

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, March 11.—No further news has been received concerning the negotiations between Lord Kitchener and General Botha. The Daily Express says it hears that Lord Kitchener insisted the surrender must be unconditional, while the question of the future treatment of the Boers was referred to London.

It is asserted that Mr. Kruger, through Dr. Leyds, has sent a long telegram to Mr. Schaik-Burger, acting president of the South African republic, asking for details regarding the negotiations.

The Times publishes the following despatch from Aasvogel, March 9:

"Gen. De Wet escaped northward by a forced march with 400 men. His objective is believed to be the vicinity of Kroonstadt.

"Four other Boer leaders are still in the southwestern part of Orange River Colony.

"Now that Gen. De Wet is back in his own country it will be almost impossible to operate against him. Just so soon as he is pressed his commando dissolves to meet again a few days later.

"Only a few bands of Boers are now left in Cape Colony."

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marquez says that a Mr. Martinisen, who resigned a post in the United States army to join the Boer forces, was shipped for Lisbon Saturday on the Portuguese transport Zaira, which carried 103 Boer families, after he had made an ineffectual attempt to obtain consular protection.

CAPE TOWN, March 8.—Rev. Mr. Cachet, a Dutch minister, has been arrested at Barchersdorp on the charge of high treason.

LONDON, March 10.—A special from Cape Town, dated March 8, says the Boers lost 40 killed in an engagement with an armored train near Rooenogten. They mistook the train for one loaded with horses and allowed it to get within range, whereupon fire was opened from the train and the Boers fled, some of them abandoning their rifles.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, March 9.—The Portuguese transport Zaire sailed for Lisbon today, having on board 103 Boer families, including those of ex-Auditor General Marais and Commandant DeKock.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—The British steamer Vola, with 800 mules, cleared today for Cape Town.

CRADOCK, Cape Colony, March 7.—A force of three hundred Boers occupied Mariasburg, yesterday evening, without opposition. There were no British troops there.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Orange River Colony, March 8.—The education department of the Orange River Colony is drawing up an educational scheme, based on the Canadian school system.

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Held in Boston last Thursday Evening.

The annual reception and banquet of the Canadian Club of Boston was held at the Copely Square Hotel last Thursday evening. The dining room had been appropriately decorated with the flags of Britain and the United States. The president of the Club, Robert H. Upham, occupied the chair. At the close of the president's address the members sang God Save the King and The Star Spangled Banner.

Professor Charles G. D. Roberts spoke in part as follows:—It seems to me, he said, that in coming here to the Canadian Club of Boston, I have a right to speak to you more personally than I would anywhere else, because this club is made up so largely of men from my own part of the world—brother "blue-noses" from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick. I cling by the way, in parenthesis, to the term "blue-nose," which, on account of its historic associations, is a great honor to all who come from those maritime provinces. I dare say some of my brother "blue-noses" who are here do not know of the important division which exists among the "blue-noses." Of course, we are all "Canucks." But among "Canucks" there are special divisions—the "blue-noses" are one special subdivision, and no small one. Then among "blue-noses" there are special divisions. The original Nova Scotians were the original "blue-noses." There are Brunswickers who are the "buckwheat blue-noses." Finally in Prince Edward Island our brother "blue-noses" are "red-foot blue-noses"—a term which perpetuates the memory of their rich and unfailingly fertile soil.

After making some remarks regarding New York city as a literary centre, the speaker went on to describe his feelings for the United States. It is better, he said, for both peoples, in my opinion, that they should be preserved intact, and that the two branches of the race

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shall come as closely together as possible, should be ready to stand together against the world and should at all times and on all occasions remember that blood is thicker than water.

And now as to Canadian literature. This literature—leaving out my own name—is one of which any country ought to be proud. In literature Canada has won for herself a position which does her credit. And has done this while confronted by tremendous responsibilities and problems. Why, I found the other day that some of the French writers are translating Canadian writers into French, and when France does that it is paying us a decided compliment, because France is very careful about praising any country she recognizes as having "arrived." For a young country like ours to be so recognized is a triumph—a Canadian triumph.

Again, when I was in London, the greatest of living critics, as I believe, said: "Why, you fellows in Canada are doing in my judgment, the best work being done by the young men now writing in our English speech. When he had said that, Mr. Swinburne, added: "Undoubtedly you Canadians are doing splendid things in every direction. Your work in literature is sincere and less self-conscious than anything that is being done in the rest of the empire, and it is only a part of the great work that Canada is doing." "Canada," he added, "is educating the empire; Canada is the heart of the new imperialism." Then from Kipling came another encouraging word. "You fellows," he said, "somehow write as if you were not tired."

