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THE MORNING GUARDIAN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1899.

THE WAR SITUATION.

The scant news from the fighting, line in Natal is not very assuring although it tells that the first attack upon Ladysmith has been repulsed. We have very little information as to what preparations have been made in the way of fortifying the position there, which is not naturally strong. Nor are the public informed with any degree of accuracy as to the strength of the opposing forces. It seems certain however that General White is greatly outnumbered, and is in danger of being surrounded and having his communications cut in his rear.

The situation is similar, to but apparently more serious than that of General Buller at Glencoe a week ago. There may, or may not be very serious fighting at Ladysmith within the next few days, but there will either be a big fight there shortly or a retreat on the part of General White, as there is no account of any considerable reinforcements that can reach him in time to enable him to fight on equal terms.

The plans of the British War Office were apparently shaped on the belief that General White could hold his own at Ladysmith. General Buller is hourly expected at Cape Town, and thither the large force now on the way from England has been sent. They will be in a position to advance northward a few weeks hence to the relief of Kimberly and perhaps to invade the Orange Free State, but there are no railways across the country by which the troops landing and to be landed at Cape Town or Port Elizabeth can be sent to Ladysmith. In fact the outlook for early reinforcements to General White is by no means bright.

It had been hoped that General White would have been able to attack and defeat the Transvaal and Orange State forces separately before they effected a junction. Their unexpected numbers no doubt prevented him, and now that the two main bodies of the enemy have come together Gen. White must act on the defensive. It seems not improbable that he may be forced to retreat toward Durban before sufficient reinforcements can reach him.

Montreal Witness:

Ladysmith, so named from Sir Harry Smith's wife, is situated in what may be called the storm centre of Natal. According to the 'Army and Navy Gazette,' the country is gradually drying up, the Klip river, which flows through Ladysmith, has dwindled to a shallow stream. During the months mentioned disastrous storms of wind, rain and lightning are frequent. If a man is riding and a storm comes on he dismounts, outspans his horse, takes off the saddle—some even remove the bits, chains and stirrups for the time. All huts and houses on the veldt are pro-

vided with drinking containers, and the diggers put soda water bottles on the points of the tent poles. The lightning is described as awful, the wind tremendous and the rain falls in torrents that penetrate and drench everything. During this stormy season the roads are 'deadful,' and the changes of temperature extreme from parching heat to bitter cold.

Sudden Death at Alberton.

Annie Martin, aged 18, daughter of Mr. Alex. Martin, Alberton, died suddenly Sunday evening of heart failure. She sang in the choir of the Presbyterian church as usual.

She became ill and fainted in church and after the service was over her father took her to a house nearby. Dr. Ross was summoned but could not help her condition. The vital spark had fled.

A Card of Thanks.

I desire to tender my thanks to all those who performed so many acts of kindness, during my protracted illness last fall and winter: and to Dr. Ross for his constant attention and skill and to his brethren who so kindly assisted him in the amputation; and also all those who so generously made up the sum of \$105 to purchase an artificial leg for me, which now I have the comfort of wearing and to the Supt. of the P. E. I. Railway for a pass to Boston and return and to the P. E. I. Steam Nav. Co., for their pass to Pt. du Chene and return. Such acts of kindness have placed me under a debt of gratitude, that I feel I shall be unable to repay, and may the Giver of every good and perfect gift, bless and reward them.

Yours, sincerely,
CHIPMAN CURRIE.
Alberton, P. E. I., Oct. 27, '99.



In the old frontier days hundreds of men were tortured and burned at the stake by cruel Indians. The tortures endured by these martyrs must have been something horrible.

There are thousands of men to-day who are being tortured to death at the stake of disease. "It is a man suffering in this way his body cries out with an aching head, a sluggish body, muscles that are lax and lazy, a brain that is dull, a stomach that disdains food and nerves that will not rest."

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THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

FOR PROHIBITION.

Sir.—Allow me to say a few words regarding the liquor law of this town. I have been in Charlottetown for a short time and am well convinced what harm is being done under the License Law; the drunkenness which I see is terrible.

