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VERY LATEST NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Boers Attack a Convoy of Stores

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Cattle and Sheep Captured—General Hunter's March.

LONDON, June 30.—The War Office has the following from Lord Roberts: "Pretoria, June 29—Lord Paget reports from Lindley that he was engaged on the 26th with a body of the enemy who were strongly reinforced during the day. A convoy of stores for the Lindley garrison also attacked on the 28th. But after a heavy rear guard action, the convoy reached Lindley in safety.

Our casualties were 10 killed and 4 officers and about 50 men wounded."

The fight reported yesterday was under Lieut. Colonel Grenfell, not Dreipoc.

General Brabant came up during the engagement. The total casualties of the two columns were 3 killed and 23 wounded.

On the previous day near Ficksburg, Boyes brigade was in action with the enemy. Our casualties were two officers killed, four men wounded and one man missing.

Lord Methune found yesterday that the Boer laager near Vachkop and Spibekop had been hastily renewed in the direction of Lindley. He followed the enemy twelve miles and captured 5000 sheep and 500 head of cattle, which the enemy had seized in that neighborhood. Our casualties were four men wounded.

General Hunter continued his march yesterday, towards the Vaal River, unopposed.

Springs the terminus of the railway from Johannesburg due east, was attacked early yesterday morning. The Canada regiment which garrisons place, beat of the enemy. No casualties are reported.

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United States Battleship Oregon on the Ground.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, June 30.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times telegraphing, says: The United States battleship Oregon went ashore in a fog off Hoo Kie Islands, 25 miles north of Chefoo. Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., are sending her assistance.

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WITH THE SENATE.

An Irregularity in Sending Out Cheques for Fishing Bounty the Subject of a Protest.

In the Senate, a few days ago, there was a long discussion on the mode of dealing with fishing bounty cheques, a matter in which Hon. Donald Ferguson alleged that great favoritism existed. Hon. Mr. Ferguson reminded the House that last year he had moved for a return showing the distribution of the fishing bounty. It now comes to his knowledge that irregularities were still going on. He did not propose to touch much upon the question of whether the cheques were earned. It was now learned that the cheques were sent to a Dr. Wickham, in Prince Edward Island. When parties asked for their cheques they were told they were in Dr. Wickham's hands. On enquiry it appeared that Dr. Wickham was not an official of the Department. It seemed to be a case of Wickham interfering in the overseer's work. He read a number of letters between Mr. John Albert Brennan, and Mr. John Hardie, chief clerk of the Fisheries Department, and accusing Mr. Davidson, the overseer, of allowing Dr. Wickham to interfere with his work. The letters also complain of bounty cheques being handed over to Dr. Wickham. Mr. Brennan loaned money to a bounty recipient named O'Reilly, taking an assignment.

The cheque had been handed over to Dr. Wickham by Mr. Davidson, who held no assignment, but the department refused to recognize the claim, as the cheque could not be handed by any one but the payee. Mr. Ferguson charged that great favoritism was shown in these cheques being handed over to Dr. Wickham, who gave great difficulty to parties for whom the cheques were held in getting them. Dr. Wickham had been mixed up in the Pineau matter. The department said cheques could not be handed over on orders, yet Dr. Wickham received them.

Hon. Mr. Mills said Mr. Ferguson had not said whether Dr. Wickham was acting as agent for Mr. Davidson or no. Dr. Wickham had not received pay for the cheques. The Department of Marine and Fisheries had received no complaints of favoritism, except from J. A. Brennan, of Tignish. When fishermen were not present at the distribution of the cheques, it was the custom of the overseer to hand the cheque over to some resident of the place to hold for him. This showed that Dr. Wickham had been acting as agent for Mr. Davidson. The Government wanted the men for whom the money was intended to get it.

Hon. Mr. Prowse, Hon. Mr. Power and others continued the discussion, and finally the matter dropped.

NOTES FROM CAMP BRIGHTON.

The Oliver equipment will not be given the 82nd Regiment.

The militia in camp, with the two city companies of Artillery and the Engineer Company, parade to Zion Church and St. Dunstan's Cathedral to-morrow.

Thanks for the many magazines and literature in general so kindly left in the reading tent by citizens.

