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CAPTURE OF BLOEMFONTEIN

And a Brother of President Steyn a Prisoner.

OPERATION CARRIED OUT BY GEN. FRENCH.

Boers Retired North After Tearing Up Railway.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.
AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

LONDON, March 13, 9.55 a. m.—The War Office has a despatch from Lord Roberts, announcing that General French reached Bloemfontein last evening and occupied two hills close to the railway station. There are 321 men wounded; about sixty or seventy were killed or missing.

LORD ROBERTS' PROGRESS.

VENTER'S VLEI, March 12.—Lord Roberts is making rapid progress in his march on Bloemfontein.

We left Aysvogel Kop this morning, preceded by the cavalry, and marched to this place a distance of fifteen miles.

The army has been following Kaal Spruit, and we are now rather to the south of Bloemfontein, about twelve miles off. All the divisions have now joined the main advance.

Lord Roberts' headquarters are at Gregerowskil farm, where, it will be remembered, the reform prisoners were tried by Judge Gregerowskil.

By advancing along the Kaal Spruit, Roberts outwitted the Boers, who had entrenched themselves along the Modder River, thinking that our route would be in that direction.

We found most of the farms along the line of march deserted and white flags flying over the houses.

It is not expected that we shall meet with great opposition on entering Bloemfontein.

MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.

LONDON, March 13.—Lord Roberts telegraphs from Venter's Vlei at 5.20 this morning: "I directed General French if there was time to seize the railway station at Bloemfontein and thus secure the rolling stock."

"At midnight I received a report from him that, after considerable opposition, he had been able to occupy two hills close to the railway station."

"A brother of President Steyn has been made a prisoner. The telegraph line leading northward has been cut and the railway broken up."

BRITISH AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

LONDON, March 13, 10 a. m.—The War Office has received a despatch from Lord Roberts announcing that, after a fight with the Boers, General French has occupied two hills close to the station commanding Bloemfontein.

Lord Roberts also cables that Colonel Umpholy has died of his wounds. Lieut. Pratt of the Essex Regiment is wounded severely.

PEACE PROPOSAL.

LONDON, March 13.—Papers to be presented to the House of Commons today will confirm, in every respect, the news cabled on Friday last that the peace rumors were founded on fact; that Kruger had appealed to Lord Salisbury for a cessation of hostilities and had offered, by cable, the terms which he was willing to accept. The answer is that the advances had

met with an emphatic rejection, and that no such attempt to retain the independence of Transvaal could be considered a moment by the British Government.

AN IDEA.

LONDON, March 13.—The Standard says "There is an idea in some quarters that, on his arrival at Bloemfontein, Lord Roberts will issue a proclamation which will leave little doubt as to the future of the republics."

GERMANY WON'T INTERFERE.

DURBAN, March 13.—The Transvaal having appealed to Germany for mediation or interference in the war, Germany has replied that she declines to interfere as she is no way connected with the conflict.

LATER.

FRENCH ENTERS BLOEMFONTEIN

LONDON, March 13.—General French entered Bloemfontein this morning, and now occupies the Free State capital.

LONDON, March 12.—The United States Government, at the request of President Kruger and Steyn, has offered to the British Government its services as mediator with the object of bringing about peace in South Africa.

Lord Salisbury has not yet replied. But a representative of the Associated Press believes that there is little doubt that he will reply in terms as cordial and polite as those in which the offer was couched.

SALISBURY'S REPLY.

LONDON, March 13.—In the House of Lords today Lord Salisbury read the Government's reply to Presidents Kruger and Steyn. The concluding sentence is as follows:

"Her Majesty's Government can only answer your President's telegram by saying it is not prepared to assent to the independence of either the South African Republic or the Orange Free State."

SPECIAL FARE.—There was a special return rate to Georgetown last night in connection with the departure of the second contingent. A number of our citizens took advantage of it.

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Government Telegraphs

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OTTAWA, March 13.—Mr. Casey moved the first reading of the bill to authorize the Government to operate a telegraph system throughout the Dominion.

It proposes that the Government may acquire and extend lines or construct other systems. It is proposed to have a maximum rate of ten cents per ten words message and ten cents per hundred words for the press.

Mr. McLellan, of West Prince, thought that some such action would be a good thing for P. E. Island, where the telegraph service is costly and inefficient.

Mr. Martin said that the government which subsidize this line had power already to control the rates. Judging from the results of such control in the past the Province would not fare much better under government management than at present.

Sir Louis Davies said that he had written to the Anglo-American Cable Company, complaining that the P. E. Island service was unsatisfactory and asking for a better service.

The Minister explained that there was no monopoly. Anyone might lay a cable across the straits.

Mr. A. C. McDonald suggested the establishment of the Marconi system at the straits. Some means ought to be taken to break up the monopoly.

ELECTIONS IN MONCTON.

A Decided Conservative Success

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

MONCTON, March 13.—The Civic elections were fought on Dominion party lines. Two straight tickets were in the field. The Liberals forced the fight and met a Waterloo.

