

LOSSES WERE SLIGHT

Gen. French up to Wednesday Had Five Men Killed and Twenty-four Wounded.

Expected That Gen. Buller's Big Force Will Soon be Moved Forward.

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GENERAL REVIEW.

Gen. Buller's Force Estimated at Nearly Thirty Thousand Men.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Events in South Africa do not appear to have advanced. Gen. French's and Gen. Gatacre's operations have succeeded in keeping the Boers in check, if nothing more, but the latter are not too strong and the fighting promises to last for some time.

The critics, in summing up the probabilities of Gen. Buller making another attack, estimate his force at nearly 30,000 men, with 68 guns, including six Howitzers, against Gen. Gatacre's 20,000 men and 50 guns, but whose position and mobility will at least counterbalance the numerical superiority of the British.

Gen. Methuen continues inactive except for occasional reconnaissances. These are reported to have established the fact that the Boer positions extend virtually from Koodoosberg to Jacobsdal, a distance of forty or fifty miles.

PRACTICALLY SURROUNDED.

Despatch from Rensberg Says the British Are Playing the Boers at Their Own Game.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 4, 10.50.—A despatch to the Times from Rensberg, filed yesterday, says that Tuesday night the British set fire to the trucks of the runaway train which had been wrecked by the British artillery when it was seen that the train, which was loaded with provisions, would otherwise fall into the hands of the Boers.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The rumor is spreading here that the de Beer Mining Co. hoarded diamonds worth 25,000,000 in the cellars of the company at Kimberley before the war.

THE DEPARTMENT has prepared a scale of rations, medical comforts, water and forage for the troops and horses on board ship.

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FIGHTING AT MOLTENO.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 4, 11 p. m.—The magistrate at Molteno officially reports that yesterday morning there was heavy firing at the camp of the Cape mounted police, commanded by Capt. Neyslau.

ARRIVING THE ZULUS. LONDON, Jan. 4.—A despatch to the Central News from Durban says that the government of Natal, in response to the Zulus for permission to fight against the Boers, has given its consent to the arming of part of the Zulus.

WILL BE MORE SEIZURES. LONDON, Jan. 4.—The admiralty announced that the first-class torpedo gunboat Harrier, which was ordered to watch suspicious foreign vessels dealing in contraband goods, has arrived at Aden.

ENGLAND'S ANSWER. BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Great Britain's answer to the German note in reference to the steamship Bundesraah has been received.

READY FOR KRUGER. LORENZO MARQUEZ, Jan. 4.—The Diggers' News of Pretoria prints a rumor to the effect that Longwood, Napoleon's residence on the Island of St. Helena, is being renovated for the reception of President Kruger after the war.

TROUBLE IN SWAZILAND. LORENZO MARQUEZ, Jan. 4.—There is trouble in Swaziland. It was recently reported that King Banu was dead, but refugees now assert that it was the queen who died.

THE SEVENTH DIVISION. LONDON, Jan. 4.—The departure of the seventh division of the British army for South Africa commenced today.

SECOND CONTINGENT.

No Word in Regard to Nurses—Scale of Rations—Another Chaplain Appointed.

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GERMANY AROUSED. The Emperor Regards the Seizure of German Vessels a High Handed Proceeding.

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THE OPEN DOOR.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Daily News, commenting editorially upon the report called from the United States that the Washington government has obtained the assent of the great powers to the principle of the "open door" in China, says:

FROM THE TRANSVAAL FUND. Mayor Sears on Thursday received from Hon. H. R. Emmerson two donations to the provincial Transvaal fund, which had been forwarded from London to the premier by C. A. Duff-Miller, the agent general for New Brunswick, with the following letters:

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Advertisement for STARR, HOCKEY and ACME SKATES, featuring an image of a hockey skate and text describing the product's quality and availability.

Advertisement for 'FREE' watches and jewelry, including pocket watches, chains, and other accessories, with contact information for the Standard Watch and Jewelry Co.