

convoy which might leave Clanwilliam for Calvinia.

This convoy, which happened to be escorted by the columns under Lieutenant-Colonels Crabbe and Wyndham, was attacked, as arranged, at dawn on the 22nd of December when about 40 miles north-east of Clanwilliam. Its assailants, who were in considerable force, tried to close with the rearguard, but were easily repulsed. Another attempt to stop the march of the convoy was made on the following day, when the enemy took up a strong position along a high ridge astride the road, and commanding the line of advance. From this position, a previously prepared one, the enemy were driven back by the 16th Lancers, who rushed the entrenchments with a great deal of dash. The enemy, who were much in need of supplies, are reported to be disheartened at the result of these engagements. They broke up at once into small parties, and disappeared, leaving the convoy to make its return journey unopposed.

Since the date of my last Despatch, the command of the Cape Colony District has been assumed by Major-General Sir H. H. Settle, in succession to Major-General A. S. Wynne, who has proceeded to the United Kingdom.

I have, &c.,

KITCHENER, General.
Commanding-in-Chief, South Africa.

Cumberland Lodge,

February 14, 1902.

HIS Royal Highness the Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein has been pleased to appoint Major John Cecil Wray, Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery, to be Equerry in Waiting to His Royal Highness, in the room of Major Evan Martin, appointed to be Comptroller.

Foreign Office,

February 8, 1902.

THE KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Captain Gerald Ernest Tyrrell to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Van.

Whitehall, February 17, 1902.

THE KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Albert Medal of the Second Class upon Giovanni Bilocca and Giuseppe Zammit, Dockyard Labourers, in recognition of their gallantry in saving the lives of fellow labourers who were overcome by poisonous fumes in a shaft at the Extension Works at His Majesty's Dockyard at Malta, on the 27th August last.

Whitehall, February 17, 1902.

THE KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to appoint the Reverend William Harold John Allin, M.A., to the Vicarage of Charlestown, in the county of Cornwall and diocese of Truro, void by the cession of the Reverend Alfred Phillips Willway, B.A.

Whitehall, February 17, 1902.

THE KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 13th instant, to appoint Sir Courtenay Peregrine Ibert, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., to the office of Clerk of the House of Commons, void by the resignation of Sir Archibald John Scott Milman, K.C.B. (since deceased).

Whitehall, February 17, 1902.

THE KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Cumrudin Amirudin, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Second Class of the Order of the Brilliant Star of Zanzibar, conferred upon him by His Highness the Sultan of Zanzibar in recognition of his services as Legal Adviser to His Highness and to His Highness's predecessors.

Whitehall, February 17, 1902.

THE Secretary of State for the Home Department has appointed E. Frost, Esq., L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., to be a Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, 1897 and 1900, and to act for the county of Clare, Ireland.

ST. PATRICK'S HOME,

Manette-Street, Charing Cross-Road, W.C.

THE Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that he has this day issued his certificate that the St. Patrick's Home, 14, Manette-street, Charing Cross-road, W.C., is fitted for the reception of 75 Roman Catholic Boys, the said number (75) not to be exceeded when both voluntary cases and those on licence from Industrial Schools are included.

Whitehall, February 17, 1902.

Factory Department, Home Office,

February 11, 1902:

THE Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. G. T. Sinclair to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Acts, for the Clackmannan District.

Factory Department, Home Office,

February 12, 1902.

THE Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. R. H. Allport to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Acts, for the Loughton District of Essex.

Factory Department, Home Office,

February 12, 1902.

THE Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. Daniel Crowe to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Acts, for the Ulceby District of the county of Lincoln.

Factory Department, Home Office,

February 13, 1902.

THE Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. E. Welchman, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory Acts, at Heckington, in the county of Lincoln, is vacant.

Factory Department, Home Office,

February 17, 1902.

THE Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. H. Sworder, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Acts, at Luton, in the county of Bedford, is vacant.

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, February 14, 1902.
H. 2996.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated February 14, from His Majesty's Representative at St. Petersburg:—"Smyrna declared free from plague."