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Cables Carried no Other News to the Public Yesterday.

Department of Militia Has Published Details of the Second Contingent's Constitution—Three Allan Line Steamers Chartered.

ARTILLERY AND CAVALRY.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 19.—The cabinet was in session until 7:30 this evening arranging details of the contingent for South Africa. Dr. Borden was interviewed after the council adjourned and stated that no official announcement would be made until tomorrow, probably not before evening. It has been thought advisable to have all the arrangements completed before making any statement for publication. Those acquainted with the responsibilities of the government will see that more progress will be made in this way than by giving out piecemeal what is intended to do. In the mean time the department of militia is not idle. The work of outfitting and equipping one thousand men or more is going on with all possible rapidity. In regard to this there will be no delay. Contractors for clothing have given assurance to the ministers that whatever extra is required will be ready in good time. The providing of suitable transports and having them fitted up for horse is the only matter which at the present moment is causing any anxiety and no trouble is anticipated in accomplishing this. H. S. Allan, of the Allan line, was here all afternoon and had several conferences with the minister of militia upon the subject. Other steamship companies have also been heard from. As to obtaining an efficient and effective contingent there is no doubt. Offers for services with the Canadian militia are pouring in from all parts of Canada. Strong efforts are being made to obtain positions on the contingent. Fitness to perform the duties required will be the only passport to appointment. Although nothing official can be obtained, the report is general that the contingent will equal 1,000 men. It will likely be equally divided, in regard to numbers, between artillery and mounted infantry. The Kingstons battery may form nucleus of one. Quebec that of another and probably Ottawa will make up the third. About one half of the mounted infantry will be taken from the Mounted Police.

The talk among battery men tonight is that Major Hudson will command the Ottawa battery, which will be known as "D" battery, and that Major Hudson will command the Kingston battery which will be "C" battery, while Quebec will be known as "E" battery with Major Ogilvie in command. A senior major, which in this case would be Major Hurdman, would go in command of the three batteries until Cape Town is reached, when Lt. Col. Drury, who is in South Africa, could take command there. Then, in regard to mounted infantry, Lt. Col. Evans might command until South Africa is reached, when Lt. Col. Hurdman, who is now here and who would be senior officer to Evans, could assume command. In regard to the batteries the nucleus of the Kingston battery would come from "A," that of Quebec from "B," while "D" would come from the Ottawa field battery.

Capt. Hudson, of the Châteauguay militia, a Canadian, formerly one of Capt. Steele's scouts in the Northwest rebellion, has written Lt. Col. Sherwood telling him that he is anxious to go to South Africa to fight for the Queen. He wanted to go to the Philippines but says he would rather be under the queen's colors in South Africa. This is but one of many requests Col. Sherwood says he has received. There is a tremendous feeling among the Ottawa volunteers and others, he says, in favor of going to the front. He says of it from all sides.

Major Hurdman, of the Ottawa field battery, says: "I think there will be two or three volunteers for every one needed in the second contingent. If Great Britain wanted 5,000 men they could easily be obtained. Since the men will be mounted the second contingent will be more popular than the first. Quite a number of ex-members of his own corps have sent him their names.

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS OFFER THEIR SERVICES.

London, Dec. 19.—Ninety per cent. of the members of the Honorable Artillery Company of London, have volunteered for service in South Africa. Two-thirds of the Inns of Court volunteers, composed of barristers and solicitors, have likewise tendered their services.

AN AUSTRALIAN HOSPITAL CORPS.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 19.—The government of this colony has decided to send a field hospital corps and a battery of artillery to South Africa in addition to the mounted contingent.

AN ABUNDANCE OF OFFERS.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Lieut. Col. Domville, M. P., who is here, and who has already offered on his own responsibility to raise a mounted force, would be willing to accept this one as commanding officer. Lieut. Col. Pinnat deputy minister of militia, upon whom a large share of the ad-

stock field battery and Newcastle field battery have already volunteered. Mr. D. J. Stockford, the well-known horseman, who served two years with the Northwest mounted police, has volunteered.

