

SOUTH AFRICA.

Another Disaster to the British Army.

50 MEN KILLED AND WOUNDED, 200 TAKEN PRISONERS

Volunteers For Baden Powell's Force

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener at Pretoria: General Littleton reports that our post at Helvetia, was captured yesterday morning by Boers. About fifty were killed and wounded and two hundred taken prisoners.

Colonel Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy. Helvetia is being reinforced from Belfast.

Helvetia was a very strong position on the Machadoodip-Lydenburg railway and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool regiment.

Jamasking for further information.

CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS.

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—It is proposed to raise a Volunteer detachment in this city to serve with General Baden-Powell's Colonial Constabulary in South Africa,—providing another Canadian corps is insisted upon.

A number of soldiers who served with the first Contingent have signified their intention of enlisting, and there are many others who failed to get on any contingent, who are anxious to go to the seat of war.

BAD NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—While Lord Kitchener sends bad news for England on the closing day of the year, the press continues to take a surprisingly hopeful view of the situation. The revelations showed an enormously wide field of Boer activity. General De Wet is still at large,

Kimberley is isolated, the Boers are in force enough to have captured a strong position at Helvetia, in the Lydenburg district, while judging from Lord Kitchener's advices no progress is being made against the Boer invaders in Cape Colony.

According to further telegrams received yesterday Zeerust is practically besieged, but has provisions for five months.

A despatch from Carnarvon, dated yesterday, reports that the Boers, who have been threatening that part, were driven off and are being pursued.

SCOUT WOUNDED.

Sir Alfred Milner cables to the Militia Department that Sergeant Wood, the Canadian scout, was severely wounded at Hekort, Dec. 15. Wood is believed to have been a member of the Canadian Mounted Rifles.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

Ocean Steamship Lake Megantic Has to Return to Queenstown.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 31.—The British steamer Lake Megantic, Captain Taylor, Liverpool, Dec. 25, and Queenstown, Dec. 31, for Halifax, returned to Queenstown harbor yesterday (Sunday) morning, after a terrible experience in the gale.

Some of the crew were seriously injured and one of the seaman killed on the deck.

When the storm moderated Capt. Taylor decided to return to Queenstown. It was difficult work to steer the big ship, but he managed to anchor her without an accident.

The passengers and men were exhausted. To everybody's surprise the Beaver Company directed Captain Taylor to take the Lake Megantic to Liverpool, and she proceeded this evening with all her passengers and mails to be transferred to the Lake Superior, which will leave the Mersey on Tuesday.

Read of the adventures of our soldiers boys from the day of their departure to their return home in "Our Boys Under Fire," by Miss Annie Mellish. Forty-two illustrations. Price 75 cents bound—paper cover 50 cents.

CHINESE SITUATION.

Emperor Yields the Whole Case.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

PEKIN, Dec. 31.—The Chinese are greatly astonished at receiving the Imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung Chang nor Prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under ten days. The Emperor's instructions are to agree fully to the Powers Note, but to endeavor to get the best terms if possible particularly in the matter of limiting the number of the legation guards and also as to the places where they will be located.

MINING CRISIS.

Excitement Abating in London.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The thirteenth failure of stock brokers was announced before the close of the Exchange on Saturday, 22nd. Bartholomews & Jacks. The fact that the crisis had been reached in the speculations of the Whittaker-Wright group of mines and that the worst was known occasioned a feeling of relief after the strain of anticipation.

While the mining market has continued depressed other departments quickly recovered from the excitement.

CANADIAN LLOYDS.

An Act to Incorporate Will be Passed.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Application will be made at the forthcoming Parliament for an Act to incorporate the Canadian Lloyds with a capital of five millions. This may be called the sequel to the agitation which has been in progress against the alleged discrimination on the part of the British insurance companies against the St. Lawrence route.

AMERICA'S Greatest Medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it possesses unequalled curative powers and its record of cures is GREATEST.

A NOTABLE RACE

Begins In One Century—Ends In Another.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Seventeen men will start in the six day race, this afternoon: Gougoltz, Kasper, Ryser, Muller, Fredericks, Fishor, Accotrier, Waltneur, McEachern, Babcock, Ferville, Gunn, Walters, Stinson, Hugh McLeod, Dubois, and Downy. This will be the first race ever started in one century to finish in another.

ASHANTI REBELLION.

All the Chiefs Have Surrendered.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Colonel Wilcocks has cabled the Government that the Ashanti rebellion has ended, all of the rebel chiefs having surrendered.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Probabilities for Next 24 Hours.

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—Unsettled and mild with rain. Tuesday: strong winds, becoming west and north-west; occasionally rain or snow; colder at night.

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Notice is hereby given that in virtue of the Act of the Dominion Parliament, 63 and 64 Victoria, Chapter 103 and Chapter 104, the name of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax will be changed to "The Royal Bank of Canada," from and after the second day of January, 1901.

E. L. PEASE,
General Manager.
Halifax, 1st November, 1900.
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