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THE TRUE BOER.

There is no abler war correspondent in Ladysmith to-day than William Maxwell, of the Standard. His descriptions of Kitchener's march to Khartoum were perhaps the best that were printed, and he has already distinguished himself in the present campaign. He sends to his paper a description of the Boer as he finds him, which is the best and on the whole the most impartial sketch that has come from an English pen. In the course of a most interesting letter Mr. Maxwell says:

"Between the Boer of action and the Boer of fact there is no affinity. They differ as much as the noble red man, who scalps his way through the pages of Fenimore Cooper, differs from his squalid, degenerate son in the native reserve. The Boer of fiction is a chivalrous, though somewhat sleepy, gentleman in corduroy—a mountain of beef and bone, gave to solitary musing, and the shooting of 'bucks' or 'redcoats,' whichever happen to cross his path. Hunter and hermit, patriot and philosopher is the mixture out of which he is compounded. The Boer of fact is the creature of another clay. He is a dull, lumpish, lazy animal with a capacity for ignorance, superstition and tyranny unsurpassed by any white race. His good qualities—for he has redeeming characteristics—appeal very strongly to the imagination. He clings with the passionate fervor of a Covenanter to the simple and sublime faith in the literal teaching of the Bible. Love of independence is deep-rooted in his nature. The history of South Africa during two and a half centuries is full of examples of his dogged and unconquerable spirit. But he has in overpowering degree the defects of these qualities. His piety is apt to degenerate into superstition and sanctimonious Tharism. Love of independence has begot in him hate of everything that might tend to disturb his reverence for the past, and

suspicion of the stranger who threatens to tread him to death in his solitude of the veldt. The unconquerable spirit that has made him one of the boldest pioneers the world has seen, has become corrupted into obstinate conceit.

A POPULAR MANAGER.

Mr. J. Anderson, manager of the Bank of B. N. A., has been promoted to the bank's managership at Greenwood. That camp is one of the most progressive in B. C. and will offer a fine field for Mr. Anderson's well-known ability. Whilst sorry to say good-bye, we tender Mr. Anderson congratulations and best wishes. We understand that his successor will be Mr. J. H. Gillard, late of Vancouver, whose arrival Mr. Anderson will take his departure.

Mr. S. H. Plumbé who is well known in Atlin district, arrived in town this week from the coast. He had exceptionally severe experience after leaving Log Cabin inwards. He spent 18 hours on the trail between the latter place and the Tepee, a distance of 20 miles, and got his ears and toes touched with frost, necessitating a lay-over of five days at the Tepee, in order to thaw out. Mr. Plumbé is the representative of a company with large hydraulic interests in the camp. The principal point under immediate consideration by Mr. Plumbé is Birch creek, where 200 claims are owned by his company. His early arrival is for the purpose of perfecting all details and arrangements for the working of this property as soon as weather conditions will permit.

In the Small Debts Court yesterday Dr. Lewis v. Richen, action for \$25, balance of bill for medical attendance, came up. Verdict for plaintiff, without costs.

We are glad to report the Spruce Creek scurvy patients convalescent. A proper change of diet did the trick.

DAWSON IN FLAMES.

Half of the Klondike Capital
Licked Up By Fire.

Believed to Have Originated on
the Water Front.

4:30 p. m.—Mr. C. D. Newton, of Pine City, has just arrived from Bennett and reports that a telegram had been received there from Dawson announcing the destruction by fire of half that city. The origin of the conflagration is located on the water front. A report is momentarily expected by wire.

WAR NEWS.

London, Jan. 7.—Col. Pitcher with 200 Canadians, 200 Australians, 200 of the Cornwall regiment and one battery of artillery outflanked the Boers and took their laager in an engagement in the vicinity of Sunnyside. The Canadians and Australians carried the position with a splendid rush. The enemy's entire store of war munitions was captured and 40 Boers were taken prisoners. The Boer loss was heavy. The British loss was three wounded, all three being Australians.

London, Jan. 7.—Late despatches from the front record incidents of the Tugela fight.