Canadian literature, continued the speaker though at present in its infancy, is distinguished by some of the great qualities. It is characterized by sincerity. Its writers bring to the study of nature an absolute freshness. It has seen things in nature which neither Wordsworth nor Emerson have touched upon. It has not yet devoted itself very deeply or very largely to the study of man, but that will certainly come.

Prof. Roberts finally recited "The Stranding of the Ship" and other compositions of his own. He was loudly applauded.

A Great Editor.

Llewellyn Carr, the editor and proprietor of the Mail, of Cardiff, Wales, one of the best and most influential newspapers in the British Isles is at present in Canada. About midnight on one Saturday night a few years back he was rung up on the telephone by his acting editor, who said that the Western Mail office was on fire. Mr. Carr, who lived in a mansion a few miles out of Cardiff, immediately drove into town, and found tens of thousands of people gazing on the mass of flames which had laid hold of the palatial Western Mail offices, which were situated in the chief street of the town. Calmly telling the journalists who were gallantly trying to save the files not to risk their lives. Mr. Carr saw that not a stick or stone could be saved. So he retired to a room in the leading hotel, gathered his chiefs of staff round him and started making arrangements for bringing out the paper as usual on Monday morning; and this at a moment when he had no office no machines, (these could be heard in rapid succession crashing through floor after floor, for hours), no engines, no type, no printing furniture of any kind. But he had the essential for creating these things—an active and resourceful mind. Cardiff is two hundred miles from London, but the telegraph wires were set to work, and very soon trusted met, were rushing round London in cabs, waking up type-founders, machine-makers, and providers of all other necessities for a printing office; these were hastily packed and taken on heavy trolleys to special trains which were waiting in readiness, and rushed down to Newport (a town twelve miles from Cardiff).

Here is an old dismantled printing office, where the only piece of furniture was an ancient Marinoni printing machine. Gas fitters, engineers and others had been busy since the small hours making the place ready, and by four o'clock Sunday afternoon the compositors were starting on Monday's issue. There was no room for an engine inside the building, so it was placed in the street, and a hole knocked in the wall for the usual connections with the machinery. Of course, the difficulties were many and

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BAKER-FAULKNER.—At the residence of the officiating clergyman, Woodstock, on the 7th, by the Rev. Thos. Todd, Mr. Walter B. Baker, of Woodstock, and Miss Annie A. Faulkner, of Maplewood, County of York.

stupendous, but they were all surmounted, and the Western Mail, although burnt out, lock, stock and barrel on Sunday morning, re-appeared next morning, much battered in appearance truly, but cheerful and vigorous as ever. It was veritably a case of building up a newspaper office in a night. The feat created a great sensation in newspaper circles at the time and is still a topic to talk about. This shows the kind of a man Mr. Carr is—indomitable in spirit, resistless when he makes up his mind. He is an inspiration to his staff and they are proud to be associated with him.

Here is a good story that is going the rounds about the German Emperor:

The Kaiser, at a recent review in Berlin reprimanded old Gen. von Meerscheldt for losing his mind at a critical moment. "If your majesty thinks that I am getting too old, I beg of you to allow me to resign." "No, no," replied the Kaiser, "you are too young to resign. Indeed, if your blood didn't course through your veins quite so fast you would be a more useful army leader. On the evening of that day the Kaiser and the General met at a court ball. The general was talking to some young lady, "Ah, Meerscheldt," cried William, "that is right; get ready to marry. Take a young wife, then that excitable temperament of yours will soon vanish." The general bowed low as he retorted: "I beg to be excused, your majesty. A young emperor and a young wife would be more than I could possibly stand."

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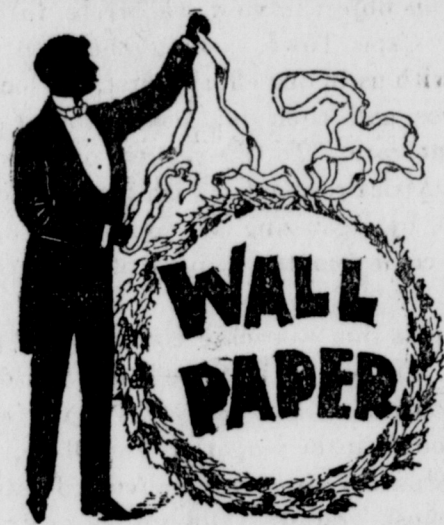
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