

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, April 1—The war office has received advices from Lord Kitchener dated Pretoria, March 30, reporting the capture of 72 Boers in Orange River Colony and officially announced that General French has taken 51 prisoners and received the surrender of 93 Boers, as already announced in press despatches. Lord Kitchener also reports upon recent wrecking of trains at several points.

LONDON, April 1—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

"Dr. Leyds and his colleagues have sent a private notification to Mr. Chamberlain, warning him that a powerful combination of European and American merchants intends to boycott English goods systematically until independence is granted to the Boers."

London, March 31—A special despatch from Sanderton says the Imperial Light Horse have captured Commandant Prinsloo and a convoy of 28 wagon. Commandant Englebrecht, the despatch says, has surrendered. The British are sweeping the Eastern Transvaal clear of everything useful to the Boers. All standing crops have been destroyed, but the women and children are being cared for. Five hundred of them have been conveyed to Utrecht, where their wants are well attended to.

Pretoria, March 30—The Boers derailed and plundered a freight train near Johannesburg last night.

Economy of Feeding Bulk Food.

Farmers are not accustomed to feeding hay to hogs, but the Kansas Experiment Station reports that better results were obtained from feeding alfalfa hay and Kafir corn to hogs than from Kafir corn only. The hay was fed dry, in forkfuls, and the pigs were given an abundance. They picked out the leaves and finer stems, rejecting the coarser portions. It was demonstrated that pork could be produced cheaply by putting the hogs on pasture in summer and feeding hay in the winter, allowing a proportion of grain during severely cold weather. It has long been known that when clover hay is cut very fine and scalded, leaving the mess overnight, and sprinkling it with bran and cornmeal, it is very acceptable to swine. Such a ration is very complete in both the carbonaceous and nitrogenous elements, and costs much less than grain. Pigs that are fed on grass grow more rapidly than when given grain exclusively, although an allowance of grain will always be of an advantage. All animals are benefitted with bulky food, as grain is too concentrated, and is better digested when mixed with other foods.—Philadelphia Record.

Effect of Exposing Potato-seed.

Some interesting and valuable experiments were made last season by the Ontario Experiment Union in time and method of planting potatoes. Fifty-three practical farmers reported on the effects of planting directly after cutting the seed and planting five days after cutting it. By the first method a little over 175 bushels to the acre were obtained; by the second 157½ bushels.

It was noted on one farm that there was a difference of 25 per cent. in yield and quality of a few rows in the field. The only way in which the difference could be accounted for was the fact that some of the potato-seed had been exposed in the rows to the sun for a few hours before covering. The effect of coating the seed with plaster was also tested. The coated seed gave an average of 181½ bushels, the uncoated 165 bushels, and the product of the coated seed was considerably better in quality. The work of coating the seed can be done very quickly, either by throwing the seed into the plaster or sprinkling the plaster over the seed with a shovel and mixing it. Probably the great advantage of the plaster is in preventing the seed from dying out too quickly.—[America Agriculturist.

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Afraid of the Draught.

An army captain, who had for many years been resident in the warmest part of India, unexpectedly found it necessary to come home on family matters of an urgent nature. Inured as he was to intense heat, and arriving here in the middle of winter, he caught a severe chill, to which he rapidly succumbed, not, however, before leaving full particulars as to the disposal of his remains, which he wished to be cremated. These instructions were followed out to the letter, and the official of the crematorium, after having allowing the specified time to elapse in which the body is reduced to ashes, opened the furnace door. Judge his surprise when from the interior resounded two startling sneezes and a peremptory voice shouted: "close that door, sir! The draught is horrible!"—Tit-Bits.

Chollie—"She called me an idiot." Mollie—"Indeed! I didn't think she knew you well enough for that!"—[Yonkers Statesman.

PERSONAL.

H. Paxton Baird is in St. John on business. A. D. Holyoke went to St. John on business on Monday.

A. J. Reed Halifax N. S. was at the Aberdeen last week.

A Curry Andover was a guest at the Aberdeen over Sunday.

W. H. McGinn Fredericton was a guest at the Aberdeen Friday.

Mrs. Matthew Hutchinson, Upper Wicklow, is visiting in New York.

C. W. Davenport and W. F. French of Houlton were at the Aberdeen Friday.

Fred D. Tweedie, of White & Tweedie, Centreville, spent Sunday in Woodstock.