The Daily Telegraph has a special from Chieveley, dated December 20, which tells how Lieut. Roberts, son of Lord Roberts, fell at Tugela river. It says: "The horses of the 14th and 66th batteries had been killed, and Lieut. Roberts, Capt. Schfield and Capt. Congreve, of the rifles, attempted with gunner volunteers to drag out the guns. Capt. Schfield succeeded, helped by a corporal and some men.

"Lieutenant Roberts was hit badly by a shell. Capt. Congreve, Capt. Foster and Major Baptie brought Lieut. Roberts from the open into a little ravine, where he lay hidden from the enemy's terrible fire.

"At 5 p. m. 40 Boers approached the ten abandoned guns. On espying Col. Bullock, Capt. Congreve and the others in the ravine, they called upon the British to surrender. Col. Bullock declined and threatened to shoot, although his party only had one rifle. The Boers retired and a parley ensued. They rode up to within a few yards of the party, but Col. Bullock swore he would not be taken a prisoner, whereupon a Boer knock-

ed him down with his rifle butt. Afterwards the enemy gave out wounded water and cordials. Then having taken all their arms, ammunition and field guns, they let them return by our ambulances. The Scots Fusiliers lost nearly two companies captured.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Chieveley, dated Dec. 15, estimated the casualties in Gen. Buller's reulse as 1,150, including 332 missing. It is announced that a portion of the British troops have returned to Pieter-

London, Jan. 7.—Chieveley and Ladysmith are in full communication. While the signalling was in progress the Boers attempted to muddle the messages with flashlights from each extremity of their long-entrenched lines. The naval brigade took advantage of the opportunity to shell the Boer positions which were plainly revealed by their own lights. The naval battery resumed the shelling of the Boer trenches on the morning of Dec. 29, but their fire failed to elicit any sign of life.

A despatch from Capetown under date of Dec. 27, announces that an armored train has restored communication with Dordrecht, where the Free State flag has been hauled down, and that the Boers had been driven from the adjacent hills to Stormberg.

AN ATLIN CLUB.

Ushered Into Existence With a
Membership of Thirty-Five.

A very large and representative meeting of Atlin's business men was held in the bank of Halifax on Monday evening, the object being the formation of a club. W. A. Spencer was called to the chair and A. C. Hirschfeld acted as secretary. Mr. Byron, of the Kootenay Hotel, on invitation, laid a proposition before the meeting that he would fit up the Kootenay with billiard table, baths, reading room and all the appurtenances necessary for a comfortable club house and reserve it entirely, with the exception of the bar, for the use of members, for a certain monetary consideration. Mr. Byron's proposal was discussed and accepted and a roll opened for chartered members. It was signed by 35 and the Atlin club had come into existence. The election of officers was then proceeded with by ballot with the following results:

Hon. President, J. D. Graham; President, W. A. Spencer. Committee of management, who will appoint Treasurer, Secretary, etc., Messrs. Lowrie, Anderson, Grant, Stephenson and Shields. The meeting adjourned until Monday the 22nd inst., when the constitution and by-laws, which will be prepared in the interim by the committee, will be submitted for the approval of the members.

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At the meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association on Wednesday evening a telegram was handed to the Rev. Mr. Stephenson. Being war news business was suspended and the reverend gentleman requested to read aloud the contents, which proved to be an account of the action at Sunnyside, in which the Canadians and Australians routed the Boers and captured their trenches. Great enthusiasm ensued and three rousing cheers given for our brave boys and three more for the Antipodeans. "For they are jolly good fellows," given with a vim, closed the joyous episode and business was resumed.

Thomas A. Edison has just completed an electric machine designed for the separation of the gold from the ruby and black sand as found on the Cape Nome beaches. Two sacks of this auriferous sand were sent to the wizard at Menlo Park, and treated by his new machine. The result was \$65 in gold. After the treatment the sand was submitted to the usual analysis and not a trace of gold found, thus proving the complete success of the machine. The cost is said to be very little, and the earnings of the beach miners using the machine will be more than quadrupled. By the present crude method of sluicing with plate and blankets two-thirds of the gold has been lost hitherto. All this will be obviated by the new invention and its beneficial effects to the beach miners will be incalculable.

