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NOT SO OLD AS WE THINK.

The settlement of the question about which there has been so much debate, relative to the date of the close of the 19th century, viz., at midnight, December 31, 1901, reveals some curious misconceptions that are generally entertained with regard to people's ages. We know that at the beginning of the second month, February that the year is but one month old, and we know that at the beginning of the twelfth month it is only eleven months old. Just so, at the end of the hundredth or nineteenth hundredth year the century close. We know that at its second birthday a child is one year old but at its fifth we call it five years old though it is only four. The maid of "sweet sixteen" (birthdays) is only fifteen, and the youth of twenty-one (birthdays) is only twenty. We are "three score and ten" at our 71st birthday and no man is entitled to be called a centenarian until he reaches his 101st birthday. But it makes no difference to the man whether he is called ninety years old or a hundred. The fictitious year adds nothing to his burden; its removal does not detract from the weariness of his step nor add lustre to his eye. The boy longs for one and twenty; perhaps that is how it comes to be accepted that at his twenty-first birthday he is twenty-one years old.

ST. JOHN LETTER.

Diogones was a long time looking for an honest man; a New Jersey man more than a year ago set out in pursuit of justice, and it still eludes his grasp, but he does not despair. The Jersey man holds a mortgage for \$800 on a neighbor's farm and as the time of redemption had expired he instructed his lawyer to foreclose it. The lawyer "was willin'," as is customary with his craft, and proceeded at once "in the interest of his client," to make it hot for the delinquent. The mortgagee contested, but finally a verdict was secured for \$505.49 and the plaintiff was reasonably happy. After a few weeks he wrote his lawyer congratulating him on his success and asking for a remittance. In reply the lawyer enclosed his bill for "services" as follows, with an invitation to "remit the balance of \$30.58 without delay."

To retaining fee,	\$100 00
To expenses, in court,	148 83
To drawing bill of foreclosure,	30 00
To attendance at trial,	125 00
To "sale,"	25 00
To disbursements,	70 00
To other expenses,	37 20

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Less received from mortgagee,	505 40

	\$30 58

And now there is a coolness between the client and his lawyer and also a law suit, and no baseball game was ever watched with so deep an interest as this suit is likely to be.

J. R. Ruel, treasurer of the Soldiers' Fund, has received about \$10,000 and more is required to carry out our obligations to the first contingent.

Chas. A. Love of Boston was arrested

here last Tuesday for forgery and is held under \$5,000 bonds.

A good many citizens left here Friday night to bid adieu to the New Brunswick members of the second contingent at Halifax. Canadian loyalty to the motherland is an eye opener for some of our American friends.

A Halifax man named Brokenshire was here last Saturday looking for his 50 year old wife who left his bed and board about two months ago. His search was unsuccessful and Mr. Brokenshire feels a good deal broken up.

All of the C. P. R. sidings between here and Brownville, Maine, are filled with loaded freight cars, waiting to discharge at Sand Point.

Over 400 laborers from Boston passed through the city last Thursday, bound to Sydney where they will be employed by the Dominion Iron and Steel Company.

A large consignment of American granulated sugar was received here a few days since and local refiners have reduced prices in consequence. The following are today's quotations:

Granulated sugar \$4.40 and \$4.45 per cwt.; extra C, \$3.75; yellow C, \$3.65; P. R. molasses, 39 cents per gal.; Cornmeal, \$2.00 per barrel.

Millers have reduced flour 5 to 10 per barrel. Eggs are in good demand at 17 cents and strictly choice butter at 18 cents.

EDWARD EDWARDS,
St. John, Jan. 20.

WAR NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Military critics in affiliation with the war office consider that the expected battle along the wide area south and west of Ladysmith can hardly be delayed beyond to-day. From Durban it is reported that fighting has begun. Buller's force engaged in the flanking operations number some 13,000 or 14,000 bayonets, 1,200 horses and 40 guns. The disposition of his other 15,000 or 20,000 men is not known although the assumption is that the whole army will be in action when the hour for combined movement arrives. Three weeks ago Buller had 30,000 men and considerable reinforcements have since reached him, giving him probably 35,000 men and eighty guns all told. The Boer strength is mere guess work. In not replying to Lyttleton's shells they were using simply the tactics that proved so successful in the battles of Magersfontein and Colenso lying low in their trenches thus hoping to conceal their precise position until the infantry advance. The Chronicle's military expert sees a curious analogy between Buller's present position and that on the battle of Magersfontein. Now as then the Boers are making a stand with their backs to the investing lines within a few miles. As Methuen after crossing the Modder River had to attack the Spytfontein and Magersfontein hills, so Buller after passing the Tugela, faces invincible entrenchment in a rough country.

