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Toronto, Jan. 9.—Col. Grasset, chief of police, to-day received a cable from Major Hamilton Merritt, formerly of the Body Guard here and now serving with Brabant's Volunteer Horse in South Africa, asking for 200 Canadian recruits for Brabant's Horse.

Those intending to go must pay their own fare to East London, Cape Colony, but if they are good riders and shots, they will get into active service at once.

It is thought a number of Hunt Club Men will join Major Merritt on the terms named.

LYDDITE FOR BOERS. London, Jan. 10.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail gives under reserve a report that 45,000 Lyddite shells have been turned out by the Krupp works, which are not destined for England, but were ordered some time ago by Dr. Leyds.

THE NORTHERN MAILS. At Long Last the Postal Authorities Prepare for Newspaper Service.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—It is announced here that arrangements have been made by the Dominion postal department to carry a limited quantity of newspapers to months.

Dawson and Atlin during the winter. To Dawson the quantity is limited to 500 pounds per week and to Atlin limited to 300 pounds same weekly.

Vancouver's News Budget.

Eight Hour Law Commissioner Taking Evidence on His Travels.

Japanese Offer a Practical Proof of Their Empire's Friendship.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Jan. 9.—Mr. R. C. Clute, the commissioner appointed by the Dominion government to investigate the eight-hour law, is in the city.

He secured the evidence of Mr. Reeves, the former manager of the War Eagle mine before Mr. Hastings was installed as a solicitor, Messrs. Hope & Gravelly.

Mr. Clute says he went to Nanaimo in the hope of seeing Mr. Ralph Smith, but failing this he had secured a statement from Mr. Robins and in Victoria he had taken evidence of Ralph Smith.

In Vancouver Mr. Hamersley, city solicitor, Messrs. Massey and Hope, brokers, also were examined. The report to the government would be voluminous.

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A Protest By Germany

Challenging British Right to Detain Vessels Between Two Neutral Ports.

Queen's Government Disputes Contention and Prize Court Decisions Awarded.

Two Seized German Steamers Released—Reported Firing on Dutch Cruiser.

By Associated Press. London, Jan. 10.—The Daily Graphic makes the following statement regarding the seizure of German vessels by British warships.

"Germany has addressed two notes to the British foreign office, challenging Great Britain's right to detain any vessel travelling between two neutral ports.

The Queen's government held themselves wholly unable to acquiesce in Germany's contention.

"Germany cited an examination, this so-called precedent proved to be quite inapplicable to the seizures under discussion.

The correspondence between the two governments rests there pending a decision by the prize court.

The Imperial German mail steamer General, detained by the British authorities since Jan. 4 on suspicion of having contraband of war on board has been released.

Durban, Jan. 9.—The seized German steamer Herzog has been handed over to the prize court.

The Portuguese governor of Zambezia, Scott and his officers, the British naval authorities have offered him a ship to convey him to Delagoa Bay.

The steamer Bundesarth is discharging.

London, Jan. 9.—It is announced in a special despatch from Amsterdam that an uncredited rumor is current there that a British cruiser has fired upon the Dutch cruiser Friedland near Delagoa Bay, and that a Dutch officer was killed.

MR. BALFOUR'S STATEMENT. London, Jan. 10.—The Times in an editorial based upon Mr. Balfour's declaration yesterday criticized the government, and says:

"It is fortunate for the government that when parliament meets it will only have to face the weak opposition. If the shortcomings now revealed had been revealed in a first cabinet meeting, the nation would have been consoled by statements such as Mr. Balfour has been making.

"It is neither becoming nor prudent, after what has happened, for a minister to declare as Mr. Balfour did, that he does not produce an answer to the question of the government. It would be better for the country and for ministers themselves, if the latter frankly owned that they had made a mistake, pleading extenuating circumstances, and pledge themselves to a serious effort to reform all which has proved wanting."

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Boer Freedom of Delagoa Bay—Mine Tax Touches Continental Purse.

By Associated Press. Berlin, Jan. 10.—The German and French holders of Transvaal gold shares have decided to co-operate in resisting the reported gold mine tax of 30 per cent on the output.

LIKE A GERMAN PORT. London, Jan. 11.—The Times in a special article dealing with the Delagoa Bay question expresses the opinion that the endeavor of the Boers to overturn Natal's neutrality is an assertion made before the war by prominent Boers that they would seize Durban as a port.

The article proceeds to point out that by the through rate system, especially favorable to the Transvaal shipments over the Delagoa Transvaal railway, secure traffic with little risk of examination at Continental ports or at Delagoa Bay.

The article concludes by urging the government to endeavor to secure a more strict examination.

THE GERMAN SEIZURES. Berlin, Jan. 10.—Great Britain's formal written answer to Germany's formal protest has not yet been received, but another oral declaration by Lord Salisbury to Count von Hatfield, German ambassador in London, has been telegraphed to Berlin, showing that Great Britain admits her obligation to pay damages for seizing vessels not carrying contraband.