It is a matter of congratulation to the residents of the district that the Postmaster-General has ordered the transmission of newspapers to Atlin and outwards by the mails. It appears the Hon. Mr. Mulock had no idea our district was so closely connected with a railway, and on the facts of the case being presented to him, at once granted the desired boon. It is not likely much benefit will be derived from this change this year. The present contract with the Canadian Development Company will have to be enlarged and preliminaries arranged for the new order of things. This takes time, and as the season is well on to the three quarters, it is not likely paper mail will arrive before the middle of February.

It would be interesting in this connection to know who furnished the department with mail advices of so derogatory a nature to the northern portion of British Columbia. We have post-office inspectors with princely salaries, and their duties compel them to keep the federal authorities in perfect accord with outlying districts, and, according to the Postmaster-General's letter, the true information was not supplied. Since one was

point has been brought to the attention of the powers that be, would it not be well for the latter to further inform itself, through reliable sources, of the true condition of mail matters in the north? We think so.

As there is no likelihood of there being another election before another session of the Dominion Parliament is held, arrangements will require to be made very soon for the issuing of writs for a number of by-elections. There are at present six vacancies in the House of Commons and six in the Senate. The defeat of the Liberals in Manitoba has brought the matter home to the Federal government with considerable force and ere another short period passes overhead the writs will have been issued. In the popular chamber there are four vacant seats in Quebec, one in Manitoba and one in Ontario. In Ontario the constituency of West Ontario became vacant through the death of Sir James Edgar, who was speaker in the present Parliament. Winnipeg was unrepresented all last session. Mr. Jameson, the member, having died just previous to the meeting of Parliament. The Hon. A. C. Geoffrion who sat for Chambly and Verchiers in Quebec, Hon. W. B. Ives who represented Sherbrooke, make two vacancies in Quebec. In addition to these Dr. Rinfret, of Lotbiniere, was appointed to office and Mr. P. Bourassa, of Labelle, resigned, because of the sending of the contingent to South Africa without calling Parliament to sanction it. It is understood that all the by-election will be held on the same day. In the Senate the death of Mr. Sutherland and Major Boulton leaves two vacancies for Manitoba. In Ontario the seat of the late Senator Sanford, who was drowned in Muskoka last summer, is vacant, and in the province of Quebec two vacancies were created by the death of Senators Bellerose and Price. There is, as is always the case, a very lively scramble for the positions in the Upper Chamber and it would not be safe to predict who of the numerous applicants will be successful.

The Canadian soldiers have had a fight at last, and borne themselves right royally as chips of the old block. They, with the Australians, stormed the Boer entrenchments at Sunnyside, with a magnificent dash and pluck which has called forth the warmest encomiums of the British press. Full particulars of the engagement have yet to come to hand, but one thing is certain, our boys have received their baptism of fire gloriously, and apparently without any loss on their side. Canada's honor is in safe hands and to say that we are proud of our soldier lads, but feebly expresses our sentiments.

Beecher and Ingersoll were always great friends. Mr. Beecher had a celestial globe in his study, a present from some manufacturer. On it was an excellent representation of the constellations and stars which compose them. Ingersoll was delighted with the globe. He examined it closely and turned it

round. "It's just what I wanted," he said, "who made it?" "Who made it?" replied Beecher, "who made this globe? Oh, nobody. Colonel, it just happened!"

It is reported that a young American woman who will soon be worth \$20,000,000, has agreed to marry a young English viscount if he will win the Victoria Cross in South Africa. The cross and the millions are worth winning, but the value of the girl who would make such terms is not up to the average.

French statistics of the past year show that the number of deaths has increased by 59,054, while the number of births has decreased by 15,174. This is a striking confirmation of Zola's strictures on the nation, made in his latest book.

Here are three items of interest from the San Francisco Mining & Scientific Press. The Alaska-Treadwell mine of Alaska pays dividends amounting to about \$1,000 daily. The Homestake mine of South Dakota pays \$3,500 daily in dividends. Both are low grade.

