

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

On the eve of the New Year, the Mayor of Kimberley despatched the following message to the Queen:

"To Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen: The inhabitants of Kimberley beg to send Your Majesty New Year's greetings. The trouble they have passed through and are still enduring only tends to increase their loyalty towards Your Majesty's throne and person.

(Signed)  
"R. H. HENDERSON, Mayor."

Her Majesty sent the following reply:

"I am deeply touched by your kind and loyal New Year's greeting. I watch with admiration your determination and gallant defence, though I regret the unavoidable loss of life incurred."

WINTER TRAVEL.

THERE is on the part of the travelling public a strong desire that the Minto should leave Charlotteown at eight o'clock in the morning instead of at seven. It is contended that if the Minto has speed the public should have the benefit of it. This contention is but natural; and, though in favor of early rising as a rule, THE EXAMINER is strongly inclined to support the popular demand. Having to be roused out of bed and to start off in the dark, are not pleasant in the midst of winter, and if unnecessary ought not to be required. It appears that the Minto can't carry more freight than the Stanley. Then let the public have the advantage of her greater speed.

LATER.

A despatch from Pictou reports that the Minto left, to-day, for Georgetown. The ferryboats are running in Charlotte town harbour. Why has the Minto gone to Georgetown? Perhaps one of the city supporters of Sir Louis Davies will enquire by telegram to Ottawa! The departure of the Minto, so soon, is at once a surprise and a disappointment.

CONTRABAND OF WAR!

GREAT BRITAIN contends that provisions intended for troops during the progress of a war are properly contraband; if for the supply of the civil population they are not so to be regarded. The condition is that the circumstances must be such as to show that they are probably intended as military supplies. This is in accordance with the law of nations as laid down by Justice Story of the United States, as follows:

"By the modern law of nations, provisions are not in general deemed contraband, but they become so, although the property of a neutral, on account of the particular situation of the war, or on account of their destination. If destined for the ordinary use of life in the enemy's country, they are not, in general, contraband, but it is otherwise if destined for military use. Hence, if destined for the army or navy of the enemy, or for his ports of naval or military equipment, they are deemed contraband."

If, therefore, there is presumptive evidence that the flour, etc., recently seized at the entrance to Delagoa Bay was intended for the supply of Boer troops, the British war vessels were right in seizing it, if there was no such evidence they were wrong.

It is stated that while the Provincial Government was unpopular in Manitoba the Ottawa government is still more so. Same here.

THE WAR.

In spite of all the disadvantages under which they fight and all the mistakes that have been made, the British continue to hold their own, and to make some advances. The occupation of Colesberg by General French seems to have been made good in spite of an attempt of the Boers in stronger force to recapture it. If it can be held, a point has been gained; if not, the situation in that part of the war arena will be no worse than it was before. At the west, it is intimated, Lord Methuen has begun a movement towards the rear of the Boer position; and if this should prove to be successful we may look for his continued progress, notwithstanding the heavy force strongly entrenched in his front. Anxiety centres, just now, upon Ladysmith and Buller's relief column in the east. That the general and his men have a gigantic undertaking in view of the Tugela and its high banks and the neighboring hills swarming with Boers behind entrenchments, armed with the best artillery and rifle that can be obtained in Europe, and directed by skilled officers of European armies, is evident to all.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A large number of Americans are said to be finding their way into the various volunteer regiments being raised in Cape Colony.

Kimberley is now said to have food enough to last for three months, with fresh vegetables and fruit in abundance, and plenty of water.

George W. Van Sickle, New York, treasurer of the American Transvaal fund for the families and wounded of the Boers, who some weeks ago issued a call to all Americans for subscriptions, says he has received \$600. Money talks!

The proofs of contraband traffic increase daily, and it is alleged that European officers arrive at Delagoa Bay every week and proceed to the Boer lines. Great Britain seems to be fighting the loose soldiers and officers of all Europe in South Africa. The more reason why the people of America and Australia should stand by her.

Her Majesty the Queen has been sweeping the principal prizes at the English cattle shows. In the summer her stock took practically all the first prizes at Norwich and Birmingham, and recently at the big Smithfield show in London she took four firsts, three seconds and one third, the Prince of Wales getting four firsts. The Royal herds are evidently the best in the Kingdom.

The Kingston Whig (Lib) is beginning to wonder when Ottawa will think of redeeming its pledges. It says it is all very well for Mr. Tarte to boast that the debt has been increased by only \$6,585,000; but these have been years of plenty; and if the public debt cannot be pulled down a bit now, when is the operation to take place? The fact is, when Sir Wilfrid said so solemnly, "I will reduce the debt," it was another one of his hoaxes.

