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### GENERAL BULLER'S FURTHER ADVANCE.

#### Turns the Boers out of Paardekop.

#### RUNDLE HOLDING THE BURGH- ERS AND THEIR PRISONERS

#### Till Reinforcements Arrive—First Through Train to Pretoria.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, June 22.—General Buller has advanced as far as Paardekop, where Christian Botha was reported to have taken up a position to oppose him. The Boers however made no fight and fell back, blowing up a few culverts as they retreated. Thrust, parry hit, and counter are going on along the line where General Rundle is holding back the burghers until Roberts sends down a force to try and rescue the Imperial Yeomanry and the Derbies.

The first train for Pretoria left Cape Town yesterday.

#### COMMERCE AND CHRISTIANITY

#### Civilized Nations Must Rule in China at Any Cost.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 20.—A special to the Tribune from Denver says:— Bishop Earl Cranston, who recently returned from China, declares from the pulpit today that civilized nations must rule China. "It is worth any cost in money," he said, "it is worth any cost in bloodshed if we can make the millions of Chinese true and intelligent Christians. "I would cut all of the red tapes in the world and break all the treaties ever made to place the armies of the United States in the force next to Great Britain. The open door must be maintained for Christianity as well as for commerce."

#### THE NATIONALIST PLATFORM.

#### Important Changes Suggested at the Convention.

DUBLIN, June 20.—The Nationalist convention which opened here yesterday under the presidency of John Redmond, chairman of the United Irish parliamentary party, concluded its sessions today. The convention adopted a constitution for the United Irish League, the provisions including the abolition of the right of the crown to challenge jurors in political cases except for cause; the repeal of the treason, felony and arms act; educational equality for Catholics; compulsory extension of the laws providing agricultural laborers with cottages and acre allotments; and similar demands.

#### MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

#### Premier Macdonald Will Not Amend The Law

WINNIPEG, June 20.—Premier Macdonald has replied to the deputation of Winnipeg Catholics refusing to amend the Manitoba school act. His party, he says took the position at the last elections that the school question had been settled and he does not see how he can properly move in the direction desired. The Catholics have now sent a memorial to the Dominion Government on the subject.

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#### ACCIDENT ON C. P. R.

#### A Number of People Injured, Train Wrecked.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

CARIBOO, June 22.—The through train on the C. P. R. from Edmonton to Aristook Junction; consisting of seven freight cars, two passengers and one baggage car, broke through the second span of the Grand Falls Bridge over the St. John River yesterday morning and the entire train went into the river. Conductor Henderson was hurt internally, a commercial traveller named Smith was seriously injured, General Passenger Agent McKenna had his shoulder broken and was internally injured. J. O'Neil, the engineer of the train, was seriously injured. A number of passengers were slightly hurt. It is believed that Smith and Henderson will die.

#### THE PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

#### Missionary and Other Matters Under Consideration.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 20.—The Presbyterian General Assembly concluded its Halifax session at 11 o'clock tonight. In the forenoon the special committee report on home mission work in the Northwest, dealing with the scarcity of agents, elicited a long discussion. The Assembly refused to allow students serving sixteen months in a mission field there to get off on that account with a two years' theological course.

Loyal addresses to the Queen and governor general were adopted. A resolution of congratulation to the Free and United Presbyterian churches of Scotland on their approaching union, was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Moore, from the committee on uniformity of the worship, reported progress and was authorized to draw on the assembly fund for \$100 to meet the expense of printing the first draft of a manual of prayers for family worship. Adopted.

Dr. Scrimger's motion to eliminate responsive and literary services from the manual, "Aids to Scholarship," was taken up. Dr. Sedgewick moved in amendment that the committee be instructed to have due regard to the mind of the church as ascertained through presbyteries. After a vigorous debate the vote was taken; resulting in 30 for Dr. Sedgewick's amendment and 62 for Dr. Scrimger's motion. On motion of Principal Grant \$100 was appropriated to defray the expenses connected with the preparation of the manual.

An overture regarding the term of eldership was laid on the table.

In future overtures addressed to the assembly, received prior to the first of April, shall be published in the printed advance reports of the assembly.

#### AGUINALDO MAY SURRENDER.

#### He Will Probably Respond to the Order of Amnesty.

MANILA, June 20.—General MacArthur will tomorrow formally announce President McKinley's order of amnesty. Buenacampo, Paterno and other prominent Filipino leaders are greatly pleased as they can bring about the surrender of Aguinaldo who, they declare, is ready and willing to consider the peace platform adopted by the Filipino leaders with a few insignificant exceptions.

Several meetings of the leaders were held quietly in Manila last week. They are encouraged by the progress they are making with the natives and the authorities here. Tomorrow at a meeting the amnesty decree will be read. It is the consensus of opinion with the foreigners, the better class of the Filipinos and the Spaniards that Aguinaldo will be in Manila shortly as the result of the decree and of the negotiation of the Buenacampo party.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—The Natural History and Antiquarian Society will take its annual outing next Saturday, June 23rd, when the steamer Southport will leave Ferry wharf for St. Peter's Island at 9 o'clock a. m., calling at Connelly's wharf a few minutes later. The Society invites ladies and gentlemen interested in natural science to attend. Members free. A fee of 25c. will be charged visitors to defray expenses. Members and others intending to be present will please get tickets from the secretary, Mr. Watson, not later than Friday night. All are expected to provide their own luncheon; the Society will provide coffee. 5 p. m.

THE PROGS.—Moderate west and north-west winds; fair and warm; rain, Saturday: fair.

### U. S. S. MONOCASY WAS FIRED AT

#### During the Bombardment of Taku.

#### CONFLICTING REPORTS REGARD- ING ADMIRAL SEYMOUR.

#### British Admiralty Take a Hopeful View of the Case.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, June 22.—The United States gun boat Monocasy was two miles up the Pie Ho River when the international fleet began the bombardment of Taku foris. According to a Shanghai correspondent of the Express she was shot through the bow.

The correspondent says: "Chinese riflemen on both sides of the river attacked her but unsuccessfully." The scantiness of authentic news with reference to the situation continues. Admiral Kempff's despatch to the U. S. Navy Department announcing that Tien Tsin is being bombarded was prominently used by the London papers and commented upon as indicating a change for the worse.

The British Admiralty does not believe the report of the death of Admiral Seymour. It is pointed out that Seymour had sufficient supplies to enable him to get to Pekin or to get back.

"We are hopeful," says a semi-official announcement, "that since he has not done the latter he has done the former."

#### Rev. Geo. Steel, President of Confer- ence

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

ST. JOHN, N. B., June 22.—At the Methodist Conference of New Brunswick and P. E. Island, Rev. George Steel, of St. John, N. B., was elected president for the current year.

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