An effort is being made by German capitalists to consolidate the nitrate interests of Chile. The mines are valued \$30,000,000. The present output is about 3,000,000 tons annually.

A TITLED HEROINE.

Plucky English Woman Who Escaped from Mafeking.

South African war heroines have been few thus far. One of the first to appear has been Lady Sarah Wilson, the daring English woman who, with her maid, recently finished a 200 mile ride from beleaguered Mafeking through the Boer forces and into the British lines.

Lady Sarah should not have been in Mafeking at all. Her husband is Captain Gordon Chesney Wilson of the Royal Horse guards and was one of the little band of officers on the staff of Colonel Baden-Powell whose corps of rough riders were penned in Mafeking by the Boer forces under Commandant Cronje. Lady Sarah followed her husband to Mafeking much against his wishes and stayed so long that she was trapped with the rest. The Boers gallantly allowed her to ride through their lines with her maid. The youngest of the large family of the seventh Duke of Marlborough (there were five sons and six daughters). Lady Sarah, had won a reputation among her friends for inheriting more than her share of the martial qualities of her great ancestor the famous Churchill of Blenheim, even before the present war gave so favorable an opportunity for their display.

The first Duchess, the imperious favorite of Queen Anne, seems to reappear in her youngest namesake. She is aunt of the present duke and sister of the late Lord Randolph Churchill.

All her sisters are pretty and clever women and figure largely in English society. One is the Duchess of Roxburghe, another Lady Wimbome. Lady Tweedmouth's salon is a meeting place for the politicians of the Rosebery circle,

while Lady de Ramsey and Lady Georgina Curzon have each achieved their own social success.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Sullivan's new opera, the "Rose of Persia," scored a success in London.

Report of gold discoveries in Eurythra is confirmed.

Russian press as well as French continue their attacks on the British people and policies.

Marchand, of Fashoda fame, is to be promoted.

The proposed alliance between Britain, Germany and the United States is not approved by all the British press. Many papers regard the Kaiser with suspicion.

British boycott of Paris exposition spreads. The Prince of Wales will not attend, and 45 firms have already withdrawn applications for space.

Secretary Root favors Pacific cable from San Francisco to Manila via Honolulu and Guam, to cost \$8,500,000.

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BOER TALK.

A correspondent who visited the hospital at Ladysmith, where the Boers wounded at Elandslaagte are being tended, reports that General Jan Kock, who was badly wounded in the thigh and shoulder, said that the advance of the patriots under Pinar, without guns, was simply with the object of cutting the railway, and that this body was subsequently reinforced without General Joubert's orders. General Viljoen accompanied them. The latter was killed early in the fight. According to another correspondent, the Boers say that General Kock, during the battle, read the Bible and prayed for victory. His brother, two sons and a nephew were all wounded and taken prisoners.

Colonel Schiel, of the German corps, and Commandant Pretorius were both severely wounded. Many prominent Boers are not yet accounted for. Philip Kock says the Boers suffered most from the soldiers in little clothes, half men and half women, meaning the Gordon Highlanders and in a charge of the Fifth Lancers. They say also that the two quick-firing guns, captured by the Devonshire Regiment, are those that were taken from the Jameson raid. Colonel Schiel assured a correspondent that nothing could stand against the accuracy of the British field guns, which repeatedly drove the Transvaal gunners from the embrasures. The British infantry fire was also a complete surprise to the Boers, who were confident of their ability to master any infantry attack. One Elandslaagte correspondent expresses the belief that the British killed fewer Boers than might have been expected, considering the heavy fire of the British artillery. The bullets of the Boer Mauser, it appears, makes a clean, healthy wound were it passes out.

NEW INSPECTOR.

Mr. W. H. Dorman has been appointed post-office inspector of the new district of British Columbia with headquarters at Vancouver. The new district comprises Yale, Burrard and Cariboo. The Province has been divided into two districts, one with headquarters at Victoria and the other at Vancouver.

Victoria's ministry has resigned. This makes five ministers who have approved of federation which have been forced from office.

Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent, is reported dangerously ill.

Vice-President Hobart's will has been filed. The estate is valued at \$2,500,000.