AN INDIAN VOLUNTEER.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—One of the offers of service for South Africa today was from a descendant of Joseph Brant, the great Indian warrior, who asks to be permitted to emulate the services to Great Britain of his illustrious forefathers.

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES.

IA. Col. G. W. Jones was asked last evening if there was any word received by him as to preparations for service in the second Canadian contingent for South Africa. He had received none, but said the several companies of the artillery here were being called to meet this week to be in readiness. One of the companies will meet tonight.

MAKING UNIFORMS.

Hamilton, Dec. 18.—The Sanford Manufacturing Company have received from the militia department a large rush order for uniforms for the second contingent. The order includes 2,500 khaki dress tunics, 1,500 green rifle tunics, serge jackets and riding breeches. The factory will work overtime and the order will be filled within 10 days.

IRISH-AMERICANS WOULD AID THE BOERS.

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 19.—Representatives of the leading Irish societies met tonight to take steps toward assisting the Boers in their war with England. Ex-Mayor John Breen presided and a dozen societies were represented, including three divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Counselman Edward C. Callahan was elected secretary and a secret one, but the presiding officer said afterwards that the societies represented would do everything in their power to help the Boers, not alone financially but with arms and men if necessary. He said the movement was in sympathy with one which extends over the entire country. Another meeting will be held Friday evening at which leaders in the movement from western cities would be present. The presiding officer further said that a military company will be formed from the present Grattan Guards and Hibernian Rifles to be used for the purpose as the organization may direct.

THE GOVERNOR OF NEWFOUNDLAND OFFERS TO SERVE.

St. John's, Dec. 19.—Governor McCallum, of Newfoundland, who is a colonel in the Royal Engineers corps, telegraphed the British war office after Gen. Buller's repulse at the Tugela river, offering to resign his post and to undertake any duty assigned him in South Africa. As he has been actively engaged, however, in promoting the naval reserve movement in Newfoundland, he will probably be retained in the governorship, especially in view of the contingent of militia which might require the colony to be defended. Captain Timmis, of the Liverpool regiment, volunteered to go to South Africa, but has been recalled to England to join rough riders can be obtained.

ROUGH RIDERS CAN BE OBTAINED.

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MANY VOLUNTEERS FROM THE WEST.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—There will be no difficulty in supplying the western contingents to the second South African contingent. Applications for enlistment are pouring in every day. The same is reported at other headquarters through the west.

VOLUNTEERS FROM FREDERICTON.

Fredricton, Dec. 19.—The announcement that the Canadian government intend sending a second contingent to South Africa was received with great satisfaction here. The fact that the contingent is to be made up of cavalry and artillery is rather disappointing to local militiamen for those whose branches of service are no longer located here and the chances of Fredericton being represented on the contingent are not as good as they were on the last occasion. Still several members of the 71st have volunteered including Surgeon-Major Bridges, C. S. McLeod, Wainlow and Thomas. Captain Carpenter and Lieutenant Nagle of the R. C. R. I., are also anxious to go. Husbands have forwarded their names to the brigade officer here for their transmission to Ottawa. Word has been received that numbers of good men from the Wood-

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The British second class cruiser Isis will convey General Lord Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam at 16 knots. Special reports regarding the fighting at the Tugela river are still filtering through; but all the newspapers complain that these are severely censored, and it is still impossible to get an accurate idea of the battle. From the latest accounts, however, it appears that Gen. Buller was in personal command. A correspondent of the Associated Press at Chieveley Camp says the Boers excuse themselves for firing on the stretcher bearers by asserting that two squads of the Connaught Rangers took cover under civilians bearers of the Red Cross and

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learned that General Roberts entertains a great friendship for Gen. Buller, though they have never served together, and that combination of generalship creates the greatest satisfaction of a military circles. As one officer of General Roberts' staff said: "It really makes life worth living, once again."

