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# LATEST NEWS.

"OBSERVER" OFFICE,
FRIDAY EVENING.

## THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

[SECOND EDITION.]

### TO JOIN B.P.

Mrs. Baden Powell and Miss Baden Powell leave for the Cape to-morrow.

### CONVICTS ESCAPE.

Two convicts, named Gill and Kaw, effected their escape from Bostal prison, Rochester, and are being pursued by armed warders.

## SPORTING.

LEICESTER MEETING—FRIDAY.
THE HURDLE RACE PLATE.—Mirate beat Captan.
THE WIGSTON SELLING HURDLE. — Bob Major, 1; Joe Pluck, 2; First Foot, 3. Ten ran.
THE HURDLE STEEPLECHASE PLATE. — Detail, 1; False Stitch, 2. Four ran.
THE DECEMBER HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.—Abbeywood, 1; Gold Blast, 2; Lavola, 3. Six ran.
THE BIRSTALL SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Speculation, 1; Emerald Isle, 2; Spitfire, 3. Six ran.

### COVER SHOOTING AT CHOLMONDELEY.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Cholmondeley have been entertaining a party at Cholmondeley Castle for the season for shooting. On Wednesday the Mari Pieces, Long Plantation, Gorse Covert, Neville's Wood, and "Coronation" were shot, and on Thursday the party turned their attention to the Deer Park and Sandpool Covert Grounds. The pheasants were plentiful and in excellent condition, and good bags were made, which would, however, have been much larger had the weather been less wet and stormy. So boisterous were the wind and rain on Wednesday as to render it extremely difficult for the beaters to make the game leave cover, and this militates largely against the shooting. The guns consisted of the Marquis of Cholmondeley, the Duke of Westminster, the Earl of Lonsdale, the Earl of Enniskillen, Earl Cowley, and the Hon. George Ormsby-Gore.

## HUNTING.

NORTH CHESHIRE.
A SPLENDID RUN.

A large field which put in an appearance on Thursday at Tarporley Town End included the master (Colonel the Earl of Enniskillen), the Duke of Westminster, the Earl of Shrewsbury, Lord Kenyon, Captain Higson, Mr. Littledale, Mr. Arthur Cunliffe Owen, Major Drury, Mr. Court, Mr. Gordon Houghton, Col. Hall Walker and Mrs. Walker (on wheels), Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hugh Peel, Mr. Birkett, Col. Ha. tenbury, Mr. Richard Cunliffe, Mr. Tomkinson, M.P., Mr. H. Tinsley, Mr. Joseph Lea, Mr. Alfred Lea, Mr. Percy Pennefather, Mrs. Pennefather, Lady Boughey, Mrs. Hollins, Mr. H. Hewitt, Mrs. Pilkington, Mrs. Howard, &c. Hooded and ready to move, both hinds. Hounds went on to Stapleford, where Mr. Bonsey had a drag, which, by the way, ran over Mr. Sherwin's farm, and crossing the Tarporley and Tarvin road made a short turn to the right. Here he crossed the brook by Duddon Mill, where several of the best days in the hunt. Our fox next tried the earths on Mr. Lea's farm, but these were stopped. This, no doubt, was the same fox we hunted from the same cover several weeks ago. From here we ran over the road at Priors Heyes, past Mr. Hewitt's cover, and close up to Mr. Brownsword's, up hill and down to the allotments by Hockenhall Hall Farm. This was a real rattling run, and lasted about one hour and twenty minutes. Cotton Gorse was now at hand, and hinds soon had the hounds in cover. A fox was soon away for Warmingham, and, running through this cover, the hunt was carried on at a fast pace up to Hilbre Grove. Here the fox crossed a portion of the meadows, and when within a short distance of Nantwich Mill turned to the right, leaving Crow's Nest Cover on his right, on past Lodge Farm, Stanthorne, and back to Warerton, and Reynard, not daring to dwell here, the hunt was brought to a check at Cotton. Here he ran through a corner of the gorse for, or fancy, as two were on foot, and was hunted up to Waverton, and here the hunt finished, this being all of the best days in the Vale this season; in fact, I should say it is the best day so far this season.
BUDGAP.

LADY KILLED IN THE HUNTING FIELD.—Miss Dacie, of Hatfield, Leominster, was thrown from her cob and killed, on Tuesday, in the hunting with the North Herefordshire hounds.

SIR W. W. WYNN'S HOUNDS
MEET ON
Saturday, December 8, Broughall.....at 10.30
Monday, December 3, Wynnstay .....at 10.45
Tuesday, December 4, Redesdale.....at 10.30
Thursday, December 6, Worthenbury .....at 10.45
Saturday, December 8, Bettisfield.....at 10.45

## FOOTBALL.

(See also page 2.)

A team representing Chester King's School played against the Chester College team on the former's ground on Wednesday. After a long and desperate contest the Chester College team was ably defended by Walton, the ball was kicked down the field to the College end, and Ellis scored smartly from a pretty centre. Soon after this Solomon equalised for the College. In the second half the play became more rough on both sides. Parkinson scored for the College team, and a Chester player put the ball into his own goal. When the game ended the scores stood: Liverpool College 3 goals, King's School, 1.

On Tuesday Mr. E. A. Crabbe, Town Clerk of Abergele, received a telegram informing him that Lord Dundonald would arrive at Pensarn Station for Abergele at 3 p.m. on Friday. It has been arranged to give the Earl a public reception.

DEATH FROM SUFFOCATION.—Mr. Bramley (city coroner) held an inquest on Monday on the body of a child, three weeks old, named Annie Maria Jones, who was found dead at 2, Bell's-court, Thomas-street, early on Sunday morning.—Mrs. Minshull, the mother, said the child appeared to be fairly healthy when on Saturday night, but at 5.30 the next morning she found it quite dead. Dr. Parry said he thought death was due to suffocation, and remarked that the house in Bell's-court was not fit for habitation.—The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence and recommended that the health authorities should be communicated with.