The American army in its pursuit of the Phillipinos, captured eight trunks of clothes containing the entire wardrobe of Mrs. Aguiualdo. Fortunately for her, the climate is warm and we suppose that until the return of happier days she can get along clothed in a pearl necklace, a blush and her native modesty.

Eleven important prize-fights took place in the United States on Thanksgiving day.

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Assessment Act and Provincial Revenue Tax Act.

Atlin and Bennett Lake Divisions of Cassiar District.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the "Assessment Act" are now due for the year 1900. Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:

If paid on or before June 30th, 1900:

Three-fifths of one per cent. on real property.

Two and one-half per cent. on assessed value of wild land.

One-half of one per cent. on personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates, namely, upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

If paid on or after the 1st July, 1900:

Four-fifths of one per cent. on real property.

Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

Three-fourths of one per cent. on personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates, namely, upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.

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St. Andrew's Presbyterian church held services in the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, Second street between Trainor and Pearl, on Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Rev. John Pringle, B. A., minister. Church of England services will be held at corner Trainor and Third streets on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The Bank of British North America has removed into its new and handsome premises on the corner of First street and Pearl avenue. The building is very commodious and fitted with all up-to-date requirements. The offices are on the ground floor and the upper story is devoted to the use of the bank's employees. Their quarters will be most comfortable, if not luxurious, and must be a most welcome change from those lately occupied.

Ground will be broken on Monday for the site of the Presbyterian Hospital, at the corner of Discovery and Third street.

Don't forget that you can get Fresh Fish, Onions, Eggs, Labrador Herring, nice Juckled Pork and many other things at Parsons Produce Co.

We have had the privilege of looking over the handsome album lately presented to Rev. John Pringle. The views are entirely local, 72 in number, and executed in S. A. Smythe's usual artistic style. The album will be an appropriate souvenir of Atlin, and doubtless the reverend gentleman will have much pleasure in showing it to his friends in the east.

There will be no service in St. Andrew's church to-morrow.

One of the best articles for good health is a wholesome loaf of bread at 12 cents and a first-class meal at 50 cents at the Pioneer Bakery.

The Mayoralty contestants in Vancouver are Mayor Garden and Ald. Wm. Brown.

Mail Carrier McPherson on his last trip into Atlin, speaking of the difficulty of getting mail matter to the coast from Bennett, said that arrangements were being made to take the same to Skagway by dog team. The rate asked per pound was 75 cents.

The Atlin Whist club was very largely attended, as usual, on Thursday evening, and the guests enjoyed the occasion thoroughly. The hosts for the evening eclipsed all previous efforts in the entertainment line. Go slow, boys, don't set the pace so that others can't follow. The lengths of purses vary considerably.

Fresh Fish, Onions, Eggs at Parsons Produce Co., P. P. Co.'s store, First street.

Hay, Oats, Chop, Bran at Parsons Produce Co.

The Arctic Brotherhood are equal to any emergency. Despite the fact that a large number of our musically inclined people left for the outside recently, the program arranged for last night, by Mr. T. Switzer, shows that our resources have not reached the end of the limit. Last evening's concert and dance was meritorious in a high degree and much enjoyed by the large audience present.

"Sandy" MacPherson arrived in Atlin from Vancouver this week.

CONSERVATIVES MEET

And Launch a Liberal-Conservative Association.

Recognizing the wisdom of taking time by the forelock, in view of the probably forthcoming Provincial election, a public meeting of Liberal-Conservatives was called for Wednesday evening at the commodious premises of C. W. Sawers on Second street. Some 50 people were present, including representatives from Pine City and Spruce Creek.

On the meeting been called to order Mr. Sawers was appointed chairman, and after a few remarks, in which the objects of the meeting were outlined and the probability of Federal and Provincial elections occurring at no distant date discussed, the following was moved by Messrs. H. W. E. Canavan and W. Queen:

"That the Liberal-Conservatives of the Atlin division of the Cassiar district form themselves into an association to be known as The Atlin Liberal-Conservative Association and that the officers of such association shall consist of an Honorary President, a President and Secretary and an Executive Committee."