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR SUMMARY.

London Dec. 21, 445 a. m.—The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind, owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Roberts since Sunday and it is feared that his communications have been cut. If this be so, his position is dangerous. A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph telegraphing from Modder River last Saturday says: "The Boer position, already formidable on December 11, has since been greatly strengthened extending for an area of 25 miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods throughout its entire length; wire fences have been placed before all the trenches at every point; guns have been got into position, and there is every evidence that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. Only a powerful attacking force can hope to make a successful assault."

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF BULLER'S REVERSE.

Chieveley Camp, Natal, Dec. 15.—The relief column continued its advance from Chieveley early this morning, intending to assail the Boer positions which were thought to be very strong to the westward and northwest of Colenso. During the two preceding days the Boers had allowed themselves to be bombarded without conceding to reply with a single shot. They further gave half an hour's opening this morning with an exchange, when, suddenly, they belched out a stream of fire from all their entrenchments, besides opening a fearful cannonade with all their quick-fires, field and siege guns which were posted from end to end of their position. Undoubtedly the actual position had been determined by the British brigade commenced shelling the Boer ridges and the tower of the artillery attached to General Hart's division was busy among the entrenchments on the hills. The British left under cover of which the Irish infantry brigade marched out in extended order to cross the river and attack. Undoubtedly the Boers were busy shelling the ridges of the Boers' left flank, their excellent practice attracting the attention of the Boers who retaliated with a scathing fire, almost demolishing all the guns and stampeding the gunnacrriage and limber horses.

SERVICE FOR SOLDIERS KILLED.

London, Dec. 19.—A most impressive memorial service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral this afternoon, in memory of the soldiers killed in South Africa. The Lord Mayor, Mr. A. J. Newton, and the city officials attended in their robes of office. The cathedral was thronged, those present including the Duke of Cambridge and the Marquis of Lansdowne, the secretary of state for war.

THE QUEEN THANKS LORD ROBERTS.

London, Dec. 19.—The queen has sent a letter to General Lord Roberts, the newly appointed commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa, sympathizing with him on the death of his gallant son and thanking him for the part he has taken in the war. The queen's letter is a touching tribute to his services and to his devotion to the cause of the nation.

TALKING TO SUSPICIOUS STEAMERS.

Madrid, Dec. 19.—The Spanish steamer Ciudad de Cadix, which has just arrived at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, from Cuba, reports that she was pursued and overhauled last Saturday by a British cruiser which fired guns, compelling her to stop. The British cruiser was as to her name and route and then allowed her to proceed.

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that this fact drew the Boer fire, three being killed and several wounded. Much anxiety is caused by the fact that the war office has not yet received a full list of the casualties at Tugela River. Statements are published from Boer sources in Brussels and Berlin that President Kruger is willing to conclude peace on the basis of the status quo, but that otherwise he will call upon the Boers in Cape Colony to join in proclaiming the independence of the Cape territories of Great Britain.

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Toronto, Dec. 19.—Military officers here are enthusiastic over the decision to send a second contingent to South Africa. Col. Clarence Denison of the Governor-General's body guard, says 55 troopers and 9 officers from the three city squadrons, volunteered for the first contingent. The contingent organized, so most of them are still available. Capt. Myles, of the field battery, said all officers had volunteered and trained horses could be found without any trouble to equip the Toronto battery to war strength.

HALIFAX VOLUNTEERS.

Halifax, Dec. 19.—So far Col. Irving, D. O. C., has received no official communications regarding the second contingent or the enrolling for the same, but without any call for volunteers Col. Irving and Major Black have already had a number of applications. Lieut. Farrell, of the 66th P. I. F. son of Dr. E. Farrell, has with Lieut. Ritchie and Grant offered services for duty with the second contingent in South Africa. Rev. Simmonds, curate of St. Mark's, is understood to volunteer to go with the second contingent as chaplain.

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