A correspondent mentions Buller's wheeled transport of 5000 vehicles which connect him with the railroad about 30 miles in the rear. Among the vehicles are 30 traction engines which draw from 10 to 15 wagons each.

Buller's warning about the misuse of the white flag by the Boers in his proclamation to the troops is considered a rather broad hint to give no quarter. His phrase, "There will be no turning back," is played upon editorially by the morning papers as presaging cheerful announcements.

Absorbing interest is felt in the situation in Natal which makes other points seem microscopic. Methuen lies behind his works at Modder River. It is estimated his forces will have to be nearly or quite doubled before he can relieve Kimberley. Reinforcements are moving towards French at Rensberg. With these he is expected to advance. Gatacre's

men occupy Lopsberg, slight advance.

Buller has issued a spirited appeal and instruction to the forces beginning: "We are going to the relief of our comrades at Ladysmith. There will be no turning back." The order proceeds to advise the men when they charge regarding the condition under which they should receive the surrender of any of the enemy. It also warns them that the Boers are treacherous in the use of the white flag. This order has been received with enthusiasm in every camp. The march was a very trying one but the troops are now encamped amid very pleasant surroundings. The health is excellent and all are confident.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—A Durban special dated Wednesday says advices from Potgieter's Drift under date of yesterday say Warren has arrived within 17 miles of Ladysmith and the British wounded are arriving at the Mooi River field hospital by every train from the front, indicating that there has already been severe fighting. Neither report has yet been confirmed.

SPEARMAN'S FARM, Jan. 10.—Lyttleton's brigade with a howitzer battery crossed the Tugela at Potgieter's Drift on Tuesday. The water rose above the waists of the men. The Boers fired two shots, then recalled their forces to the trenches. The British advanced in skirmishing order during the night. It rained heavily on Wednesday. The Boer trenches were vigorously shelled in front of Mount Alice, while the British remained in possession of the kopjes and plain. Heavy mists enveloped the hills, but the naval gunners and howitzer battery made good practice, thoroughly searching the trenches on the Boer right. A breach was made in a sand-bag emplacement where it is supposed the guns had been placed. The cannonade was heavy and continuous and the Boers were observed leaving the trenches in small parties. The hill facing the British position was shelled next.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The war office shortly after midnight posted the following despatch from Gen. Buller, dated Spearman's Camp, Jan. 20, evening: "Gen. Clery, with a part of General Warren's force, has been in action from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. today. By a judicious use of his artillery, he has fought his way up, capturing ridge after ridge, for about three miles.

"The troops are now bivouacking on the ground he has gained, but the main

Boer position is still in front of them.

"The casualties were not heavy. About 100 wounded had been brought in by 6 30 p. m. The number of killed has not yet been ascertained."

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Gen. Buller cables to the war office:

"SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 21, 9 p. m.—Gen. Warren has been engaged all day, chiefly on his left, which he has swung forward about a couple of miles. The ground is very difficult and as the fighting is all the time up hill, it is difficult to say exactly how much we have gained, but I think we all making substantial progress."

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The war office has received the following from Gen. Buller, dated Spearman's Camp, Jan. 21, 6 55 a. m.

"In order to relieve the pressure on Gen. Warren and to ascertain the strength of the enemy in the position in front of Potgieter's Drift Gen. Lyttleton made a reconnaissance in force yesterday. This kept the enemy in their trenches in full strength all day.

"Our casualties, third battalion King's Royal Rifles, two killed, twelve wounded and two missing."

New Inventions.

Below will be found a list of patents recently granted by the Canadian government through Messrs. Marion & Marion, Solicitors of patents & experts, New York Life Building, Montreal.

- 65644—J. O. Hebert, Montreal, P. Q. Trundle-toy.
- 65640—Edgar McClatchey, Leamington, Ont. Fruit drier.
- 65706—J. B. Payne, Granby, P. Q. Sash holder.
- 65688—Wm. & A. Smith, La Baie du du Febvre, P. Q. Bicycle propelling mechanism.
- 65717—Wm. R. Hutton, Holland, Man. Improvements in sleighs.
- 65717—Alf. Fiset, Montreal, P. Q., Tire.

Cabinet Changes.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 18.—At a meeting of the local government, held this afternoon, a reconstruction of the cabinet took place. Hon. H. R. Emmerson, the premier, is now attorney general, and Hon. A. S. White takes the public works commissionership. H. A. McKeown was taken into the executive as a member without portfolio. The other departments remain unchanged.

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