

The War.

There has been some discussion as to Gen. Lord Roberts exact age. On reference to the Encyclopedia Britannica a standard authority, one learns that the British general was born in 1832. He would now be 68 years of age.

The last issue of the Times, London, (weekly edition) is full of interesting matter concerning the war. All the articles in this admirable journal are written by experienced men, and with care. By perusing them one learns much about the war, for while the daily papers contain the latest news, fuller explanations of events must be looked for.

A Bloemfontein correspondent of the Times says, speaking of Roberts' advance to the capital, "to organize the march of a force of 40,000 men and 20,000 horses and other animals needs an amount of preparation which can be guessed at by a layman, but of which the unending labor and anxiety would exceed his wildest estimate. Delay is charged against the organizing department of the Army so often and so easily—often perhaps so justly, that the present example of an instantaneous rearrangement of gigantic plans, carried out without a day's warning deserves most careful notice. The instant reversal of an army's line of advance from west to east is like the reversal of the heavy fly-wheel of a delicate machine that has slowly gathered speed and is now working at high pressure. Mention is made of the work of the telegraph staff. "To set up an aerial line or trail on earth will day after day in advance of head quarters and to keep it in efficient working order in spite of wilful interruptions, or what is far commoner, the accidental breaks carried by wind, wandering animals, or even, as in a recent case excessively stupid men, over a hundred miles ofveldt, is a great achievement."

The Times correspondents are not slow to criticize, when criticism is just. For instance speaking of the Korn Spruit disaster, one correspondent says, "There has already been much talk at home of reorganizing and increasing the army. The one thing really important is to make the army intelligent. Our generals, regimental officers, and soldiers are all brave, none braver, but it is useless to shirk the fact that the majority of them are stupid. The Empire will have no such army as it ought to have until it creates a system of military training which is not calculated to deprive the units of initiative and intelligence." Respecting this same disaster an intelligent native who fall into the hands of the Boers, and who made his escape very cleverly, says that in order to entrap the British force the Boers placed themselves in a terrible trap from which they could never have escaped had their presence been detected and had measures been taken to attack them. The Boers, he says, were huddled up with their horses in a deep spruit and were afraid to put their heads up to fire. A field cornet went so far as to suggest that they were being surrounded and that they should bolt while they had time.

Considerable attention is due to the opinion of Col. Albrecht, the German officer who was captured with Cronje. He says, "Your infantry is splendid. It will advance where no one else in the world will advance. But your cavalry, they are no good. Your artillery is splendid. Your mounted infantry is nothing. They are good infantry, but why put good infantry on horses. They are lost, they see nothing, they are all the time holding on their hats."

LONDON, April 30.—A special despatch from Thaba N'chu, dated Thursday, describing the fight at Israel's Poort, which is about seven miles west of Thaba N'chu, says:

"Three hundred Boers were strongly entrenched in two kopjes. The place of honor was given to the Canadians, who advanced very cleverly under Col. Otter. The Boers reserved their fire until the Canadians had reached the wire entanglements. Then they opened with a terrific hail of bullets.

"The Canadians, however, had taken good cover and were not greatly damaged. They were ably supported by the Grahamstown Horse. Successive rushes brought them right up to the kopjes, when Col. Otter was struck twice, one bullet inflicting a nasty, but not dangerous wound in the neck and the other tearing the badges from his shoulder. But he still cheered his men on until the kopjes were carried. The Boers bolted. The British losses were 20 in killed and wounded.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Thaba N'chu, describing the same engagement, says: "The British artillery shelled the kopjes all day from three positions. The Boer positions were extremely well chosen, consisting of a long range of very steep hills, with narrow passes between, commanding a vast extent of country.

"The mounted infantry made a wide turning movement, while the foot infantry advanced within 2,000 yards under good shelter.

"During the afternoon the battle became general and extended over a frontage of 10 miles. The rifle, Maxim and artillery firing was deafening.

"At 3 o'clock the Canadians advanced in open order, but, meeting with a terrific fire, they took shelter in a donga. When they finally captured the kopjes the Boers were seen retiring north and east with wagons; and, subsequently when the infantry made a dash, the rest of the enemy fired a few shots and cleared off.

"On occupying Thaba N'chu we found the stores and hotels all looted by the Boers. The natives complained of having their horses and cattle stolen and of cruel treatment. The English residents were subject to taunts and insults.

"I learned that yesterday Boer reinforcements from Brandfort came too late to assist their comrades. We found a heliographic

message from President Steyn to General Botha, saying it was inadvisable to send any more troops to Fourteen Streams, as the federals were already too weak between Bloemfontein and Kroonstad and because there were 50,000 British at Bloemfontein. The farmers around here have all been forced to rejoin the enemy. Most of them have taken their sheep and cattle along."

A Correction.

HARTLAND, N. B., April 27th.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

I notice in your issue of April 25th the statement saying it was alleged that I promised to marry Mrs. Boone on a certain day, now past. I say that such a statement is untrue, I never promised to marry Mrs. Boone, nor asked her to marry me. There never was a day appointed for marriage nor will there ever be by me. Another small error is that she sued me for \$5000, she only sues for the trifling sum of \$2000, which is only a small damage for such a great matter. I don't think you did this intentionally to put me in a false position before the public at least I hope not.

Yours truly,

ALLAN BRADLEY.

For the Boys at the Front.

