Special)—Rain warmer, then colder with brisk southerly winds.

THE BAPTIST CONFERENCE.

The Prince Edward Island Baptist Conference met in quarterly session with the Charlottetown Church last evening. The first speaker was C. W. Turner of Montague, whose subject was Foreign Missions.

The next speaker was F. D. Dresser, (Lio) on Home Missions.

Rev. W. H. Warren was the next speaker. His subject was Education. He clearly showed the advantages of a religious education and the necessity of it to a well rounded perfect character.

Next came Pastor A. C. Shaw on the Grand Ligne Mission. This address was a history of the work done at the Feller Institute at Grand Ligne a work started by Madame Feller on a very small scale.

The last speaker was Rev. E. A. McPhee of East Point who spoke on North West Missions.

The speeches throughout were earnest and thoughtful and could not fail to inspire all.

The choir added not a little to the success of the meeting.

TODAY'S MEETING.

The conference meets this morning at 10 o'clock for election of officers and other business and in the afternoon at 2:30 when the reports from the churches will be read and disposed of. In the evening at 8 o'clock Rev. D. Price of Tryon will preach, after which an evangelistic service will be held, led by Rev. A. F. Brown of North River.

The conference includes all the Baptist Churches in the Province in all 13 fields. The object of the conference is the furtherance of the work of the Denomination along Missionary and Educational lines.

The conference is attended chiefly by the clergymen of the different churches and the work done is purely of a local nature. Any church on any one of the fields not self-sustaining receives aid from the Home Mission Board. Request for such aid is made through the Conference.

Once a year the Baptists of the Province meet in Association. The Conference being in a sense subordinate to the Association renders an account of the year's work and the Association in town reports to Convention which convenes annually and includes the three Maritime Provinces. There are seven Associations in all; three in New Brunswick; three in Nova Scotia and one in P. E. Island. The visiting clergymen are entertained as follows:

Rev. D. Price with Mrs. N. D. Armour.

Rev. A. C. Shaw and A. McPhee with Capt. Finlayson.

Rev. J. C. Spurr with Mrs. Forbes.

Rev. C. W. Turner with Mr. J. K. Ross.

Rev. A. H. Whitman with Mr. R. H. Jenkins.

Rev. A. F. Brown with Mr. D. Howlett.

Rev. E. J. Grant with Rev. G. P. Raymond.

Rev. F. B. Dresser with Mrs. W. L. Wellner.

TRAPPED BY THE BOERS.

Gen. Gatacre Repulsed Near Stromberg Junction.

OVER SIX HUNDRED ARE MISSING

A Long Night March, a Surprise, a Hard Fight, a Retreat Pursued by the Enemy—Serious Feeling in England—Consols Drop—What the Papers Say—Methuen's Position.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(Special)—The reports of Gatacre's disaster at Stormberg shew that the British troops were set an impossible task, were treacherously guided and were only saved from an even far greater disaster by the brilliant work of the artillery.

DANGER OF REVOLT SPREADING.

The Boer force at Stormberg was 6,000 instead of 2,500 as believed and the British attacked at the wrong point.

The danger now is that Cape Colony will become a scene of revolt from end to end.

DEFEAT CAUSES A DROP IN CONSOLS.

Consols dropped lower than the lowest point touched for years, and there was also a great slump in South African securities generally.

WHAT THE ENGLISH PAPERS SAY.

The papers all admit the defeat is the worst since the Nicholson's Nek disaster, but without blame, awaiting particulars.

They all agree that Gatacre has a difficult task carrying on the fight in a country where the people all sympathize with the enemy, and demand that immediately reinforcements, particularly artillery, be sent him.

BOERS ALL AROUND METHUEN.

Advice from Gen. Methuen say the Boers are close on his outposts on all sides.

BOERS WITHDRAWN FROM LADYSMITH TO COLONSO.

The indications are that very few Boers now remain around Ladysmith, but are all collected near the Tugela River at Colonso.

GEN. JOUBERT FALLS FROM HIS HORSE.

Natal reports say that General Joubert was thrown from his horse and so seriously injured that he will not be able to fight.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

General Gatacre's movement may be termed a reconnaissance in force. Its object was to ascertain the strength of the position of the Boers who were strongly entrenched along the Stormberg range. He left Butter's Kraal shortly after noon yesterday with a fighting force slightly over 4,000 men.

MARCHING IN THE NIGHT.

Leaving Molteno at 9 last evening he made a memorable night march over rocks and the veldt. There was no sound except a steady tramp and there were no distinguishing lights, the bright moon having gone down at half past eleven. The column arrived safely within a couple of miles of its destination, the only incidents of the march being an occasional sudden call of "halt" under the belief that the Boers were near.

THE BRITISH SURPRISED.

Suddenly a terrible fire opened simultaneously on the British front and right flank. The Royal Irish Rifles, which formed the advance, sought shelter behind a kopje and were speedily joined by the remainder of the column. It was soon found however that this position also was covered by Boer guns, which were more powerful than had been supposed. The troops, therefore, sought a safer position half a mile away, two batteries, in the meantime, en-

gaging the Boers and covering the troops in their withdrawal.

A FLANK MOVEMENT ATTEMPTED.

