The War.

THE SURRENDER AT NICHOL-SON'S NEK.

- IRISH FUSILIERS FURIOUS.

A HUGE BLUNDER.

LONDON, Nov. 15. It transpires that Father Matthew repeated the rumor current at the moment of surrender of the troops at Nicholson's Nek, that the young offices, thinking his ten men the sole survivors, raised the watto fl.g. 140 Irish Fusiners were lurious, alleging the officer's action to be a huge

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY PLANT CAPTURED.

CAPETOWN, Nov. 15. The authorities here have captured a wireless telegraph plant shipboard, intended for the Transvaal.

SOME BOER LEADERS.

Commandant Lucas Moyer, who was in command of the Boers at Gleucoe, is at present chairman of the First Volksraad of the Transvaal. He is one of the few progressive Boers, is considered very wealthy, and is a luir English linguist. He is about 55 years of age, and is of powerful build. As leader of his burghers he is both brave and capable. He represents Boksburg in the Volksraad.

Commandant Ben Vilojoen, who was killed during the fighting, represented Johannesburg in the First Volksraad, and commanded the Krugersdorp commandos. He was one of the young Boer leaders, and gained his fame by being leader xzfiflff xzfixz his fame by being editor and owner of a small Boer newspaper, published at the Boer stronghold, Krugersdorp, under the name of Land and Volk. By giving vent to his rabid utterances against the English he gained a notorious prominence amongst the young bloods, and became a power in the

Commandant Pretorious is a son of the first President of the Transvaal, and may be considered a fairly progressive Boer. Owing to the action of his father in joining the petitioners T. Shepstone to annex the Transvaal to Great Britain, in 1877, the Pretorious family are not quite trusted by their fellow-burghers.

commands the Volunteer Regiment of Johannesburg. This force numbered about 1700 men in 1898, and is composed of foreigners, principally Holanders and Germans. Schiel was at one time Chief of Police at Johannes-

Commandant de Miellion is also a Hollander, and holds a seat in the Volksraad, representing Johannes-burg. He has also filled the post of captain of police at that place, but is fairly well liked by the Outlanders.

General Kock is a German, and at one time was in command of the Transvaal Staats Artillery. He has not taken a very prominent part in politics, and is, of course, of little consequence to the Boers since he has been succeeded in the command of the artillery by Commandant Weilback, another German officer, with more upto-date ideas.

whose bravery in recent campaigns prised at the appearance of "the soldiers in little clothes—half men, half women," and, according to Mr. Villiers, the Khalifa's fighting men were liers, the Khalifa's fighting men were advantage could then be taken to available received.—It was stated that there was a probability of the Hon. A little clothes—half men, half was a probability of the Hon. A little clothes an ingenious theory to account for the garb of old Gaul, in which this section of the British army appeared. Some time ago, they said, these soldiers ran away in battle, and, in punishment, their women took their trousers away. That was why the Highlanders now fought like devils-they were anxious to wipe out their former disgrace, and to get their trousers back.

CABLEGRAMS.

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SHIPPING. LONDON, Nov. 15.

The German-Australian line of steamers running between Hamburg

JOURNALISTS IN HOT WATER. SYDNEY, Nov. 16. The publishers of the Age and Australasian were summoned to the bar of the Assembly for contempt, by

publishing articles commenting on the inquiry with reference to appointments to the civil service, which was proceeding before the House.

A motion that the publishers committed to Melbourne Gaol was carried, but the Speaker's warrant of

committal was suspended till to-morrow, when a motion will be submitted that they be discharged on payment of fines.

Electoral Notes.

THAMES ELECTORATE.

COROMANDEL, Nov. 15. Mr McGowan opened the campaign in this county last night in the Driving Creek public school. Mr P. Brodie occupied the chair. The attendance was good. Mr McGowan's speech was on the lines of that delivered at the Themes. At its conclusion Mr Boswell proposed, and Mr John Walding seconded, a vote of thanks and confidence, which was carried with only two dissentients.

At the Beehive grand show of men's, youthe' and boys' clothing hats, caps and ties, cricket and tennis shirts, collars, braces, Affred Court direct importer—Advet Another large consignment of floor cloths and lineleums just to hand exas Indramayo Alfred Court's, corner of Mary street Advt Want an up-to-date "Gussie" go to jured.

Thames Borough Council-

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held last night. Present His Worship the Mayor (Mr H. J. Greenslade), Crs Foy, Davey, Lucas, Trembath, Radford, Poulgrain, and

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
Unoccupied Building.—Mrs M. B. Wilson wrote stating that a building in Shortland for which she was rated

which to pay the amount of rates due.

broken, and asked the Council to take as much as would pay the amount of his rates, as he did not wish to have his name placed on the defaulters' list. -Request to be granted as soon as the Foreman of Works required the

Meat Inspector .- Mr E W. Hollis, Secretary to the Meat and Dairies Inspection Committee, wrote as follows: I have the honor, by direction of the Meat and Dairies Inspection Committee, to advise you of he receipt of Mr C. Jephson's resignation as Inspector. The Committee sug ests that his services should be dispensed with, and that a meeting of the two Councils be convened at an early date to deal with all matters connected with his resignation."— On the motion of Cr Trembath, seconded by Cr Radford it was decided to suggest to the County Council that a joint meeting should be held on Wednesday next, the day appointed by law for the appointment of representatives on the Charitable Aid Board and other bodies by the

Borough and County Councils. School of Mines,-Ar McGowan President of the School of Mines, wrote, asking the Council to again vote a donation equal to the amount of the rates, as had been the custom in previous years. On the motion of Cr Wood, seconded by Cr Poulgrain, the request was granted.

