

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

The Boers Are in Force and Making a Good Fight.

A despatch from London dated Monday, December 31st, says:

While Lord Kitchener sends bad news for England on the closing day of the year, the press continues to take a surprisingly hopeful view of a grave situation and of revelations of an enormously wide field of Boer activity. General De Wet is still at large. Kimberly is isolated. The Boers are in force enough to have captured a strong position at Helvetia in the Lydenburg district, while judging from Lord Kitchener's very recent advices no progress is being made against the Boer invaders in Cape Colony.

According to further telegrams received yesterday, Zeerust is practically besieged but has provisions sufficient for five months. The garrison at Ottoshoop has been withdrawn to Lichtenburg. A despatch from Carnarvon, dated yesterday, reports that the Boers who have been threatening that point were driven off and are being pursued.

"It is evident," says a belated message from Krugersdorp, dated December 23, "that the Boer commissariat in the direction of the Magaliesburg is well supplied and that until the country between here and the Magaliesburg is properly cleared of Boers they will continue to concentrate there, the ground being particularly adapted to their methods of warfare."

The Boers admit that in their fight with General Clements at Nootgedacht they lost 130 men.

"It is understood that Lord Kitchener cannot ask the colonies officially to send troops," says a Durban despatch, dated December 29, "but he desires it to be known in Australia and Canada that Australians and Canadians arriving in Natal will be eligible for immediate enlistment in an irregular corps which is proceeding to Johannesburg for five months' service."

To emphasize Lord Kitchener's covert admission that no progress is being made against the invasion of Cape Colony, a correspondent at Burghersdorp, wiring Saturday, reports as follows:

"Two fresh commandoes are entering the Colony. One has already crossed near Kaapstad and the arrival of another is momentarily expected in the Steynsburg district. The Boers are said to have two or three horses each, though in bad condition. They have no guns or transport, but are well supplied with Lee-Metford rifles and ammunition. Captured Boers say that the intention of these commandoes is to roam about and wait until General De Wet appears on the scene."

All the despatches arriving in London agree that the Cape Dutch show no inclination to rise but on the contrary appear to be tired of the war and desirous of peace. Many refuse to supply the Boers with food and are willing to give information to the British regarding Boer movements.

Details of the Greyingstad affair show that while Colville's column was pursuing the Boers a second force of 400 of the enemy was seen moving toward the camp where the British transport was incamped. The small British force made a plucky stand until reinforcements arrived with artillery and after severe fighting the Boers were defeated. The British losses altogether were nine killed and sixty-three wounded and missing. The Boers are said to have had thirty-one killed.

Lord Kitchener wiring from Pretoria Saturday, Dec. 29, says:

"There is not much change in the situation in Cape Colony. The eastern force of the enemy appears to have broken up into small parties at Utrecht and to be moving about rapidly in the same district, evidently waiting for support from the north."

"The last report states that the western force is moving to Carnarvon. DeLisle and Thornicroft are to close pursuit."

"Franch has occupied Ventersdorp, Clements reports that he is opposed on the road to Rastenburg. The eastern line was blown up near Pan and a train was held up this morning on Sanderton line near Vaal station."

"White's column has arrived at Senekal. Knox's column and Boyes brigade are holding De Wet from breaking south."

A special from Naauwport, dated Dec. 28, reports that Col. De Lisle defeated Hertzog 18 miles west of De Aar, capturing a number of wagons and releasing the prisoners captured at Pilipstown. Lieut. Col. Grenfell forced back Kritzingger towards Venterstadt. Both Commandoes are in a desperate plight and will probably never re-cross the Orange River.

A Standerton despatch, dated Dec. 28, says it is estimated that 2,000 Boers were engaged in the operations in North Natal hoping to break the British line of communication.

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This plan failed and the Boers were driven off in each case with more or less loss, their casualties in the past day or two numbering fifty, while the British casualties were slight.

From Carnarvon, under Saturday's date, comes a despatch saying that the Boers occupied Vosburg Dec. 27 in force and were reported to be moving on Carnarvon, where martial law has been proclaimed. The loyal field cornets and farmers have assured the authorities that they will remain loyal and will suppress disloyal talk.

It is reported, according to a despatch from New Castle, dated Dec. 29, that Louis Botha has informed Commandant Spruight that Kruger has sent word that the burghers must lay down their arms or continue fighting on their own account, as no support from Europe can be expected.

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DIED.