It is admitted by the foreign office that the armored cruiser Deutschland, flagship of Prince Henry of Prussia, may be sent to Delagoa Bay together with the submarine Habicht.

AMERICA FLOUR RELEASED. London, Jan. 10.—American flour seized at Delagoa Bay has been released. Ambassador Choate had an interview with the Marquis de Salisburys this afternoon and received a verbal reply representing the Washington government.

The British note to the United States embassy and the gist of it was called to Washington. In brief, foodstuffs are not considered contraband of war, unless the foreign office only arrived at this decision to-day and it was not until last night that the British note was drawn up.

Several of the government's advisers were present at the meeting regarding canned goods, but this was decided to be impracticable.

The decision to make flour an grain enemy contraband, is evidently hedged in by many difficulties of execution.

But the foreign office believes that investigation will generally determine whether the grain is really meant for consumption at Delagoa Bay or in the Transvaal.

Mr. Choate's departure from Washington to-night and Col. Hay is expected to reply accepting the terms of the latter's letter to Mr. Choate as he had first received authority from the state department to do so.

CRITICS OF THE WAR. Mr. Balfour Makes Further Statements in Reply—Sir Charles Dilke and the Yeomanry.

London, Jan. 10.—Mr. A. J. Balfour, at a luncheon held at the residence of a supporter of the war office. It was impossible, in a great war, he said, to carry out everything as we can on paper.

It was not true that the British gins were inferior to the enemy's. He did not claim that the army system was perfect, but critics ought not to ignore the extraordinary military problems of the present war.

For the first time in the history of the world the country had to fight an enemy entirely mounted, but with a vast number of mounted soldiers, most of them taken by the enemy, had been concluded. It was ridiculous to charge the war office with want of foresight, and it was sure to be done in due time to the administrative system of the army.

Sir Charles Dilke, speaking at Chesham, declared that he was prepared to ask in the House of Commons whether the government was taking any steps with regard to the facts of the military situation known at the time.

The language Lord Salisbury employed in parliament, he continued, constituted an unnecessary menace—something which Mr. Balfour said it was the government's first duty to abstain from—and made war probable. More than this, the government is responsible for the fact that the outbreak of the war was not prevented by the government's army corps.

Sir Charles criticized the government's refusal of capable colonial troops qualified to ride and shoot and their acceptance instead of those taken over by the Yeomanry. Of the latter, he said it had been alleged that they were neither good horsemen nor good shots. In his own opinion, the Yeomanry, he said, probably rode well enough, but there was a very great doubt as to the shooting capabilities of a large percentage.

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Roberts At The Cape.

With His Landing There Are Indications of Move by Buller's Column.

Desultory Shelling Kept Up—The Force For Ladysmith Assault.

Cape Dutch Deluded by False Reports of Triumphs Over British.

By Associated Press. London, Jan. 10.—9:05 p. m.—Gen. Lord Roberts, the new commander of the British forces in South Africa, and his chief of staff, Lord Kitchener, have arrived at Capetown.

STRETCHER BEARERS MOVE. London, Jan. 11.—The Durban correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Tuesday, says that 1,200 Indian stretcher bearers started for the front the previous night and that their departure was regarded in Durban as indicative of a renewal of the fighting.

SHELLING LADYSMITH. A despatch to the Daily Telegraph dated Monday, January 8, at noon, from Frere Camp says: "Firing from the Boers' position around Ladysmith began early to-day. It still continues but the cannonading is light and irregular."

THE BRITISH CAMPS. The Daily Mail has the following despatch dated January 8, from Frere Camp: "With the exception of the usual shelling of the Boer positions by the Naval guns, the British force remains inactive."

"Eight Boer camps were seen to-day by a patrol along the Tugela in a westerly direction. They were quiet."

Natives say that when they reconnoitered near Colenso on Saturday the Boers hurried from Springfield. This supports the belief that Colenso was weakened to attack Ladysmith.

CAPE DUTCH DELUDED. The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs Monday saying: "The Boer successes in the western part of the colony, hitherto made hideous night by bands of young men parading in the villages, and singing the Transvaal national songs, have everywhere practising the national songs of the republic. The following are specimens of the songs as they are sung by the Western Dutch: 'Buller and Rhodes are prisoners' and 'Two thousand Boers secretly sailed and started Capetown.'"

THE SECOND CANADIANS. Militia Officers' Commissions in Regular Army—The Montezuma Rejected—Chaplains Named.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Jan. 10.—The medical board at Halifax examined the Montezuma to-day and recommended that she be utilized as a transport. The government, therefore, rejected her, and are looking for another vessel, which will further delay the departure of the second contingent.

