

The Transvaal War

STRATHCONA'S HORSE.

Lord Strathcona's Horse, which left Halifax yesterday, will do more to advertise Canada than the sending of the Government contingents, and must vastly increase the admiration of the Motherland for the colony that produces such men. A military expert figures out the cost of the undertaking as follows:—

400 men, outfit, \$100 each	40,000
400 men, arms, \$50 each	20,000
400 horses, \$100 each	40,000
400 horses, outfit, \$50 each	20,000
Transportation, 200 dols. per man	80,000
Do, horses, \$100 each	40,000
Pay, 400 men, 50 cts per day	73,000
Maintenance, 50 cts. per day	73,000
Maintenance, horses, 50 cents per day	73,000
Contingencies and extras, say	20,000
Grand total.	\$479,000

THE GENERALS' AGES.

Here are the names and ages of the generals in high command of Her Majesty's forces in South Africa to-day:

General Buller	61
General Gatacre	57
General Lord Methuen	55
General Clery	62
General French	48
General Kelly-Kenny	60
General Warren	60
General White	65
Lord Roberts	58
Lord Kitchener	50

CRONJE'S BIRTHPLACE.

Teplitz, a small watering place in Bohemia, claims to have been the birth place of General Cronje, the Boer commander who surrendered at Paardeberg. It is stated that the general's father was a Frenchman, and a cook to Charles X. On his arrival at Teplitz the ex-cook opened a hotel. He is said to have married a Czech maiden. The family name originally was Cronier, but was corrupted after the Croniers emigrated to the Transvaal.

The Durban correspondent of the Daily News says: "On March 1, an order was issued from Pretoria to field cornets to make an immediate return of all the women and children in the Johannesburg district, with particulars

as to whether each family would possess means of transport in case of sudden removal. The order created a sensation."

OUR ISLAND HEROES.

The moon is shining brightly,
And calmly looking down
On the battle fields of Africa,
That place of such renown
And our hearts are ever turning
To the dear ones far away,
The ones we loved and trusted
Would have been our hope and stay.
But they offered themselves so willingly,
And were ready to take their stand,
Beside the noble, so good and true,
To fight for their Queen and land,
That we tried to stifle our sorrow,
And look and speak and stand,
As if they would come some morning,
And again we would clasp their hand.

But, down in our hearts we were feeling,
Oh, who can tell or who knows
What those dear ones will have to suffer
When they stand face to face with their foes.

And now news has come they've been fighting,
And bravely they withstood the foe;
And our hearts thrill to hear the loud praises
That's been given Canadians, you know.

But, ah, while the news brings rejoicings,
Our hearts sink with sadness to hear
That some of our brave boys have fallen,
Who helped win that victory so dear.

God pity the mothers and fathers,
Sisters and brothers too,
Whose loved ones are called from the battle
And come not again with the few.

Yet while there is sorrow there's gladness,
And our hearts should rejoice as we hear
It is two of our best he has taken,
The ones in whose hearts was His fear.

Then let us not sorrow they are taken
From this world, so young and so fair,
Though they sleep far away,—'Tis in Jesus,
And their dust will He Guard with care.

And to those who are anxiously waiting,
We know not what next they shall hear—
May God give His grace and His blessing
To believe that to them He is near.
A. A. McN.
Stanley Bridge, 15th, March, 1900.

The Russian and Dutch military attaches with the Boer army at Poplar Grove, whose cart broke down near Ofontein as they were accompanying the retreating enemy, and were thus nominally captured by the British have arrived at Kimberley. They say that the Boers moved so rapidly that it was impossible for their cart to keep up with them. Gen. Roberts has prohibited the attaches from re-entering the Transvaal except by way of Cape Town and Delagoa Bay.

OUR BRAVE VOLUNTEERS.

Tune.—Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue.
When Britain was called on to fight,
Her honor and rights to defend,
Canada came forward all right
And her money and men she did send.
Her boys went out bravely to face
Without any doubtings or fears
The Boers from their strongholds to chase,

So three cheers for our brave volunteers.

Our Island also was not lacking
In sending her boys to the fray,
And truly their gallant attacking
Forced Cronje that day to give way.
The prospect for peace seems to brighten,
As the smoke from the war cloud now clears,
Your patriotic enthusiasm to heighten,
Give three cheers for our brave volunteers.

United, we ever shall stand
Divided we go to the wall,
Then stick to the Empire so grand
And by it to stand or to fall.
From it may our hearts never sever,
But strengthen along with our years,
The Empire united forever
And three cheers for our brave volunteers.

C. S.

Major Childe, who was killed after leading "F" squadron of the South African Light Horse in a victorious assault, and whose own epitaph was "Is it well with Childe? It is well," has been succeeded in command by Sir Bryan Leighton, who served with the American troops against Spain and wrote a book about it. This adventurous young baronet, who was a cousin to the late Major Childe, and who was standing beside the latter when Childe was killed,

went out to South Africa as correspondent of an illustrated paper and obtained a commission in the South African Light Horse. He has now been made a major commanding a squadron. While he fights the Boers, the youthful Lady Leighton occupies the unique position in England of master of the foxhounds.

The statement is made that the transports provided by the Admiralty conveyed 132,000 men to South Africa without the loss of a life. The achievement is one worthy of mention, and speaks well both for the physical condition of the men when they embarked and for the medical care and provisioning of the ships. The mistakes of the war will be few compared with its successes when the score is made up.