Last year's Council was seven Liberals and two Conservatives. This year's Council is composed of eight Conservatives and one Liberal. The Liberals saved one man in Ward 3 where the votes were nearly all railway men.

Mr. Sumner, Conservative, was elected Mayor by 475 votes against Hawke, Liberal, who received 281.

Death of Mr. R. B. Seeton.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

HALIFAX, March 13.—Mr. R. B. Seeton, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Halifax, died last night.

Mayorality of Fredericton.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

FREDERICTON, March 13.—Mr. Harry Beckwith was yesterday elected Mayor of this city.

DIED.

In Charlottetown, on the 13th March, inst., Bridget Smith, beloved wife of Peter McGinnell, aged 40 years. May her soul rest in peace.

[Funeral will leave her late residence, Dorchester Street east, at 8.45 on Thursday morning, for St. Dunstan's Cathedral thence to Roman Catholic cemetery.]
At Summerside, at eight o'clock, this (Tuesday) morning, Mrs. Dobie, wife of Rev. R. T. Dobie. [Funeral at two o'clock on Thursday afternoon.]

IT'S ALWAYS MIDNIGHT GLOOM to the sufferer from the stomach disorders and the diseases which can be directly traced there—neglect or ignorance may have produced the darkness, but so sure as night follows day, just so surely will Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets let in the sunshine and bring back the full noonday brightness of perfect health. This is taking strong ground—but proof is to be had—one tablet after eating—60 in a box—15 cents.

Everyone is interested in the causes and outcome of the present great struggle in South Africa. Come up to the Baptist church tonight and hear Mr. McCready's lecture—illustrated by a very large, clear, new map of the scene of action. Admission only 15 cents.

Keep in mind Mr. S. N. Earle's big concert which is to take place in the Opera House on Easter Monday night, April 16th.

Alpha Rebekah to night. All members please attend.

Carter's Seed Catalogue—1900.

We have before us Geo. Carter & Co's. Seed Catalogue for the year 1900. It is excellently arranged and contains much useful information for all who plant seeds.

In the catalogue are listed the leading varieties of cereals, vegetables and flowers. Here they are brought together, classified, priced, (and priced low) and directions are fully given for ordering. The trouble of sending outside the province for seeds is unnecessary in view of the complete list contained in Messrs Carter's catalogue. Furthermore it is to be noted that only the best kinds of seeds—the seeds best adapted for the climate of this province—the seeds that have been found to do well and to give the best results, that are here catalogued.

In flower seeds, that fashionable flower, the sweet pea, gets the place of honor, although all the other popular annuals and perennials are given. There are listed 35 of the leading varieties, favorites with all—it is unnecessary to mention the names but they comprise recent prize-takers and novelties. These are offered this year at the small charge of ten cents and five cents a packet, which places this beautiful flower within the reach of all. The "get-up" of the catalogue is all that can be desired.

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St. Patrick's Day

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The Benevolent Irish Society, of Charlottetown, will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on

SATURDAY, MARCH 17th, 1900

By the usual Parade and Church Services in the morning. In the evening at the

OPERA HOUSE

The following Programme will be rendered:

- PART I.
1. Selection—Refrain from Old Erin—St. Cecilia Club—Mandolins, Misses E. Murphy and Anderson, A. Hogan, B. Gillis; Banjo, Miss Murphy; Piano, Miss Carroll.
 2. Vocal Solo—Selected....V. Anderson
 3. Vocal Solo—Selected....Miss M. Blake
 4. Vocal Solo—Selected....H. Dingwell
 5. Violin Solo—Selected....Prof. Grant
 6. Vocal Solo—Kathleen Mavourneen....Miss Collings
 7. Another Little Patch Red....Chas. Earle
 8. Recitation—Selected....Miss McLean
 9. Vocal Solo—Sweet Innis Carran....L. Cook
 10. Dance....Pupils from Miss Macdonald's class.

- PART II.
11. Selection—Airs of Long Ago....St. Cecilia Club.
 12. Vocal Solo—Selected....Mrs. Byrne
 13. Vocal Solo—Don't Forget Old Ireland—by request....Brent McInnis
 14. Vocal Solo—Selected....Miss Earle
 15. Piano Duett—Selected....The Misses Carroll.
 16. Vocal Solo—Selected....Miss E. Benoit
 17. Clarinet Solo—Echoes from Old Ireland. Introducing, "Let Erin Remember," "My Lodging's on the Cold Ground," "The Harp That Once Thro' Tara's Hall" with variations—W. Clements....Prof. Watts
 18. Vocal Solo—Selected....Frank Stanley
 19. Vocal Solo—Selected....Austin Trainor
 20. Vocal Solo—Selected Victor Anderson

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Plans of hall at Dodd's and Rankin's Drugstores Thursday morning. Admission tickets at Reddin Bros Drugstore and C. J. Mitchell's Bookstore. Reserved seats 35c; unreserved 25c. Doors open at 7.30.

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