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COMMANDANT DEWET PRESSED

British Forces Crowding the Clever Boer Leader in Ladybrand District.

Thornycroft Following Up the Retreating Enemy—Baden-Powell Has Places for 1,000 Canadians.

Maseru, Dec. 25.—The British are pressing Commandant Dewet in the Ladybrand district.

London, Dec. 25.—Lord Kitchener, telegraphing to the war office, under date of Naaport, Dec. 24, 9 a.m., reports: "Thornycroft's Mounted Infantry have occupied Britstown without opposition. The Boers retired to the north in the direction of Prieska. They will be followed up."

CONDITIONS IMPROVED. Cape Town, Dec. 24.—Regular railway service between Cape Town and De Aar has been restored. The report of the destruction of a bridge south of De Aar turns out to be incorrect. Only a culvert was damaged. Trains are running from De Aar to Kimberley irregularly. There are considerable delays elsewhere, as the result of heavy rains.

CAPE DUTCH NOT RISING. London, Dec. 25.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Times telegraphs that scarcely any Cape Colonists have joined the invaders.

A Cape Town dispatch says: Fighting is going on near De Aar. Particulars are unobtainable. Two hundred Boers have left Britstown after commandeering all supplies available.

THE STRATHCONAS FIGHTING. London, Dec. 25.—A delayed dispatch dealing with the pursuit of Dewet before the north of the General Knopie refers to an all-day fight near Bethulle, in which the Strathconas participated. Soon after daybreak the Boers began firing at our outposts, says the dispatch. The enemy held a strong position north of the Knopie allied with the road. Gen. Knox found Col. Barker holding the several positions which he had gained the previous day, but the enemy's center was a very strong rugged kopje, traversed by a steep stone wall affording splendid cover. Along the foot of the kopje ran one of the branches of the Silk spruit, and up this a company of the Seaforth Highlanders attached to Col. Barker's Column were in the early morning.

They were warmly received by the enemy, but they ultimately gained a farm-house at the foot of the kopje, while on the opposite side the Boers fought a fierce battle for the eastern portion of which was held by Col. Herbert.

TOOK THE WRONG TRACK. When Gen. Knox arrived he ordered Strathcona's Horse to support the Seaforth Highlanders, and they at once started off with this object. They were quickly taken to the spruit. Unfortunately, however, they took the wrong track, and on discovering their mistake, made a bold and plucky dash for some farm enclosures. They met with a terrible rain of fire, but gallantly persisted, galloping at full speed. They were forced, however, to return in conjunction with the Seaforths, having fought the whole day long, but having been well covered, the casualties were small.

Col. Herbert and Col. Williams had meanwhile swung round to the right with great speed, and brought the howitzers of the 8th Battery to bear upon the Boer line. The enemy was unable to stand the lyddite shells, and retired hurriedly, but their center stood firm till nightfall, and then also retired.

DANGEROUS SITUATION. London, Dec. 25.—According to the Morning Post's Cape Town dispatch, every day depends upon the quantity of ammunition in the possession of Dutch residents, 1,500 of whom have joined the Boers in the Philippstown district alone. Energetic measures have been taken to stem the invasion, but there is unquestionably danger that parties of the Boers will get through into parts of the colony and gradually raise the whole Cape in rebellion. Reinforcements can arrive none too soon. Most of the dispatches from Cape Town describe the raiders as doing little harm, and are being rapidly inclosed by Lord Kitchener's combination.

KITCHENER IS POSTED. Kitchener is in the heart of the disaffected districts, and has the advantage of being personally acquainted with local conditions. Last March he supervised the suppression of the rising which occurred then. He is bringing down thousands of troops from the north.

The Standard's Cape Town correspondent sent: The loyalists demand that martial law shall be proclaimed throughout Cape Colony, but adds: Such a step is now impossible, owing to the lack of sufficient troops to enforce it.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Cape Town says: The pro-Boer newspapers are singularly quiet. They have been made uneasy by the promptness and thoroughness of the military action, but reports from various parts of the western province foreshadow perilous possibilities.

BOERS REPULSED. Civil railway traffic has been suspended largely in all parts of the north and west, and Boers and British are almost unknown in Cape Town. It appears that one Boer column attacked Stensburg, but was repulsed and fled, entraining in their march. Another Boer commando captured a party of police at Ventersdorp. Mounted colonial troops surprised 300 Boers fifteen miles from Burgersdorp Dec. 23, and after a brisk interchange of volleys, retired with a loss of two men.

NEW ZEALANDERS TO STAY. Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 25.—The government has asked the governor, the Earl of Ranfurly, to inform Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, that the New Zealand contingent in South Africa to be diminished, that drafts will be forwarded to fill the ranks, and that additional mounted men will be sent.