On the suggestion of Col. Vince a subscription list was started to get money, to provide winter clothing for the 20 Carleton County lads now fighting in South Africa.

Here are the contributors:—

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J. B. Boyer, Victoria Corner, sent the following to Col. Vince:

Enclosed cheque \$12.00 for purpose as requested, as per names enclosed.

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| J W Boyer \$4 00 | Asa McNitch 1 00 |
| H Baker 50c | G W Baker 1 00 |
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| W O Thistle 50c | J Fred Boyer 1 00 |
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C. J. Green, Bath donated some under-clothing.

Collected at Debec by Capt. J. R. Kirkpatrick—Capt. J. R. Kirkpatrick \$1, Wm. Craig 50c, John T. Flemming 50c., W. N. Hemphill 25c., A. Herrin Pond \$1, N. E. Flemming 25c, Ernest Benn 10c, M. MacGhie 20c, B H Kerr 25c, C. W. Dickinson 25c, Alex Fitzgerald 25, H L Bailey 50c.

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Amount collected at East Florenceville, N. B., by B. F. Smith.

B. F. Smith \$1, Jas McIsaac \$1, W. W. Boyer \$1, J. R. Tompkins \$1, J. W. Smalley \$1, J. Jameson \$1, G. Kirkpatrick 50c, F. Hunter 50c, Mrs. S. R. Boyer 50c, C. N. Boyer 50, Watts Tompkins 50c, P. R. Simple 50c, A. D. Hartley 25c, N. H. Tompkins 25c, F. Gallupe 25c, M. Hartley 25c. Total \$10.

Statement of money collected by J A Carpenter, for the Second Canadian Contingent Fund, in Bloomfield, Lakeville Centreville and Florenceville, Carleton Co, N B.

W D Balloch, \$5; J A Carpenter, \$5; Robert Sherrard, \$15; James Sherrard, \$15; Maggie A Sherrard, \$10; Jane Sherrard, \$10; Mrs J A Carpenter, \$2; Alex Strong, \$1; Robert Wilson, \$1; W J Bark, 50c; G H Stokoe, \$1; Pead W Stokoe, 25c. Wilmot Jewett, 50c; Mrs E London, 50c; Mr E London, 50c; Mrs H A Stokoe, 50c; Mrs J W Williamson, 50c; Benj London, 50c; Thomas Smith, \$1; W H Carvel, 50c; H P Carvel, \$1; J R Flower, 50c; James Bearisto, M D \$1 50; John King, 50c; G H Corbett, \$1; G R Smith, 50c; W B Jones, 50c; John W Cogle, 50c; Horatio London, 50c; H A Stokoe, 50c; Miss Maud McDonald, 50c; James Flemming, 50c; W P Achson, 50; Wm McLellan, 50c; Robert McLellan, 50c; C H Cheney, \$1; Mrs Joel Jewett, 50c; James W DeLong, 50; Geo C Jones, \$1; James A Barter, 50c; Benjamin Cogle, \$1; J W Cheney, \$1; R Wilmot Balloch, \$5; E Harold, \$5; H A Green, \$1; H W P Peppers, M D, \$1; B B Estabrooks, \$1; G L White, \$1; H J Clarke, 50c; E H Hoyt, 50c; Wilmot Anderson, 50c; D W Perkins, 50; O Paul Kruger, 50c; Erau Kruger, \$1; Fraulin Kruger, 50c; Frank Kirkpatrick, 25c; D McGaffigan, \$1; H H McCain, M P P, \$5; S O Post, 50c; C M Boyer, 50c; Wm London, \$1; John Carmichael, 50c; Arnold Flemming, 50c; Thomas A McCain, 35c; J W Hagerman, M D, \$1; David Irvine, \$2; C M Sherwood, \$1; Wm Bitter, \$1; Alpheus Grey, 25c; Albert London, 25c; Hubert London, 50c; Percy Cunningham, 50 Ransford McLeary, 25c; Vinal McLeary, 50c. From Bloomfield concert held at Lakeville, \$11 25. Total \$131.15.

Mr Carpenter sent check for above amount on Tuesday, to H D McLeod, St John, treasurer for Canadian Contingent Fund, who congratulated Mr. Carpenter on his excellent work.

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"The Merchant of Venice."

Shakespearean plays are not frequently seen in Norwich, more's the pity, but our citizens were fortunate in being permitted to witness "The Merchant of Venice" at Clark Opera house Thursday night, and a large audience availed itself of the opportunity. The play was given by the Lyceum company, and the acting was grand, the costumes superb, and every feature of the play was perfect in its interpretation. Edouard D'Oza as Shylock, the money-lending Jew, was excellent, Elmer Buffham as Bassanio, the friend for whom Antonio, the Venice merchant, borrowed of Shylock the 3,000 ducats and pledged a pound of flesh nearest his heart to secure their repayment, performed well his part, as did also Joseph Selman, who took the part of Antonio, William Colvin as Launcelot Gobbo, and each of the other minor characters. Miss Effie Hext as Portia was charming, and her fine presence and eloquent voice as the doctor; captured the audience entire in the fifth act where the fulfillment of Antonio's bond was demanded by Shylock. Beatrix Hamilton as Jessica, was fine, and the thrilling love scenes of Portia and Bassanio were made still more appreciable by those of her maid Nerissa, Mamie Lorrimer, and Gratiano, Will Clifford.

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