KENNEDY.—At Tracy Mills, Carleton County, N. B., Dec. 28th, of pneumonia, Alexander H. Kennedy, aged 80 years, leaving a wife and nine children to mourn their loss. Deceased was a member of the Centreville Baptist church and was highly esteemed for his Christian life and character.

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CRONKHITE-HILLMAN.—At the home of the bride's father at Greenbush, Southampton, Miss Isabel Hillman, daughter of Edmund Hillman, to Abraham Cronkrite, of Southampton. Only the near relatives of the contracting parties were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. B. MacDonald.

BRIGGS-SISSON.—At the parsonage, Andover, Dec. 25th, by Rev. R. W. Demings, Adam Briggs to Minnie Sisson, both of Sisson Ridge, Victoria County, N. B.

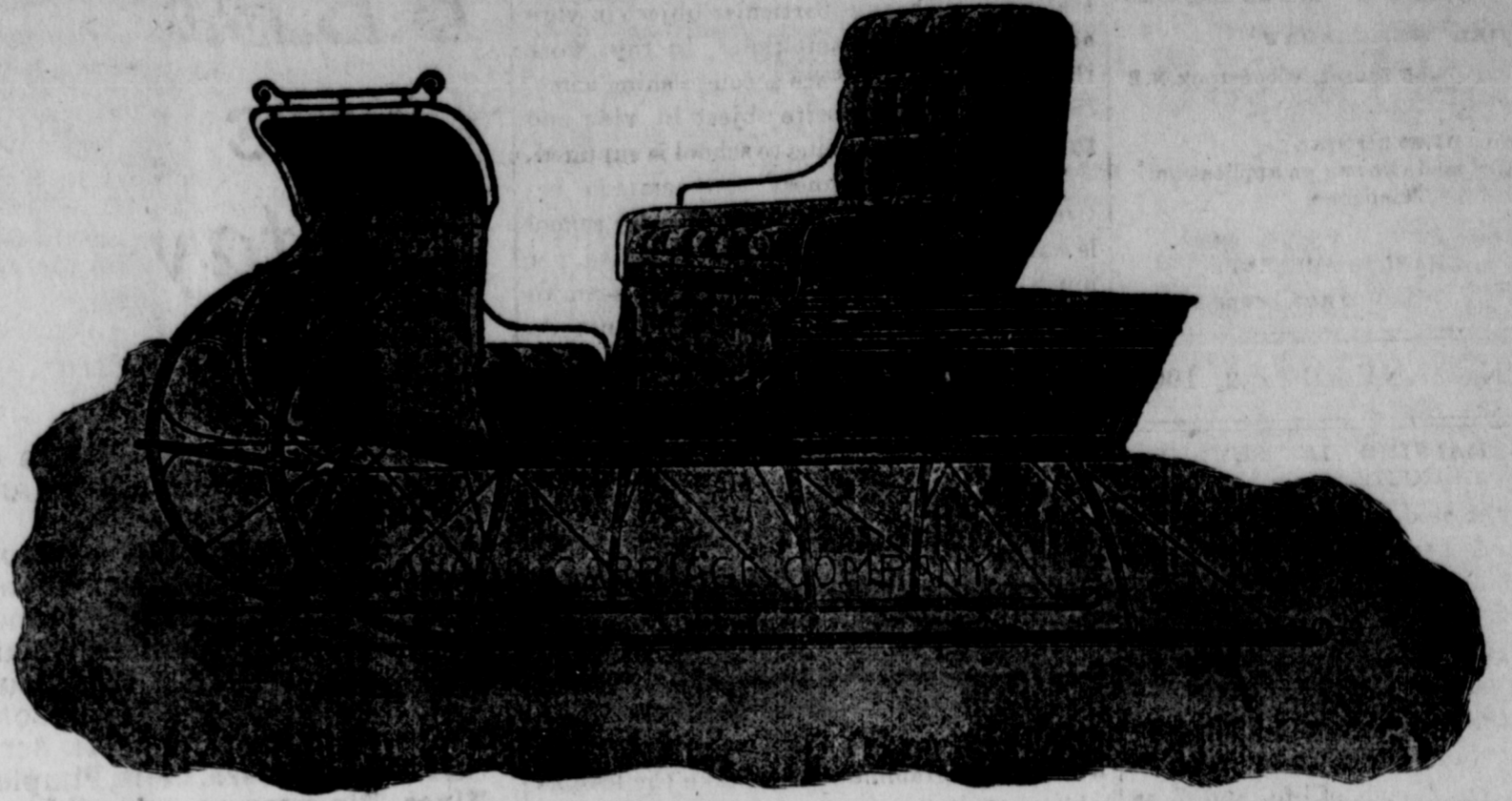
NOTICE OF SALE.

