

WAYLAIED BY BOERS.

A Party of the Famous Scots Greys Caught in an Ambush.

SIX WERE KILLED AND THIRTEEN WOUNDED.

British Casualties Since War Commenced.

A BOER FORCE PUT TO FLIGHT BY DRISCOLL'S SCOUTS.

Pretoria, Jan. 5.—The Boers ambushed a party of Scots Greys last Saturday near Bronkhorst Spruit (about 60 miles east of Pretoria on the railway). The British casualties were six men killed and thirteen wounded.

London, Jan. 6.—The total reduction of Great Britain's military forces in South Africa, from the beginning of the war to the end of December, including deaths from diseases, men reported missing, etc., amounts to 24,299 men. Of this number, 19,430 were actually killed or died. A total of 64,330 men were invalided home, the majority of whom recovered and rejoined their comrades.

London, Jan. 4.—As to the efficiency of the blockhouses, the Times' correspondent at Pretoria states that the blockhouse lines do not keep the enemy away altogether unless they are built on the latest model, as on the Standerton-Ermelo line, about 600 yards apart, with barbed wire entanglements from end to end. A Boer prisoner brought into Standerton along this line was asked what he thought, and replied: "Well, if my hat blew over I should have to go round Ermelo to fetch it." Blockhouses at wider intervals serve to locate and to intimidate the enemy. They also prevent their free passage, but the Boers, if fully determined, can effect a crossing by night.

Bloemfontein, Jan. 4.—Four hundred men of Driscoll's Scouts left Springfield on Dec. 20, with the object of clearing out the country in the Philippolis district of armed Boers. On Christmas day the scouts sighted a number of burghers attacked to Herzog's commando. When the Boers saw the scouts they immediately took flight. Colonel Driscoll, with the greater part of his command, gave chase. The rest of the scouts were left to guard the wagons. These were soon after attacked by another body of burghers from the rear and a stiff fight ensued. Before Colonel Driscoll's main body could return to assist the escort the Boers captured and burned the wagons and their contents, saving only the liquids. When Driscoll's main force returned the Boers scattered. The Boers had five killed and many wounded. Eight prisoners were taken.

Colonel Dismoulin recently captured 28 prisoners near Elenburg. Of this number 24, including Field Colonel Dutoit, arrived here on New Year's eve. Major Boston of the Wilhelms, has been appointed provost marshal of Bloemfontein, to succeed Captain Samson, who left for Cape Town Wednesday. A force of Boers attempted to cross the railway line between Springfield and Kuitfontein on Monday night, but were repulsed by the blockhouse garrisons. The Boers came from the direction of Estlinville.

Brussels, Jan. 4.—The Count de Turenne, who holds the grade of minister plenipotentiary in the French diplomatic service, but who has no post at present, has sent a remarkable letter to the Independent Belge, suggesting a basis for the settlement of the South African war. The communication excites comment, not only on account of the boldness of the diplomat in interfering in such questions, but from the fact that the Count de Turenne is related to prominent English families, and at the same time has been intimately associated with Mr. Kruger and the Boer representatives on the continent. The count asserts that, in view of the present situation, he is confident Mr. Kruger will accept autonomy for the countries south of Bechuanaland, without any restriction except the suzerainty of Great Britain over their relations with foreign governments.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Mr. Chamberlain cable, to Lord Minto as follows: "Referring to my telegram of December 23, regret to inform you that McNaughton died at Heidelberg, December 23."

The casualty department at Cape Town cables:

"Please inform Thomas Sloan, Farley avenue, Toronto, that Corp Hilard Sloan died of wounds received at Roostkop, 31st December.

Col. Evans has advised the militia de-

partment that there is not any accommodation on the transports Manhattan and Victoria for the five nurses offered to and accepted by the imperial government. The minister of militia has cabled the war office to ascertain whether they will arrange to send these nurses to Africa by way of England. The extra men and officers sent in the field hospital and transport have taken all available room on board the transports.

It is understood that the department has already decided on the five nurses.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 4.—The George E. Tuckett Tobacco Company has presented one ton of tobacco to the men of the third Canadian contingent for South Africa. It will be sent to Halifax at once.

THE APES OF GIBRALTAR.

Several Tribes of Them Wander Over the Great Rock.