Willoughby Street.—Mr James Renshaw requested the Council to put the footpath on the north side of the footpath on the north side of the water supply account £1119 4e 6d, Willoughby street, on the list of making the total credit balances £1137 paths to be tarred and sanded during his father in joining the petitioners the ensuing summer, as it was much who signed the document asking Sir used, and, after rain, was in a very bad condition.-Referred to General Purposes Committee.

Waiotahi Aqueduct.-A telegram and voucher were read from the Colonel Schiel is a Hollander, and ommands the Volunteer Regiment of continuous continuous the Volunteer Regiment of payment of £75 as subsidy towards continuous to the Waiotahi aqueduct.— Received.

Karaka Creek .- The Under-score tary of the Mines Department wrote as follows:-"I am directed by the Hon. Minister of Mines to acknows ledge the receipt of your two letters of the 17th ult, applying for a grant of £289 towards the cost of removing mining debris from the Karaka Creek and £80 for the same purpose for the Hape Creek. You also bring under notice the trouble and expense the Council is continuously incurring through the deposit of mining debrie in the several creeks that some measure may be taken to stop the practice or to reduce it to a minimum. In reply I am to state that the Government cannot interfere with the mining operations in the localities referred to but when the Council has expended Mr. Villiers tells rather a good subsidy of £40 was offered in memo. story about the kilted Highlanders, No. 1050 of the 5th of September last for clearing Hape Creek, the question has been so conspicuous. The Boers of granting further assistance for many demands upon it, and that seem to have been somewhat sur- Karaka Creek will be considered."-

Gold .- Mr Regionld Smith, manager

Thames Library would be entitled this will now possess decent road com-year to £25, which, however, would munication between these two important centres. A small promenade has

of new books.

Water.- Mr G. Mair's application, that water should be laid on to a

paddock, was granted. Works .- The report of the Foren and Sydney will in future continue of Works was received, and the voyage to Brisbane, and possibly question of incurring an expendit of £1218 9s in putting down 6-ir h cast iron mains from Burke street to Tararu was referred to the General Purposes Committee, on Cr Poll grain's motion — On the motion of tr Radford it was decided that the Engine-keeper should flush all the watertables, wherever possible, or is in each week, and that the Forem n of Works should be instructed to that the drains were kept clean, ev if other work had to be postpon in consequence of the men bei thus engaged .- The Mayor and Foy, Davey, and Wood, all co curred with Cr Radford as to t necessity of keeping the drains cle during the summer menths.

General Purposes Committee .- T report of the General Purpos Committee was received and adopted Tarring and Sanding.—On t motion of Cr Davey, seconded by Trembath, it was decided to have t

trembath, it was decided to have to tarring and sanding of the footpol along Tararu Road, done by contract the Council finding tar and sand.

Next Meeting.—As the date of the next meeting falls upon St. Andrew Day it was decided to hold it of Friday, lat December. The statutor meeting will be held on 22nd instant meeting will be held on 22nd instant Accounts were passed for paymer which concluded the ordinary busines

Disastrous Ear hquake.

FOUR THOUSAND LIVES LOS

(Press Association-Copyright.) SYDNEY, Nov. 16.

Eastern news reports that an eart quake, following the tidal wave the island of Ceram, caused the los of over 4000 lives, while 500 were is The Position of the Bòrough.

STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business of the Council last night, the Mayor (Mr H. J. Greenslade) placed the financial position of the Borough before the Councillors. He said:— "As this will be the last meeting at which I will have the honor to had been unoccupied for the past eight months. She asked that the rates might be reduced accordingly.—
Referred to the Finance Committee.
Rates. — Four applications were ness affairs of the Council and the received for an ext asion of time in principal works carried out during my term of office. Immediately upon aking office I took steps to ascertain Sones.—Mr J. Williams wrote the exact position of the Council off stating that he had a heap of stones; financially—as just prior to my election a number of expensive works had been authorised—and the report of the Finance Committee was to the effect that between the 1st of December, 1898, and the ! 1th January, 1899, the Council had authorised

an expenditure amounting to £892 8s. The total liabilities of the Council, at the date of the report were £3380 0s 5d, the overdraft on the genera account being £2418 is 10d, and the accounts passed for payment, but remaining unpaid; £376 14s 1d, while the balances due on contracts amounted to £585 14s 6d.

The other accounts were in credit as follows : Charitable Aid £85 7s 4d, library £11 2s 2d, and water supply £520 13s, the net credit balances thus being £617 2s 6d. Deducting this sum from the total liabilities of £3380 Os 5d already mentioned, leaves the Council's indebtedness at the date of the report of the Finance Committee £2762 17s 11d.