The regulations under which Canadian militia officers may secure commissions in the British army have been received and will be furnished district officers. New khaki uniforms for the first contingent are to be sent on.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—Archbishop Bruchési, his secretary, and the rest of the government, a chaplain to accompany the second Canadian contingent to South Africa. The priest, selected by Rev. Father Simeon, a native of Ontario, who has spent a number of years in active work in the Northwest.

METHUEN'S HEALTH FAILS. London, Jan. 11, 4 a. m.—Lord Methuen, according to the Daily Mail has broken down and the Field Marshal may relieve him and possibly some other will be relieved of important commands.

SPANIARDS WOULD ENLIST. London, Jan. 10.—The Gibraltar correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "Three thousand time-expired Spanish soldiers from the Cuban war have offered their services to Great Britain in South Africa. The governor here has informed their agent that he is not authorized to enlist foreigners."

NEW SENATOR ON TRIAL. Makes Set Speech on Acquisition of Philippines and Does Himself Proud.

Washington, Jan. 9.—"That man little knows the common people of the republic, who think we will not hold it the Philippine archipelago fast and hold it for ever!" said a speaker at a public meeting in the city.

This sentiment was the keynote of a speech delivered in the senate to-day by Beveridge, the junior senator for Indiana, a maiden speech in the senate, by about the youngest member in the body. The announcement that he would deliver an address embodying his observations in the Philippines attracted an unusually large number of senators in the city was in his seat and he was seen to be in a state of nervousness. The occasion was inspiring and Beveridge rose to it brilliantly. His oration—for properly it was an oration—was a very interesting.

Crooks, Congress and Colds are all equally odious to Pray-Pectoral. It lessens the number of the colds which are ready to crop almost instantly. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry-Davis' Pain-Exterminator.

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Tommy Atkins To Kruger Toast

Judge With Boer Sympathies Chilled at New York Club Dinner.

Orchestra Called on for Most Effective Answer to Indiscreet Guest.

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 10.—The annual reunion of the Albany Society of New York was held to-night at the Waldorf. One hundred and fifty persons were present.

Justice Woodward, of the Supreme court of New York state, a particular friend of Governor Roosevelt, was down to respond to the toast, "The Dutch in Albany and in South Africa." He devoted the first part of his address to the Dutch in Albany, and then turned to the Dutch in South Africa.

As he continued to declare as Mr. Balfour did, that he does not produce an answer to the question of the government. It would be better for the country and for ministers themselves, if the latter frankly owned that they had made a mistake, pleading extenuating circumstances, and pledge themselves to a serious effort to reform all which has proved wanting."

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Free Staters Jeer Allies.

Wanted For Deadly Bayonets While Transvaalers Were In Flight.

Assault on Ladysmith Reluctantly Undertaken and Causing Open Quarrel.

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"His answer to this excuse was the suggestion that the Free Staters might be put in the fore front. This suggestion was taken and the attack delivered."

"President Kruger's answer was so far good that the Free Staters behaved better than the Transvaalers have done. At all events they managed to seize a hill. Later in the day the Transvaalers retired before General White's counter-attacks and the jeers of the Free Staters, who on actually struck their position until they were bayoneted to death. After this affair it is almost certain that the allies will quarrel."

"A heavy gun, mounted on Umbulwana Hill has been firing since day-break. Evidently the siege of Ladysmith is still maintained."

"STUPID AND PERVERSE." So the London Times Describes the Conduct of the War.

London, Jan. 11.—The Times in an editorial criticizing at great length the government's conduct in the war alludes to the "stupid and perverse mistakes" that have been made, and demands that the "practice of the non-revelation of facts" be abandoned. It is strongly in favor of knowing the truth and the whole truth about the situation, and finds fault with Mr. Balfour's defence, piece-meal.

HUGH JOHN IN CONTROL. New Manitoba Ministry Sworn In—Only Three Salaried Members for the Present.

Winnipeg, Jan. 10.—(Special)—Manitoba's new cabinet was sworn in to-day by Lieut-Governor Patterson as follows: Premier and attorney-general—Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, Winnipeg. Provincial treasurer and minister of agriculture—Hon. John A. Davidson, Neepawa. Provincial secretary and minister of public works—Hon. D. H. McPadden, Emerson.

Without portfolio—James Johnston, Boisjour, and Hon. Colin H. Campbell, Winnipeg.

The first three named will have to go back to their constituencies for re-election. The election of Mr. Innis for Beautiful Plains being protested, it is confidently expected that he will be unseated, in which event Mr. Davidson, recently defeated, will again be a candidate in that constituency.

The retiring members of the Greenway cabinet called at the government buildings this morning and said good-bye to the clerks in the departments.

It becomes clearer every day that but for the accident to the Highland Brigade the Boer hopes would have been carried by storm. If there had not been serious delay in covering the level ground, the brigade would have been on the trenches before daylight, and by pure mischance our men were just about to get out of their close order when the Boers opened fire. A cold steel states that for a moment one side of the brigade was bent back into a crescent by the pressure of the stupendous storm of lead.

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