It is perhaps not universally known that Gibraltar, the fortified rock and British stronghold commanding the Mediterranean, and thus the marine route to the far east, is the only spot in Europe where wild apes are still to be found. A correspondent who recently spent some days in Gibraltar, writes as follows: One morning—it was in the beginning of September—I took a horse and rode to the signal station. At a height of about 900 feet I first noticed a herd of some fifteen apes, and after having reached the height of a little over 1,100 feet I saw several small herds of from ten to twelve. They all seemed to be very tame and inoffensive. However, when I returned to my hotel, I was told by a Highland officer that my experience was not the rule. The English geologist, P. L. Sklater, spent a few weeks in Gibraltar in September, 1900, for the sole purpose of collecting definite information as to the number of apes still in existence on the rock, and he found their number to be in the neighborhood of 150. One evening, when Mr. Sklater descended with his dog, a swarm of apes awaited him about 200 feet above the Alameda, and as soon as he approached the animals opened a furious bombardment of stones upon him and his dog, by which the latter was instantly killed. Mr. Sklater escaped only with difficulty.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, who was recently married, was generally regarded as a confirmed bachelor, which is scarcely surprising, because his tale of years is not far short of half a century. For over twenty years he sat in the House of Commons, but, thanks to his devotion to physical culture, those years have passed very lightly over his head, and his figure is still quite youthful. Overshadowed as he is by the memory of a great historical figure, he could scarcely expect to achieve much in politics, but he has proved himself a useful administrator, and showed a certain amount of originality in accepting the post of Chief Whip, after he had served as First Commissioner of Works. Mr. Akers-Douglas, on the other side of the house, precisely reversed this procedure. The Paget family, into which Mr. Herbert Gladstone married, is one of those English commoner families which are too proud to claim any connection with the ennobled Pagets, whose head is the Marquis of Anglesey. Sir Richard Horner Paget, Mr. Gladstone's father-in-law, is a Somerset squire pure and simple. He sat for something like thirty years as a Somersetshire member in the House of Commons, and when he retired, in 1895 he was made a Privy Councillor. He had been made previously a Baronet, and owns a fair amount of land for a Baronet, some 4,000 acres among the Mendip Hills, where the famous Cranmore Tower is a mark for miles round. The marriage between Mr. Gladstone and Miss Paget is one more proof of the amenities of English politics. The Right Hon. Sir Richard Horner Paget was always one of the "Old Gang," and got his reward for services to the party which his son-in-law spends his life in combating.

The Oldest Living General.

After the Duke of Luxembourg, the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz—a brother-in-law of the Duke of Cambridge—who recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his enrollment in the Russian army, is now the oldest living general. He is, moreover, the third oldest sovereign in Europe, the Duke of Luxembourg being the oldest and King Christian the second oldest. He was eighty-two on the 17th of October and has for many years been totally blind. He is a great favorite of King Edward and spent some time at Homburg with him last month.

Self-Charging Automobile.

It is reported that an automobile battery has been evolved in England which threatens a revolution in horseless travel. In going down hill the motor is reversed and the battery recharges itself, so that it is much stronger at the bottom than at the top. A record trip of over 94 miles was made on a wagon equipped with this motor and battery, and no stop for recharging.

Ice From Norway.

Norway sends Great Britain 180,000 tons of ice a year, valued before shipment at 7s a ton.

Two Incidents in a Career.

Two incidents stand out in relief in the career of Col. Joseph Frederic des Barres. He was the instructor in navigation of Captain Cook, and it was into his arms that Wolfe sank dying from the fatal bullet at Quebec. Des Barres was acting as Wolfe's Aide-de-Camp during the battle, and was in the act of making a report when the General fell. Previously he had served in the Indian frontier wars and at the taking of Louisbourg, and he was later the directing engineer at the restoration of the fortifications of Quebec to a condition of capable defence. Subsequently he was engaged in surveying the harbors and inlets of the shores of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and, in fact, the whole of the North Atlantic coast, where navigation was till then extremely dangerous, and it is upon his labors as a hydrographer that he is now remembered. In 1784 he was appointed Governor of Cape Breton and subsequently of Prince Edward Island. He attained to the extraordinary age of 102, dying on October 24, 1824.

New Children's Infirmary.

A new Children's Infirmary is proposed for Liverpool which will cost over £50,000. The present institution is condemned.

Fur Caps and Collars.

Lucy & Co. are in receipt of a case of men's fur caps and collars. They came direct from one of the best manufacturers in Canada. They simply wish to remind those in need of a good fur cap or collar that it will be worth their while to examine these goods before completing their purchases. They also wish to say to those that purchased suits of clothes, overcoats, &c., that another case of watches have arrived and are now ready for those who are entitled to them.—d.



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Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the outside "Tender for Alterations and Additions to North Street Station, Halifax, N. S.," will be received until

WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF JANUARY 1902

for the above works. Plans and Specifications may be seen on and after the 14th day of December, 1901, at the Station Master's Office at Halifax, N. S., and at St. John, N. B., at the Intercolonial Railway Office, 144 St. James Street, Montreal, P. Q., at the Office of Spratt and Rolph, Architects, 94 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario, and at the Chief Engineer's Office, Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

All the conditions of the Specifications must be complied with. D. POTTINGER, General Manager. Railway Office, Moncton, N. B., 10th December, 1901. Dec. 12, 4-10



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Public Building, Marysville, N. B.," will be received at this office until Saturday, 11th January, 1902, inclusively, for the erection of a Public building at Marysville, N. B., according to plans and specification to be seen at the office of Messrs. McFarlane, Thompson and Anderson, Fredericton, N. B., and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied, and signed with the actual signature of the tenderer.

An accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten percent (10 p.c.) of the amount of tender, must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the tenderer declines the contract or fails to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, F. D. GELINAS, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 29th December, 1901.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for.

PEOPLES BANK OF N. B.

A DIVIDEND of 4 percent on the Capital Stock of this Bank, for the half year ending 31st December, will be payable to the stockholders, at the Bank on or after MONDAY the 17th January, 1902. J. W. SPURDEN, Cashier.

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