To Kate C. Watson, of the Town of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, and Samuel A. Watson, of the same place, watch maker, and all others whom it may concern:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the First day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, made between the said Kate C. Watson and Samuel A. Watson, her husband, of the first part, and the undersigned George Inch of the second part, duly registered in Carleton County Records in Book Y. 3, pages 741, 742 and 743, on the first day of September A. D., 1898, there will, for the purpose of satisfying the money secured by the said Indenture of Mortgage, default having been made in payment thereof, be sold at Public Auction in front of the post office in the Town of Woodstock in the said County of Carleton, on SATURDAY, the SECOND day of FEBRUARY next at twelve o'clock, noon, the lands and premises mentioned and described in the said Indenture of Mortgage as follows: "All that piece of land situated in said town of Woodstock on Main street, bounded as follows: On the north by land owned by Lewis P. Fisher, on the west and south by land owned by the heirs of the late George H. Connell, more fully described in a deed from G. Fred. Watson to said Kate C. Watson as on the west side of Grover and Main streets bounded as follows: Commencing at the south east angle of land now owned and occupied by Lewis P. Fisher, thence running westerly along the southerly side line of Lewis P. Fisher's and a distance of one hundred and sixty seven feet; thence at right angles running southerly a distance of eighty-eight feet six inches; thence easterly parallel with the southerly side line of said Lewis P. Fisher's land a distance of one hundred and forty three feet or till it strikes Grover street; thence north east along the west side of Grover and Main streets to the south east angle of Lewis P. Fisher's land aforesaid, and place of beginning, being lot number nineteen in a plan by Abram G. Stone, Deputy Land Surveyor in 1891, and being part of a tract of land conveyed by Isabel M. Allan, M. Louise Allan and Mary M. Allan to Isabel C. A. Connell and Heber B. Connell, surviving administratrix and administrator of the late George Connell on the 28th day of February A. D. 1896, together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon and the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any manner appertaining.

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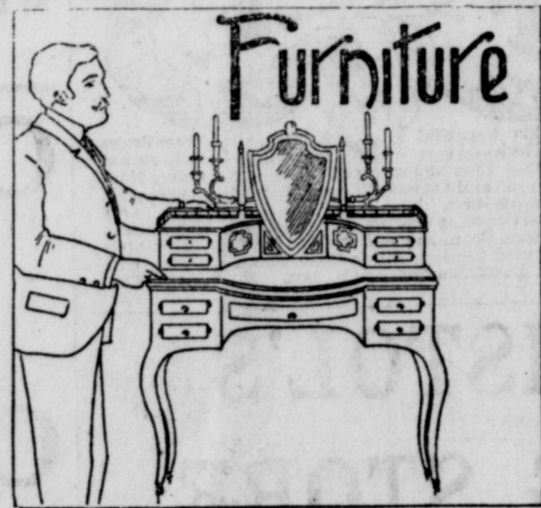
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County Council MEETING.

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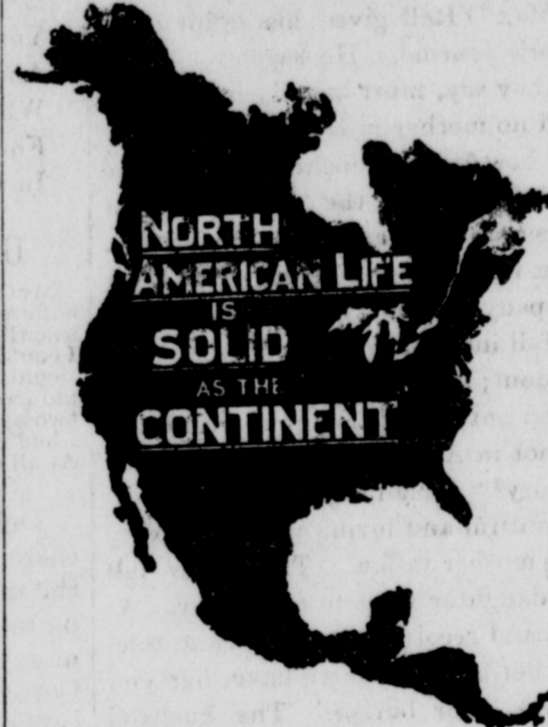
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