What is this law doing? Nothing but sending people into perdition to keep up the annual revenue. It is scandalous; it is outrageous; it is against the advancement of Christianity.—I am surprised at a civilized nation as we are to let such a thing continue. Is it right then to leave it as it is. The answer is "no". Then let the pulpits preach against it and the Christian men and women arrive and say they will not have this law here that is ruining so many lives and breaking the hearts of mothers who have sons from twelve years old upwards handling the cursed drink.

It is prohibition that we want in this Province. The time is now ripe and we must have it. The people of this Province have said we want it and we should get it. When we shall get it our neighboring Provinces will see our good works and follow our example. Then hoping and praying that the same may rule throughout the great Dominion and not only the Dominion but the whole world, and we shall be a happier and more prosperous people living in harmony with each other.

AMCUS.

Thinks Andre is All Right.

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 27.—F. Baldwin, the Arctic explorer and observer in the United States weather bureau at Washington, has received a letter from Captain Ernest Andre, of Sweden, brother of the Polar aeronaut, expressive of Andre's confidence in his brother's safety and his conjecture that he must come down to the west of 180 degrees, and between 68 and 87 degrees north. "At the same daily progress made by the Nansen," says Captain Andre, "of three miles, it would take him two years to reach the coast of the Parry Islands and another year before he could communicate with civilization."

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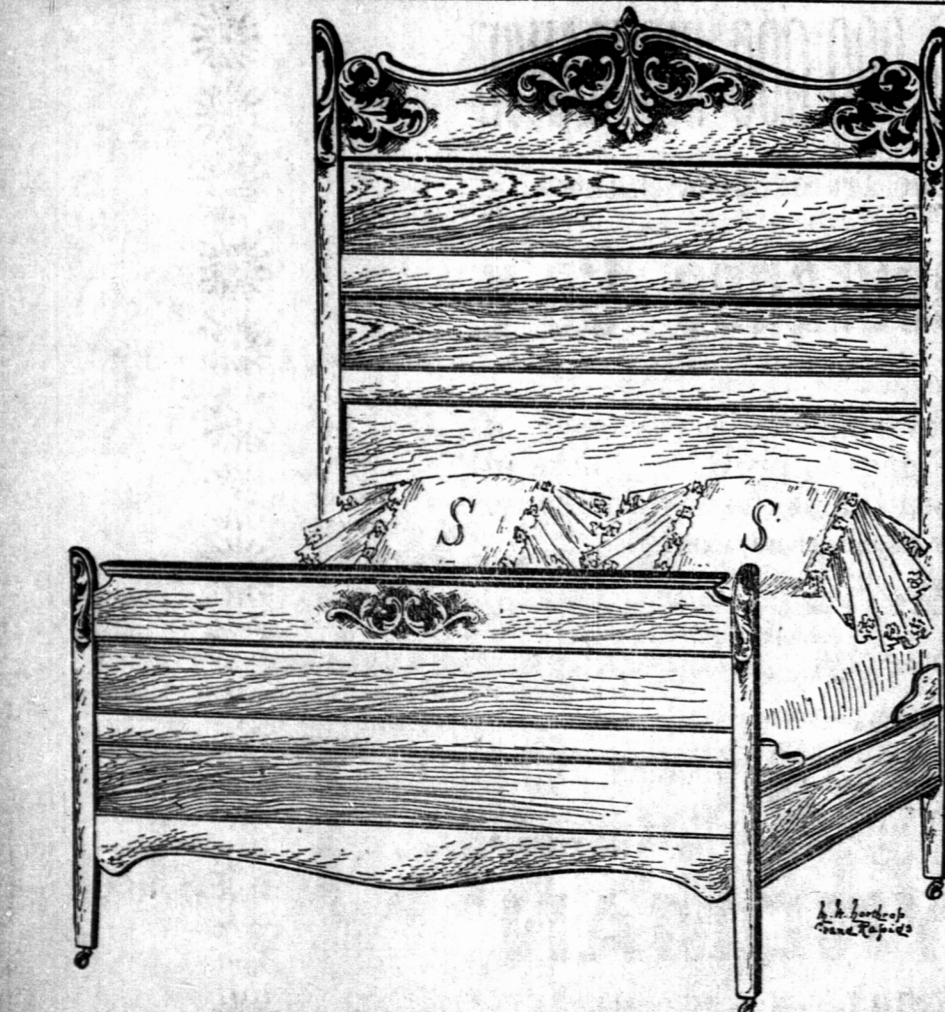
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