The action became general now at long range and a detachment of mounted infantry moved northward with a view of getting on the enemy's right flank. Suddenly a strong commando was seen moving from the north and the Royal Irish Rifles and the Northumberland regiment were sent out to meet it. It was soon discovered, however, that the Boers had machine guns well placed and the British were compelled to face a terrible fire.

THE RETREAT AND PURSUIT.

Finding it impossible to hold the position in the face of an enemy apparently superior in position, numbers and artillery, the British retired on Molteno, the Boers following up the retirement closely and bringing two big guns to bear on the retiring column.

THE TIMES ACCOUNT.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(Special)—The Times correspondent at Molteno cables: "The guides misled us. Our troops were surprised. After a very trying night march of retirement was effected in excellent order and without hurry. Our losses were heavy. One gun was abandoned."

The Times considers the results of the disaster are more likely to be serious politically than from a military point of view.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Referring to the reverse sustained by General Gatacre the Morning Post says: The most serious feature of the affair is the general considered to be probably that it will give an impetus to Dutch disloyalty in Cape Colony, where hosts of farmers are wavering, waiting to see which will prove the winning side.

Wonder is expressed as to how the Boers increased their numbers at Stormberg which all along had been General Gatacre's immediate objective, without his knowing of it.

TO CURE A COLD IN DAY

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Literary Contest Closed.

One of the most enjoyable events in the history of Victoria Division S. of T. closed last night. It was the literary contest, when for the first time the ladies had taken sides against the gentlemen, in presenting the best entertainment to their own members, and members of the Order. Judging from the number of members from other divisions present, a keen interest was manifested in the contest. The judge appointed to decide on the merits of the selections of the respective sides, gave his decision in favour of the ladies. The programme, which lasted two evenings, was as follows:—

LADIES.

Opening Chorus, by the Ladies; Reading, by Miss Sarah Drake; Auto-harp Selection, by the Misses Clarke; Recitation, by Miss Ethel Tanton; Solo, by Miss Ethel Stait; Recitation, by Miss Emma Harper; Violin Duet, by Misses Katie Stewart and Rosina Clark; Reading, by Mrs. J. L. Godkin; Recitation, by Miss Gertrude Vaughan; Violin Solo, by Miss Rosina Clarke; Reading, by Miss Lucy Hodgson; Recitation, by Miss Annie Gillis; Recitation, by Miss Ella Hoar.

GENTLEMEN.

Address, by H. Rackham; Song, by John Chappell, jr.; Reading, by W. P. Colwill; Reading, by John L. Godkin; Reading, by Arthur Harper; Address, by L. W. Harris; Address, by D. Hewlett; Reading, by C. B. Warren; Harmonica Selection, by Wm. H. Stevenson; Reading, by A. W. Tanton.

The leaders for their respective sides were Mrs. J. L. Godkin, for the ladies, and Mr. L. W. Harris for the gentlemen. Miss Maggie Clark gracefully presided at the organ.

Mr. John Ross D. G. W. P. of Orient Division performed the duties of judge very satisfactorily. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Ross for his diligence as judge to which he made a fitting reply.

Casualties, so far as known at present:

Second Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, wounded Lieut. Col. Eager, Major Section, Captain Bell, Captain Kelly, Lieut. Stephens, Lieut. Barnard Stone.

Suffolk Regiment—wounded Second Lieut. Maynard and twelve men, Missing Captain Weir, Lieut. Christie, Second Lieut. Rodney, and two hundred and ninety men.

Seventy-fourth field battery—severely wounded Lieut. Lewis and three men, slightly wounded, two men.

Seventy-seventh field battery—killed, one gunner; wounded, Major Percival.

Northumberland Fusiliers—missing, Major Stevens, Captain Fletches, Captain Morley, Second Lieut. Wake, 2nd Lieut. Coulson, Lieut. Radcliffe.

Dorsetshire Regiment—missing, three hundred and sixty non-commissioned officers and men.

Royal Berkshire Regiment—killed, one private.

The remainder of the casualties will be wired as soon as ascertained.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Chronicle's critic remarks that it is curious to see an experienced soldier trusting so implicitly to his guides, and that his scouts and advance guards do not inform him that he was coming in close contact with the enemy, and that the ground in front was impracticable.

The fact seems clear that General Gatacre was led unsuspectingly into an elaborately prepared trap and it is almost wonderful that the disaster was no worse when, as a correspondent says the force was not molested by the enemy until it had actually reached the impregnable position occupied by the Boers, when a hot fire was opened un-



Major-General Sir W. F. Gatacre.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST

Closing Prices	Dec. 11th.
American Sugar R'rs	138
American Steel & Wire	384
Brooklyn Transit	80
Continental Tob.	344
Federal Steel	56
Louisville & Nash	82 1/2
Northern Pacific	54
Rock Island	1 1/2
St. Paul	12 1/4
Southern Rail Pr'd	56 1/2
Southern Pacific	39 1/2
United States Leather	77 1/2
Union Pac Pr'd	7 1/2
Western Union	nil
United States Rub	42
April Cotton per 100 lbs	7.47

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—(Special)—The following are the closing rates: Dec. wheat, 65 1/2; corn, 30 1/2; oats, 22 1/2; pork, 8.67 1/2. May wheat, —; corn, 30 1/2; oats, —; pork, 9.82 1/2. July wheat, 69 1/2; corn, 32 1/2; oats, 24; pork, 10.05.

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