H. G. Enslow and R. J. Adams of St. John were guests at the Aberdeen last week.

J. A. White Charleston and F. R. Shaw Victoria registered at the Aberdeen Friday.

Miss Elizabeth Bull left for Boston Saturday last. She was accompanied by Master Gordon Carr.

Mrs. B. Bull went to Fredericton on Saturday, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. George Clarke.

Mildred Carvell, daughter of F. B. Carvell, has recovered from her third attack of pneumonia this spring.

W. B. Jewett and family are on their way home to Woodstock. They will probably arrive here the last of this week.

George M. Ryan, Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, and wife, of St. John, were guests of John H. Watt on Saturday.

Fred LaForest, M. P. P., who has been in Montreal undergoing a surgical operation, was able to get back to his legislative duties last week.

Mrs. J. B. Brewer accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Edith Holmes, has gone to Chicago, where she is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. N. Case.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh F. Murray spent Sunday in Woodstock, guests of Mrs. Murray's mother, Mrs. Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Murray are preparing to depart for Winnipeg, where Mr. Murray's Company, the Yarmouth Boot and Shoe Company, have made him manager of a branch they are establishing there. He will have two or three travellers under him.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

In the legislature on Monday Mr. Barnes read a letter from the father of a Kent county boy who had enlisted in the first contingent and served in South Africa. He had been at McGill college when he enlisted and the St. John committee had refused to consider his claim to a portion of the money to be given to New Brunswick. As the government had given \$5,000 towards this fund he thought that this house was the proper place to bring the matter up.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said that when the \$5,000 was appropriated the government understood that it was to be given to all the young men belonging to New Brunswick who had enlisted. This case was not the only one where he conceived that injustice had been done. A young man who resided in Douglastown enlisted while sojourning in Amherst and the St. John committee refused to consider his application. He thought their action unjust and unfair. He had applied to them in this case, but got very little satisfaction. He failed to see why this young man from Kent should not have received his share of the money. He would make another attempt to see the committee and hoped he would be able to impress them that our New Brunswick boys should receive the same treatment.

Mr. Porter mentioned the case of a young man in Carleton County.

Mr. Flemming instanced the case of George Glew, of Woodstock.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that when the province had contributed so large a portion of the money it was only right that the government should be consulted. There was no reason whatever why this Kent county man should be treated differently from other New Brunswickers.

Mr. Humphrey mentioned a case of a Westmorland young man who enlisted in Toronto and whose bones were now in South Africa. His father had received \$500, but he hoped that if anything was to be done the name of Harry Wetmore would not be forgotten.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that he had spoken to a member of the St. John committee since he last addressed the house and he was happy to learn that there was a balance still on hand and that any representations made to the committee would be attended to.

Hon. Mr. Dunn said he had been treated by the committee with every courtesy.

Hon. Mr. Hill said that Glew was a native of Charlotte county and that the people of Charlotte who had contributed liberally took an interest in his case.

The Delpit Case.

MONTREAL, March 30.—In the superior Court this morning Judge Archibald gave judgement in the celebrated Delpit case in favor of Mrs. Delpit. The judge decides that Mrs. Delpit is legally the wife of Delpit, and that the marriage contract performed by Rev. Mr. Barnes is valid in the eyes of the civil laws of the province. A decree of separation on the ground that two Catholics could not be legally married by a Protestant clergyman was granted by the ecclesiastical court of the Catholic church, and Mr. Delpit's action was for confirmation of this decision by the civil courts.

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GREEN.—Suddenly at Perth, March 22nd, Josiah M. Green, aged 70 years.

Hon. George E. Foster lectures on Temperance.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster addressed an immense meeting in Massey Hall Toronto, Sunday afternoon, on temperance reform. The meeting was presided over by the premier of Ontario, who paid a tribute to Mr. Foster as one of the best speakers and clearest reasoners in Canadian public life.

Mr. Foster urged the Gothenburg system be given a trial in Canada. The strongest bulwark of the liquor traffic was the selfish interest individuals had in the traffic and the immense money power behind it. He was not prepared to advocate definite plans, but commended the idea of government ownership to thoughtful consideration.

The best thinkers in Canada argued that, if the liquor traffic must continue for years, it had better be conducted under the best than the worst conditions.

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The Situation.—"Yes; Roberts is going home because the war is over." "And Kitchener?" "Oh! he's going to stay because it isn't."—[Puck.



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