This was carried unanimously, and then Mr. H. S. Donnelly and Dr. Morrison moved:

"That the Secretary shall keep a roll book in which all applicants for membership shall sign their names and only those who have so entered their names shall be allowed to vote at the selection of any candidate, and no candidate shall be considered acceptable unless and until he signs such roll, and also satisfies the executive committee that he is and has been during the last five years a Liberal-Conservative." This was also carried unanimously.

At this stage of the proceedings a telegram was handed Rev. Mr. Stephenson, containing the reported victory of the Canadian and Australian troops at Sunnyside. Business was suspended and the reader read aloud the contents of the war bulletin. At its termination three cheers were proposed for the colonials and given with vim.

After order had been restored and the meeting resumed its work, Messrs. W. H. T. Olive and Frank Weir moved:

"That one candidate be brought out at the ensuing election to the Legislative Assembly under the auspices of the Association and that the executive committee take into consideration the names of all acceptable candidates, and make a report in respect thereof at a subsequent meeting of this association, but in case of emergency the said committee shall have power to select such candidate."

This also went the way of the others without opposition. After this came the fourth and last resolution of the first political meeting ever held in this section of British Columbia. It is a congratulatory resolution to Sir Charles Tupper and Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, Premier of Manitoba, on his recent victory. This was moved by Messrs. J. Brown and Hans Stew-

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The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows: Honorary President, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper; President, C. W. Sawers; Secretary, Rev. F. L. Stephenson. Executive committee, James Brown, H. J. Donnelly, I. K. Shirley, Dr. Morrison, H. Molyneux, Francis Ware, W. H. D. Oliver, S. H. Plumb, A. S. Cross, R. D. Featherstonhaugh, E. B. Cameron, E. J. Thain, Frank Weir, Wm. Queen, J. H. Brownlee and Wm. O'Conner.

The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday, 17th inst., at the same place and hour.

FROM NOME.

H. B. Foley, of Dawson, has returned after a round trip to Cape Nome and San Francisco. He reached Nome on Oct. 1st, and left for San Francisco on the 24th. He reports from 1,000 to 1,200 people wintering in Nome, thousands from the lack of building material had to get out. Mr. Foley freely expresses the opinion that Nome is the centre of the richest mining region on the earth. He visited the creek diggings and is satisfied that they are rich, but is inclined to think the beach workings will be the backstay of the country. He says the placer ground of known or unknown value was all staked. Most of it, however, was expected to be thrown open for relocation, as it was officially announced that the validity of only one power of attorney in the hands of each person would be recognized. He, therefore, estimates that not only

all those who have remained have an opportunity of locating one or more claims, but that there will be locations open for many who go this winter or early in the spring. Mr. Foley anticipates an influx of 75,000 to 100,000 during the next nine months. "Lucky Baldwin" says 30,000 will leave San Francisco alone. In Seattle and all the coast towns everybody was agog for Nome news, whilst no interest was manifested in Dawson matters. No more transportation can be secured on the ocean steamers, as there are already more passengers booked on the various lines than can be carried. Mr. Foley does not recommend the trip to Nome via Dawson, an opinion which the Yukon Sun endorses.

Application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next session for an act to incorporate the Fort Simpson, Teslin & Dawson Railway Company, for a road from a point on the Pacific coast, near Fort Simpson, to Dawson City, by Teslin Lake.

THEY LIKE "BOBS"

London, Jan. 11.—Despatches from all parts of South Africa emphasize the great enthusiasm occasioned by the appointment of General Roberts and General Kitchener. The soldiers anticipate from the presence of "Bobs" everything from success in battle to cheaper beer.

John M. Langley has been appointed chief of police of Victoria. The Duke of Westminster is dead. Count Tolstoi is improving. Dominion Parliament called for business Feb. 1.

Canadian artillery to Africa to wear rough rider hats. San Francisco, went up in smoke last week.

Nearly all the military men in Dublin are wearing black for Gen. Roberts' son.

Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, is dead.

Christmas day in the Transvaal saw suspension of hostilities on both sides.