The drill yesterday afternoon was short, the men dispersing with a hearty British cheer which made the camp resound. There are undoubtedly men in camp who could, if required, assist in making a Crotje surrender or Krager flee for his life.

Gunner A McLean, of No. 4 Company, Souris, has in his possession at Camp Brighton, an Orange Free State flag sent to him from South Africa by his son, Ebenezer McLean, who is serving as a private in "H" Company, First Contingent of the Royal Canadians. This flag was captured by Private McLean on the march to Bloemfontein, and can be seen at Camp Brighton. Gunner McLean was a private of No. 4 Co., until 1897, when he enlisted in the B. C. A., Quebec, from which place he joined "H" Co., B. C., for service in South Africa, and is one of the Islanders who have been at the front since the Canadians left Modder River.

TWAS A FALSE REPORT

Sir,—In the report of the meeting held at Kingston on the 27th inst., the Patriot says that Mr. A. A. McLean did not obtain a hearing. This is a falsehood, and a gross insult to the people of Kingston. Mr. McLean received a good hearing, and as he scored in his able speech the Pineau Farquharson Government he was frequently applauded. Mr. Farquharson need not hope to gain any advantage by having bogus and false reports circulated throughout the district of the meetings held during the present campaign, and by insulting the intelligence of people who are desirous of hearing discussed in a fair impartial manner the political issues of the hour. Mr. McLean will always be welcomed by the people of Kingston when the political questions affecting our province are under discussion.

KINGSTON.

A REPORT FROM ADMIRAL SEYMOUR

Unsuccessful Attempt to Reach Peking.

A STORY OF STUBBORN GALLANTRY AND HEROISM

Force Was Short of Provisions and Hampered by Wounded

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, June 30.—At an early hour this morning a report from Admiral Seymour, in which he describes his unsuccessful attempt to reach Peking and his return to Tien Tsin, was received at the Admiralty.

The story is one of stubborn gallantry, under repeated attacks from furious hordes, whose losses were very heavy. The force was short of provisions and was hampered by the wounded.

On June 19, Admiral Seymour, having failed to get into communication with Peking, determined to withdraw to Tien Tsin.

A well-organized opposition was experienced throughout the return march, the Chinese, when defeated in one village, retiring to the next and occupying well selected positions, from which they had often to be forced at the point of the bayonet in the face of galling fire.

On June 23rd, after a night march, the Imperial Armory about Tien Tsin was seized by Admiral Seymour. Here he was compelled to await reinforcements which reached him June 25th and he marched into Tien Tsin next day.

Admiral Seymour's total losses were 63 killed and 228 wounded. The heaviest casualties were among the British, of whom 27 were killed and 97 wounded. The Americans loss was 4 killed and 25 wounded.

The Legionary mystery is as deep as ever.

MR CHAMBERLAIN ATTACKED

Australian Bill Before the Commons.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, June 30.—In the Commons during a debate on the second reading of the Australian Commonwealth bill, Earl Carrington (liberal) attacked the alleged attempt of Mr. Chamberlain to make political capital out of the bill.

Referring to the crisis caused by the appeal clause he said that, at one time, the future of Australia rested in the hand of an individual who, on a certain occasion, was so overcome by the glamor of a fifteen minute conversation with the Kaiser that he forthwith publicly announced that an alliance had been formed between Great Britain, America and Germany.

The Earl also said that Mr. Chamberlain's so-called compromise on the appeal clause was no compromise, but an unqualified surrender.

THE CAMPAIGN.

Big Meeting at New Haven.

A good meeting of electors was held at New Haven, last evening, Mr. Patrick McManus in the chair. The speakers were Dr. Douglas, Mr. Wise, Premier Farquharson, Hon. W. Campbell, Messrs. Benjamin Rogers, P. McCourt, James McLean, Cyrus Crosby, A. C. Shaw and John McRae.

In the course of his speech Mr. Wise made a full explanation of the circumstances connected with his change from a supporter of the Government to an opponent of the Government, and made it clear that in the same circumstances, every honest man in the country who had been a supporter of the Government must now oppose it.

"Bedeque and its People," second installment, illustrated, in the 'Prince Edward Island Magazine' for July.



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