Taking the report of the Town Clerk and Treasurer (Mr Bruce) as supplied to me this evening, I find that the total liabilities of the Council at to-day's date are £2915 5s 1d, made up as follows: Bank overdraft on general account £2738 1s 6d, accounts due and not paid £100 5s 9d, wages sheets, etc., to this date and passed toxnight for payment £27 3s 7d overdraft Hospital and Charitable Aid rate account £49 14s 3d.

As against this, however, the library rate account is in credit £18 1s 4d, and 5s 10d. Deducting this sum from the total liabilities of £2915 5s 1d, leaves the net indebtedness of the Council at this date £1777 19s 3d, so that we are no less a sum than £984 18a 8d better off than at the date the first report of the Finance Committee was resented after I took office. The net ndebtedness of the Council at the date my predecessor (Mr Scott) presented his statement was, I find by referring to the report, £1535 13s 9d, so that according to the Finance Committee's own report the Council had incurred liabilities amounting to £892 8s be tween the 1st of December, 1898, and the 11th of January, 1899- the date previous to my first meeting, our net indebtedness is only £242 5s 6d more than when my predecessor in office presented (on the 18th November,

1898) his report to the Council. This cannot be regarded as other than a satisfactory state of affairs considering the many pressing demands for works and improvements in various parts of the Borough, but it could not, of course, have been achieved without the hearty co-operation of the members of the Council. I think, however, that this Council should go exhaustively into every department with a view to effecting savings wherever possible, because it is self-evident that the general account cannot stand the or later the most rigid retrench-

Borough endowment have been completed, and I have no doubt that of the Bank of New South Wales in in course of time the land will be taken his statutory declaration, noticed up and converted into valuable having purchased 6550zs 19dwts 12 rs homesteads, the terms being reason of gold between 30th September and able, and such as should induce settlein course of time the land will be taken 1st November. During the month of Cotober the amount of gold purchased by the manager of the Bank of New Backed up by the Thames and Coroby the manager of the Bank of New Backed up by the Thames and Coroby the manager of the Bank of New Backed up by the Thames and Coroby the manager of the Bank of New Backed up by the Thames and Coroby the Manager of the district, has by the member for the district, has read a form of application for a library subsidy, showing that the Thames Library would be said to the Thames Library would be said to the Thames of the Thames I in a substantial sum of a substantia also resulted in a substantial sum of also been practically secured from the Harbour Board, near the Grahamstown railway station, and as soon as a small section of the land is secured from the leaseholder, this area can be inexpensively laid out and converted into a breathing space. The efforts to secure a suitable recreation ground have not proved successful, but I trust that this important matter will not be lost sight of by the Council, and that eventually an area will be obtained. I should also like to see the railway line extended from Grahamstown to deep water at Tarsru, to permit of a regular steamboat service to Auck-land, for if the proposed branch line is constructed to Waihi, as seems practically certain, the extension of the railway to Tararu will become of the greatest importance to the Thames district. The loan conversion pro-posals have not yet been brought to a successful issue, in consequence of the terms of release of the sinking funds asked by the Departments, but I trust that a settlement of the matters in dispute will be effected at an early date. It is unnecessary that I should refer to the numerous matters dealt with during the year, but I may add that when I entered the Council I was of opinion that the duties of the office could be discharged by one officer, without in any way impairing the efficiency of the service, provided of course that whoever was chosen was restricted to the performance of the work of the Borough only, and was not permitted to hold numerous outside positions. My experience during my term of office has strengthened that opinion, and I have no doubt what we that work half who

no doubt whatever that eventually the

necessary to adopt such a proposal

The finances of the Council cannot

possibly stand the present strain upon them. However, though we have naturally often differed upon questions

majority, as each member of the Council is doubtless actuated by the

Council will find it absolutely

to do the utmost to promote and conserve the best interests of the ratepayers and the Borough generally. My term of office has, on the whole, been a pleasant one, and should the

burgesses again honor me with their confidence I trust we will all work mitedly together for the public weal. Cr Davey asked if the works authorised just previous to the commencement of the Mayor's term included the repairs to the Moanstairi aqueduct and the concrete water tables in Mary and Queen streets? The Mayor: Yes. Cr Davey said the Government had

subsidised the aqueduct work, but he did not know how much. The Mayor: £300.

Cr Davey: Then but for that the Council would have been £300 worse

The Mayor: That work and others of a similar character could not possibly have been done without Governmen assistance.

Or Davey: And I think the rate. ost of the concrete water-tables. The Mayor: Of course they did. That is previded for under the by-law. The Council then rose.

MINING NEWS.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

AUCKLAND, Nov. 16.

THE SHAREMARKET. For Waihi Grand Junctions 26s was offered in vain to-day, no sellers quoting. Waihi Souths were sold at 101d, while Extendeds were also wanted at 10d. Talismans were asked for at 11s 9d, and New Whaus were sold at 7d.

GOLD RETURNS. During the past month the Thames banks purchased gold as follows, won from the undermentioned districts:-Bank of New Zealand. Oz. Dwt.

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