CHESTER AND WALLASEY POLICE COURT MISSION.—Mr. Charles Wright has been appointed to fill the post of Police Court Missionary in succession to Mr. J. C. Pope, who is now superintendent of the new C.E.T.S. Inebriate Home for Men, at Hanoze, in Sussex. The new mission will be held on Monday morning and is now actively engaged in carrying on the work of the mission. He is a man of considerable experience, has acted as Prison Gate missionary, and has directed much of the Police Court Mission work at Northampton and Birmingham. He will be welcomed, it is to be hoped, and supported in his efforts to continue and extend the good influence which has been the means of encouraging not a few of those who have come under the observation of the Chester and Wallasey Police Court Mission.

Mr. Harold Jevons, deputy town clerk of Swansea, has been selected for the town clerkship of Wigan, at a salary of £500 per year.

When asking for Cocoa, insist on having CADBURY'S—sold only in Packets and Tins—as other Cocoas are often substituted for the sake of extra profit. 1

## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

"BOBS." RETURNING.
[REUTER'S SPECIAL CABLE.]
Capetown, Thursday.

Lord Roberts has left Johannesburg for Durban. He is expected to arrive at Capetown on December 7th.

BRITISH MISHAP.

400 MEN SURRENDER.

More important news than has come from South Africa for some time past was published yesterday. A force which was despatched from the direction of Lydenburg for the relief of Elandsfontein in reaching the place in time, and, after losing 15 killed and 40 wounded, has remained one of the garrison of about 400 men, with two guns, surrendered. This was on the 23rd, and the latter part of General Geneste Knox arrived to find the town evacuated. Joining with the other relief force he started in pursuit, and on Tuesday fought a successful action with the enemy, who were under De Wet and Steyn, near Valkhaik. No further particulars were available when Lord Robert's sent off his despatch, but the Field-Marshal reports several minor successes in various parts of the theatre of war.

A CESTRIAN DESPATCH BEARER.

In an interesting letter home, dated from Kimberley, Mr. Edwin Bowden, a well-known Cestrian, formerly of the Chester Rifle Brigade, and company of Imperial Yeomanry, and now of the Cape Mounted Police, states that the Earl of Dundonald by his side is to convey a despatch to the officer in charge at Graa Pan containing instructions for the relief of Mafeking in case of an attack. In conveying the despatch he had a dangerous task to perform, as he was quite unfamiliar with the country. Graa Pan, which was 80 miles away, and the district was infested with the enemy. He was, therefore, to rely on the tenants of the stray Kaffir huts for the direction to his destination, and in doing so had to bring all his knees Cape Dutchown he made the acquaintance of Mr. Colins, a resident of Kimberley, and his son African Growers 4th, with whom he discussed the methods of the sale and cultivation of South Africa. Mr. Colins gave him a pressing invitation to stay with him at Capetown, which he forwarded home with his letter as a number of Kruger coins, including a sovereign and a half-sovereign, as some mementoes of the Kimberley diamond mines.

## THE HERO OF LADYSMITH AT CHESTER.

Yesterday (Friday) the Earl and Countess of Dundonald and Lady Cecil Dundonald arrived at Chester Station by a special train of three coaches from Euston at 2.30 p.m., and were driven to where he was presented with a massive gold-hilted sword of honour and an address of welcome at the hands of Councillor Alderman Dodd, Lord Lieutenant of Denbighshire, on behalf of the residents of the locality. A few persons had gathered at the station at the time stated in anticipation of his arrival. They recognised his lordship immediately on his appearing on the platform. For a short time the train was removed to a siding, and the saloons were afterwards attached to the 3.15 o'clock train for Liverpool. A crowd spread quickly, and at two o'clock quite a crowd had assembled on the platform, all eager to catch a glimpse of the hero of Ladysmith. The Scots Greys pressed close to the windows of the saloon, hats were waved, and ever and anon a cheer broke from the enthusiastic crowd. Not everybody there knew no bounds when his lordship appeared at the window. Lord Dundonald—a name which is to be handed down to posterity as that of a soldier and one which will be associated in history with one of the most gallant feats in the annals of the British Army—held his hat in the air amidst a roar of cheers. The gallant Earl, who looked bronzed and fit, bowed in response. "Dundonald you very much. Remember that when I started I knew I was going into action at Abergele, and that certain responsibilities rested on me. I managed to collect together on my way down and put into my magazine. Therefore I cannot afford to waste ammunition. I will do my best to carry it! I could manufacture words like some gentlemen. (Cheers, and a Voice: "Never mind; you gotcha Ladysmith.") "Yes, I got into Ladysmith after four tries—a Voice: "Hear, hear, sir!" four times and to the credit force that got in, infantry, cavalry and all together. (Cheers.) I happened to get in first because I commanded the only horse in the whole Regiment—but you are not Welsh here, are you! (A Voice: "Very near, sir.") Now I am getting into action, and I must not waste ammunition. I am going to stop.—His lordship closed the window and retired to his seat in the opposite saloon, and the train left, which were renewed as the train left the platform.

## CHESTER AND NORTH WALES BUILDING SOCIETY.

The twenty-fourth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Chester and North Wales Permanent Investment Benefit Building Society was held on Thursday evening at the offices, Commercial Exchange Chambers. The president (Mr. G. R. Griffith) presided over a good attendance. The accompanying balance-sheet, which the secretary was opened with a violin solo, "Berceuse," by Mr. W. H. Thomas, the pianoforte accompanist. The programme was also