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s made an attack and ilsed at Lichenburg and	the dispatch, "has made a great sensa- tion and startling disclosures are prom- ised."
ral Letmmer was killed.	
on Bethlehem and Verde were	(Special to the Times.)
d, the Boers losing ten killed n wounded.	
was attacked on December	and nurses sailed on the Rosslyn Castle. Reach Halifax about the 7th. (Signed)

Scenes at War Office. Biggar.' London, Dec. 14 .- The scenes at the London, Dec. 15 .- Lord Kitchener rewar office to-day recall those witnessed ports that eighteen officers and five hunin the early stages of the war. A con- dren and fifty-five men are missing from stant stream of excited people filled the lobbies, all seeking details of the dis-four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Judging from the message these were The absence of the names of any of the captured by the Boers. officers of the Northumberland Fusiliers Clements's casualties on December 13th in Gen. Kitchener's dispatch leads to the amounted to five officers and nine men foreboding that the four companies of the killed, and many apparently wounded. Official Dispatch. Fusiliers mentioned are in the hands of

London, Dec. 15 .- Lord Kitchener wires the war office as follows: The officials of the war office evidently "Preoria, Dec. 14 .-- Clements brought, expect a heavy casualty list, but they in his force to Commanda Nek unop-

are hopeful, from the fact that the disrosed patch does not mention the capture of 'The casualties were, I regret to say, the Northumberlands, that such a great heavy: Killed, five officers and nine of other ranks; missing, eighteen officers catastrophe has been escaped, Orders were issued at Aldershot, Malta and five hundred and fifty-five of other

and other military centres this morning ranks. "These latter were four companies of to dispatch all the available mounted the Northumberland Fusiliers, who were stationed on the hill, and some yoemanry

infantry to South Africa. and other details sent up to support Botha Near Standerton. them. The names and nature of wounds Standerton, Transvaal, Dec. 14.—Gen. Louis Botha is reported to be twenty "Broadwood's Brigade took no part in

Louis Botha is reported to be twenty miles from here, with fifteen bundred the engagement. "The Boers suffered severely. men and one gun, He has called a

"Knox drove Dewet north to the Thaba Nchu-Ladybrand line, which was meeting of the burghers for Saturday. Tribute to Dewet. held by our troops. Dewet's forces, about 3,000 strong, made several at-

New York, Dec. 14 .- Dewet's remarktempts to get through during the day, able adroitness in eluding pursuit draws an admiring tribute from a British offi-cer who was captured by him at Reddersburg last spring, says the Tribune's Lon- of the south were able to get through on correspondent. He describes the the line.'

Boer leader as a taciturn and grim gen-Wiring later on December 14th, Lord Kitchener reports that while passing the lines in the neighborhood of Thaba deeply religious, with a warm heart, easily touched by human suffering. Ines in the using not not considerably. Nchu, Dewet's force lost considerably. The British prisoners were treated by him with much consideration and they Thorneycrofts's Mounted Infantry cap-The South African Light Horse and were greatly impressed with his dignity tured a fifteen-pounder taken at Dewets and ability. As for his burghers, they dorp, a pom-pom, several wagons with fairly worshipped him and were ready ammunition, twenty-two prisoners, and follow him anywhere. some horses and mules.

This British officer regards Dewet as A portion of the enemy has not been greatest guerilla leader ever known, able to pass north.

The Wounded.

explains his success on the theory there are no traitors in his camp that his men have absolute faith London, Dec. 15 .- Gen. Kitchener's supplementary dispatch referring to the disaster at the Magaliesburg confirms May Meet Salisbury. New York, Dec. 14.—A dispatch to vesterday's most pessimistic fears, and demonstrates that the catastrophe is

the Herald from Vienna says: "In well among the worst of the war. informed circles in this city the people The matter was brought up in

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the attitude of the English press towards American action in Nicaragua, China tions suggested by the United States, they have taken exactly the opposite

### Lack of Sympathy

between the administration leaders and the administration papers seem to be broadening daily. Once in a while the mass of English comments on the Nicaraguan canal question undoubtedly represents the views of a large section of the public, but it must not be considered in any way official, or even semi-

A special dispatch from Washington complains that the London dispatches dealing with the Nicaraguan canal do

quent conferences this week with the United States ambassador, Joseph H. Choate.

## Great Britain's Decision,

doubtless, will be arrived at only after a cabinet conference. What Lord Lansdowne will advise his fellow-cabinet ministers to do depends entirely on the final shape in which the treaty is required. As the matter stands, it would be equally unsafe to say he will counsel its rejection or acceptance, though, as he follows the ideas which at present prevail among the permanent foreign office officials, he will fall back on the Clayton-Bulwer

treaty and reject any modifications of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Mr. R. Arlington, the eccentric gentleman of Leeds who lived in a miserly

manner in order to be able to devote his

The Daily Chronicle, however, pub-lishes a short note, in which it says. and other quarters of the globe as this "The news is very serious indeed. It crude revelation of its estimate of Am-erican public men. It is this underly-ing, though seldom expressed belief, ate have triumphed, and we are back which permeates the editorials now so again where we were at the time of the frequently devoted to the policy of the Washington government. How utterly Cleveland's insolent and provocative this is at variance with the opinion of the foreign office and the highest gov-during the Spanish-American war has ernment officials here is apparent from been shaken by pro-Boer sympathy, and The the fact that in almost every recent case it is now swamped by self-interest. where the English papers have attempt- Americans intend to fortify the canal in ed to advise or to forecast the attitude spite of treaty engagement to the con of their government towards proposi- trary. We cannot possibly stand by and allow the Clayton-Bulwer treaty to be thus imperiously set aside. The good line from the course eventually pursued relations between the two countries must by Lord Salisbury and the Marquis of Lansdowne. This of necessity be gravely menaced. This Worse could hardly have happened 2 Bryan had been returned."

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

Protest Against Return of Mr. Birkett-Ottawa Contractor Awarded \$26,502 For Breach of Contract.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 14 .-- J. M. Bell, of the geological survey, has just returned to Ottawa after an absence of about 15

months. dealing with the Nicaraguan canal do not give any indication of the views of Lord Lansdowne, Lord Salisbury or any authoritative person. It may be said that Lord Lansdowne has been given every opportunity to communicate his views on the matter, but he has definite-ly refused, remarking that he did not wish to attempt to interfere, coverly or wish to attempt to interfere, covertly or to Fort Nooman, and then took Bear otherwise, in the formation of American river to Great Bear lake, most of which public or legislative opinion. He has not even discussed the canal in his fre-lake he made a portage to the mouth of Copper Mine river, and was about five miles from the Arctic ocean when he

turned south. It was about the 1st of August last when he started on his journey by Fort Rae, Fort Chippewa

and Lake Labeche to Edmo Ottawa, Dec. 15 .- Mr. Birkett's elecers for Ottawa

said that illicit distilling is going on there

In the Exchequer court to-day Justice Burbidge gave judgment to Archie Stewart, the Ottawa contractor, for \$26,502 for breach of contract against the government for taking away from him the contract on the Soulanges canal.

wealth to foreign missions, left over £1,000,000 to charities of all kinds. He made his fortune out of a brewery, and

tion as one of the memb is protested by the Liberals. The inland revenue department is go-ing to create a district in Yukon. It is