The death rate in Kimberley in February was:—

	Per 1000
Whites	42.8
Natives	169.5
White children, under 1 year	394.4
Native children, under 1 year	760.0
Enteric Fever—Whites	63.0
Enteric Fever—Natives	9.0

In diplomatic circles an unpleasant suggestion has been thrown out to the effect that the Hague conference has resulted in complete failure, and that even the limited program agreed upon is never to be perfected. Up to this moment it is not known officially that a single one of the powers represented

in the conference has ratified the three conventions prepared there.

The treasurer of the Canadian Patriotic Fund Association a few days ago received one thousand dollars from the students and members of the McGill University. The fund now totals \$174,414.64.

The Uganda railway telegraph line reached the Nile at Ripon Falls, February 18, and was carried across the river next day, thus enabling telegraph communication between London and the sources of the Nile.

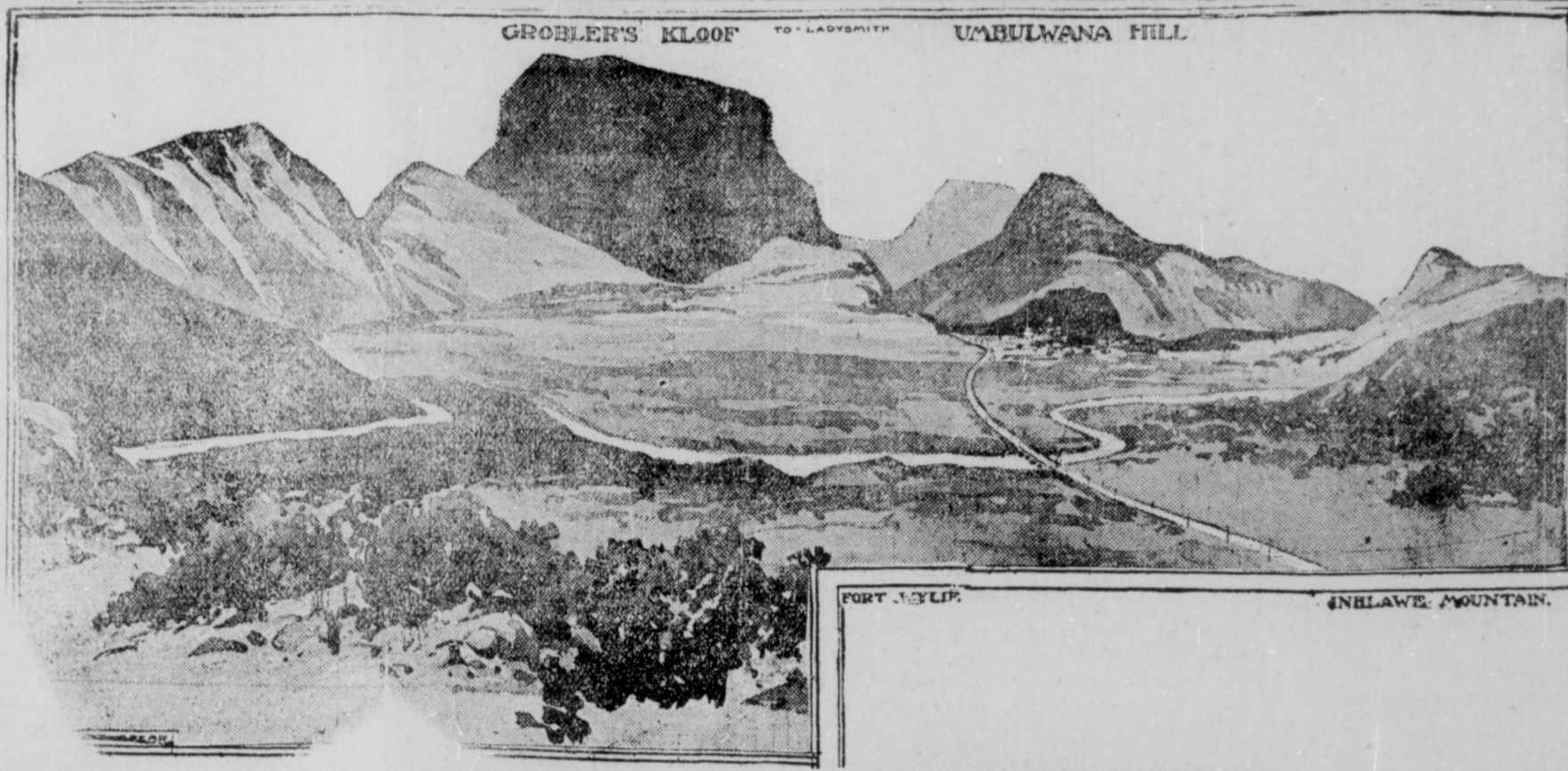
MARRIED.

At Murray Harbor South, 13th inst., by the Rev. E. Gillis, Abraham Herbert Williams, to Maude Maria Giddings, both of Lot 64.

Dear Sirs,—I was for seven years a sufferer from Bronchial Trouble, and would be so hoarse at times that I could scarcely speak above a whisper. I got no relief from anything until I tried your MINNARD'S HONEY BALSAM. Two bottles gave relief and six bottles made a complete cure. I would heartily recommend it to anyone suffering from throat or lung trouble.

J. F. VANBUSKIRK.

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