A private correspondent in South Africa reports that the Boer army is made up of English, Irish, German, French and Hollanders, but the greater portion is Boer. The Boer short-service criminals have actually been released and allowed to join the 'noble' army. This correspondent—a prominent resident of Durban—adds—"I hope that the British Government is impressed with the fact that what they really require is a very large force of cavalry and artillery, as the Boers are all mounted."

The Toronto Globe and its comrade La Patrie, in order to further their anti-Canadian and racial programme, published affidavits from New Brunswick saying that somebody down there had talked about taking up muskets against the French-Canadians. It turns out that the men who signed these affidavits were employees of the Ottawa Government! They were conveyed to St. John, N. B., and were compelled to sign. The attempt of Mr. Tarte and his partisans to set race

against race is shameful. It must be unsuccessful.

The martial spirit of Great Britain and the universal desire to serve the country at the front shows no signs of abating. The action of England's premier Duke of Norfolk, who is postmaster-general and by no means a young man shows this. He was born in 1847, and his volunteering for active service is the latest example of the spirit which pervades all classes. The Duke of Norfolk's position in the cabinet and his tremendous business interests, to say nothing of his power as the lay head of the Roman Catholic Church in England, will probably prevent the acceptance of his offer.

A resident in Natal for twenty years, writes from Mossel bay:—"There is no doubt preparations were begun for invading Cape Colony soon after the Majuba disaster. The idea was for the Free State and any others who were desirous to join cause with the Transvaal, overthrow the Imperial Government, and proclaim a Republic for Africa. We are the more convinced by the fact that a parcel was stopped by the Customs at Natal and found to contain a large number of new Republican flags sent from Germany for the Transvaal to take the place of the British flags." In view of evidence such as this, and such as we have had since the war began, what British man can now sympathize with the Boers?

The German Emperor and Mr. Chamberlain are known to have held a prolonged consultation at Windsor a few weeks ago, and by the process of exclusion the diplomats have reached the conclusion that East Africa was the subject which interested them. It may be premature or unsafe to carry out these arrangements at present, in view of Russian reprisals in Herat and of French intrigues in Morocco, but the shrewdest observers in diplomatic circles forecast the ultimate occupation of Delagoa Bay by Great Britain and the enlargement of German East Africa southward to Zimbezi. The recent Berlin disclosure is probably accurate to that extent, but has been overlaid with fiction respecting Portuguese possessions within the Indian sphere.

The Montreal Gazette remarks that Sir Wilfrid Laurier rather got the worst of it in his attempt to make capital out of the Ville Marie Bank failure. After, according to his organ's reports, making a mis-statement as to Mr. Foster's action in bringing the bank to time in 1892, after saying that the bank should have been shut up in 1897, the Premier declined to assume any responsibility towards the depositors, saying that each government should take its own responsibility and be judged thereon. Between the time the Laurier Government came into power and the time the Ville Marie Bank suspended, thirty-six separate statements of its affairs were made, and sent to Mr. Fielding, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's minister of finance. What paralyzed "the strongest business government Canada ever saw," so that it did not see where the bank was drifting to and take steps to protect the sufferers by the collapse? Mr. Foster asks this question, and his accuser should be in a position to answer it.

THE "OPEN DOOR."

LONDON, January 3.—The Daily News commenting editorially upon the report cabled from the United States that the Washington government has obtained the assent of most of the great powers to the principle of the "Open door" in China, says: "If this assent has really been obtained, gratification will be nowhere greater than it is in England, not only on account of the permanent importance of such a policy to British interests, but also because it relieves us temporarily from any anxiety as to the outbreak of complications in the far east during the South African tangle. This double gratification will be still greater enhanced by the knowledge that it is the British understanding with the United States and Germany which has brought about for a time at least, the pacification of the far east." "The Daily Chronicle says: 'It is a distinct diplomatic success for the United States government, and in particular for Mr. Hay. It is also to some extent a guarantee against the dismemberment of China.'

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Marshfield, Thursday and Friday, the 18th and 19th January, at the meeting of the F. & D. Association.

At Alberton, Saturday, the 20th, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

At Centerville, Monday, the 22nd, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

At New Glasgow, Tuesday, the 23rd, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

At Montague Bridge, Wednesday, the 24th, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

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D. F. MACDONALD, P. P.,  
Jan. 4, 1900. Souris, P. E. I.

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