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FRENCH SCORES SUCCESS.

By a Flank Movement He Drives the Boers from Colesberg.

His Force is Small But His Success Will Give the British an Important Strategic Advantage—Buller Has a Hard Task—Before Him Tugela's Banks Bristle With Guns for Sixteen Miles.

MESSAGE FROM LADYSMITH.

Lady Smith, Dec. 24 (via Pietermaritzburg)—General Buller has had a slight attack of fever but he is now convalescent.

The Boer shell fire has been very damaging recently. On Friday one shell killed six men and wounded nine. The same missile killed 14 horses. Another just missed the Fifth Lancos line, slightly wounding six officers. Several shells have fallen close to General White's house, compelling the removal of headquarters to another point.

It is reported that General Joubert is again in command of the Boers here. The military authorities appear confident, but they are very reticent.

Boers have been observed moving northward and westward in large numbers.

SORTIE FROM MAFERING.

Pretoria, Dec. 26 (by way of Lorenzo Marques, Dec. 26)—Commandant Snyman reports as follows from Mafering.

On Monday morning the enemy from Mafering attacked one of our forts in force with cannon, maxims and an armoured train and so persistently that they were fighting right on the walls of the fort but we have retained our fort. The British loss is reported as 25.

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LONDON SUMMARY.

London, Jan. 1, 4.30 a. m.—In the absence of confirmation of the reported sortie from Ladysmith, that story is discredited. No such hopeful view can be taken as the Boer account of the Mafeking sortie seems designed to convey. No word regarding any such movement has yet arrived from British sources; and the feeling of suspense is deepening as it is feared Col. Baden-Powell's silence indicates that his position is becoming desperate.

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just had an interview with the Liberal leader, Dr. Barth, who is one of the most steadfast friends of Great Britain and America, but who also condemns this war.

Dr. Barth said: "At present it looks as if England might lose the whole of South Africa. I have private information from Africa via Holland, according to which the rebel movement among the Cape Boers has assumed much more serious proportions than the English newspapers admit."

British Statesmen Condemned. There never was a greater piece of political stupidity than that shown by Mr. Chamberlain in provoking war without having made the necessary military preparations. If England had only waited a few years she could have had everything without war. If England is totally defeated this war will be the best thing for the world, even for England. It will be a lesson she will not soon forget. It will show the world that a nation which is a jingoes of all countries, including the German. Our navy scheme, which is almost sure of adoption, must be understood to be in connection with the war in South Africa, all fine phrases offered in explanation notwithstanding. The increase was decided upon because Germany has lost confidence in the men who are shaping Germany's Naval Increase.

England's policy. The brutality of the present English policy renders Germany's position today precarious. What happens in the Transvaal today on land may happen to Germany upon the sea tomorrow. Disputes arising about the matter. Appropriate steps have been taken which Germany will think before attacking Germany. If the English statesmen of today insist on the type of Gladstone and Morley we should have no concern; but with such political jack-o'-lanterns as Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Fisher we do not know what to expect and arm for any eventuality.

England Will