PLACES FOR CANADIANS. Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Ever since the announcement that recruits were being sought in England and the colonies for Baden-Powell's constabulary applications have been received at the Militia Department from Canadians who were anxious to join the force. A week or two since the department brought this fact to the notice of the imperial authorities, and asked to be advised whether it was intended to enlist recruits in Canada. Mr. Chamberlain has just cabled the following reply to the governor-general:

"Referring to your telegram of Dec. 4, unavoidably delayed, by reason of consulting authorities in South Africa, her majesty's government learn with satisfaction that recruits are coming forward in Canada for the South African constabulary, and that those who have served in South Africa preferred. (Signed) Chamberlain."

A cable received at the militia department states that Corp. George, of Strathcona's Horse, has died of enteric fever at Doornfontein. The name of George cannot be found on the nominal roll.

"BOBS" AT MADEIRA. Portuguese Authorities Give Him a Salute—Off for Gibraltar.

Funchal, Island of Madeira, Dec. 25.—The steamer Canada, with Lord Roberts on board arrived here last evening, receiving a salute of nineteen guns on entering the port.

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FLORENCE.

Florence, Ont., Dec. 25.—The Christ- mas entertainment given by St. Math- ew's Sunday school on Friday evening last, in the town hall, Florence, was attended by a large audience and was in every respect a decided success. Instead of the usual Christmas tree, an arch was formed at the back of the stage, which was tastily decorated and laden with handsome presents. A select and highly appreciated programme was given, consisting of choruses by the Sunday school and choir; quartets, by the Florence Male Quartet; duets, solos, recitations, dia- logues, tableaux, etc. At the conclusion of the programme, Santa Claus arrived on the scene and conducted the distribution of the presents much to the delight and satisfaction of the children.

Those contributing in vocal selections were Misses M. Davids, Mary Wilson, Ethel Boblin and Lou Walker, and Rev. Mr. Diehl. The male quartet was composed of Mr. Jerome, first tenor; Rev. Mr. Diehl, second tenor; Dr. McTavish, first bass; Mr. Bodkin, second bass. The accompanists were Mrs. Diehl, Miss Maud Wilson and Mr. Jerome.

BYRON.

Byron, Dec. 25.—The Byron Methodist Sunday school held its anniversary Christmas services and entertainment Sunday and Monday evening. A platform meeting was held on Sunday evening, addressed by Mr. C. E. Ger- man, of London, and Rev. T. Wesley Cousins, superintendent of the circuit. Suitable Christmas music was fur- nished by the choir and scholars of the school.

On Monday evening the school held its annual Christmas tree entertain- ment, when a splendid programme of choruses, motion songs, drills and recitations was rendered by the scholars. A large number of pretty presents gladdened the hearts of young and old, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. Rev. Mr. Hunter occupied the chair.

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THEDFORD.

Theoford, Dec. 25.—A very success- ful meeting in the interests of the twentieth century thanksgiving fund was held in the Methodist Church, here, on Monday evening, Dec. 17. Rev. S. Salton, of Centralia, was present with his celebrated Scripture cross, which is a novel and has proved itself to be a very effective, method of stimulating people to giving larger gifts to the cause of God.

The meeting was also addressed by Rev. R. B. Irwin, of Arkona, and choruses by the Sunday school and choir; quartets, by the Florence Male Quartet; duets, solos, recitations, dia- logues, tableaux, etc. At the conclusion of the programme, Santa Claus arrived on the scene and conducted the distribution of the presents much to the delight and satisfaction of the children.

CHRISTMAS DAY ACROSS THE LINE.

Salvation Army Gave Dinner to 7,000 Peo- ple—The Day at the White House.

New York, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day was bright and pleasant, and before the day was well under way the hundreds of charitable society workers were seeing to the providing of wholesome dinners for the thousands of poor throughout the city. Madison Square Garden was trans- formed into a gigantic dining-room, and here at night the Salvation Army fed 7,000 people. After dinner the headquar- ters brass band struck up "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and the great crowd joined in the hymn with vigor, and then Commander Booth-Tucker made an ad- dress, in which, among other things, he said: "Today the Salvation Army has spread the tables in the United States for 150,000 guests, and into 150,000 hearts we shall seek to send rays of Christmas gladness, tidings of new hope, harbingers of better days."

Miss Helen Gould provided the dinners to the boys at the Woody Crest Sanitarium, which she maintains, near Barry- town. Besides the dinner, she distributed presents.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day was generally observed here, many of the churches holding special services. At the White House the president and Mrs. McKinley dined alone, and spent a good part of the day together in their private apartments. In the afternoon several personal friends called, but remained only a short time. The government de- partments were closed, and until late in the day the streets presented an almost deserted appearance.

Steamship Arrivals.

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MOST INTERESTING THAN THE CANAL.

New York, Dec. 25.—Carnegie's con- tract of the delivery of the steel rails to the Great Eastern Railway excites to keener public interest in London than the technicalities of the Isthmian Canal question, says a Tribune cablegram. It is one of many indications that Amer- ican competition is becoming more for- midable every year in the iron and steel trade.