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The Semi-Meekly Colonist.

THE VICTORIA SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1899

By Modder And Tugela.

FORTY SECOND YEAR.

Buller Engaged in Smashing a Bridge and Preventing Boer Entrenchment.

Story of Strong Reserve at Pretoria Directed by Skilled

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RESERVE AT PRETORIA.

omeers and men skilled in modern mili-tary tactics, particularly artillery, now in Pretoria, as a reserve. An adminis-trative official in the Cape service, who has just returned from official relieving duty in the Dutch district, says the news of the British reverses has been received with great joy, even in localities where there is no open revolt."

SORTIE FROM LADYSMITH. A despatch to the Daily News from Ladysmith dated Friday, December 15, by telegraph, says: Another sortic last night. Gen. Hunter with 500 volunteers destroyed one six-inch creusote gun, one howitzer and one Maxim. One Briton was killed. The Boer gunners fled." BULLER'S OPERATIONS.

There is an idea in some quarters here that Gen, Buller's destruction of the Tugela bridge heralds an attempt to cut off the Boers now south of the river, but the general opinion is that the Brish will not make any serious move pending the arrival of Lord Boberts.

The 16th Lancers will go to South Africa from India at the special request of Lord Roberts, even after the government had decided that no more government had decided that no more troops should be withdrawn from India.

Arms Co., one of the largest sporting goods houses in the country, assigned to-day as a result of the collapse of the Globe National Bank of this city, to which the company was largely indebted. The company manufactured bicycles, fire arms and sporting goods of nearly wery description.

FENIAN GHOST STORIES.

he slightest attention is being paid to the many stories of fenian activity that are appearing in papers in all parts of the United States. Officials of the state department when asked regarding the stories published siring their shoulders and say they are not worth noticing.

SECOND CANADA'S OWN. Method of Division For Three Trans ports—Barbed Wire Clippers Offer to College Graduates.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.-Dr. Borden has de cided to send the Mounted Rifles on the Montezuma, two batteries of artillery on the Laurentian, and the third battery and spare horses on the Pomeranian. The offer by the war office of commis sions in the army to graduates of the Royal Military College is for Royal Ar-tillery only, and is confined to graduates

The government sends a gross of barbed wire chippers with the contingent. Kingston. Dec. 26.—W. H. Ponton, who figured in the sensational Dominion Bank robbery case, has been accepted for the second contingent for Africa.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—The German govern-ment has definitely abandoned all idea of acquiring the Danish West Indies, Modder River dated Thursday, December 21, report that intermittent firing was continuing on both sides although the Boers' shells fell short.

A number of Free State burghers had surrendered.

There is an unconfirmed despatch that a Canadian picket was cut off near Belmont.

It is also asserted that fever is raging among the Boers.

RESERVE AT PROPERTY.

BOER SUPPLY BASE. Belief That German Steamers Land Stores at Delagoa Bay Under

False Bills of Lading. Thursday, Dec 28.—A despatch to the Times from Pietermaritzburg, dated Thursday, December 21, says:

"A strong suspicion exists here that the ostensibly innocent bills of lading furnished by German steamers arriving in Delagoa Bay really conceal contraband, and the local newspapers are urging a more rigid examination of cargoes."

Earthquake Makes Havoc.

California Town a Scene Desolation From Shock on Christmas Day.

San Jacinto, Cal., Dec. 26.-This local

the Bering sea controversy between the United States and Great Britain has been renewed by the report of Mr. John New York, Dec. 26.—Over a score of M. Morton, United States agent at the

Berlin, Dec. 27.—An illustration of the severity of the cold throughout Germany is the fact that communication between Scherrebek and the Island of Roem is now had exclusively over a frozen arm of the North Sea, a condition which has not previously existed for twenty years.

British and Delagoa.

Purchase or Selzure of Coveted Port Would Not Be

Disaffection of Cape Dutch Calls for Stern Action-British Enrolling.

Scarcity of Wagons--Wireless Telegraphy Useful -- Con-

London, Dec. 27.-Lord Somers vrites to the Times urging the seizure terial for the Boers.

The Times in a special article discuss-

ing the international law aspects of Boer mportations through Delagoa Bay says: without the consent of Portugal the drastic measures which are so airily suggested in some quarters, we might find ourselves suddenly confronted with inter-national complications far more serious and injurious to the successful prosecu-tion of the South African war than the evils of which it was sought to secure

CAPE COLONY DISAFFECTION. The Times advises stern treatment of the disaffected Dutch colonists and the enforcement of the penalties of treason against persons and property.

Despatches from various points indicate the steady growth of disaffection. The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Chronicle reports the discovery of a plot to connive at the escape of Boer prisoners.

prisoners.

The recruiting of the British colonists in Cape Colony is actively proceeding Thirty thousand are already under arms, and several thousand more will be

over a distance of seventy rules being perfectly established. Marconi instruments intended for the Boers have been veized at Capetown.

DEMAND FOR WAGONS. The advent of horse sickness throws

THE FRENCH CONSPIRATORS. Prisoners Released for Want of Evi-

Wall Street magnates have been subpoeraed to appear before the grand jury to tell what they know of the rumor recently circulated about the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. which it is chaimed, seriously affected the stock of that corporation. Nearly all of the leading bulls and bears" are on the list of those called. The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. officials offer a reward of \$25,000 for information leading to the identity of the persons who circulated the stock-bearing stories.

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London, Dec. 27.—The Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, telegraphs from Calcutta that there has been no increase of rain and that 2,451,000 natives suffering from famine, are now receiving relief.

SAMOA'S NEW Covernment.

London, Dec. 27.—The Imperial government, according to a despatch from Calcutta from the Times has accepted an offer of two batteries made by the Indian in GERMAN.

OFFICERS OF CANADIANS.

List Announced from Ottows — Col.
Steele with the Police—The Offer

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The names of officers of the Second Contingent were announced to-night except for the Northwest detachment, which will be named by the Commissioner of Mounted Police

ish Columbia to open recruiting stations for rough riders. The nearest point at present is Calgary. Dr. Milne, who arrived here today, will urge the matter upon Dr. Borden.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Lieut. Col. Steele, of the Northwest Mounted Police, who, with Mrs. Steele, is spending Christmas in Montreal, received a telegram from Dr. Borden, offering him the command of the Western division of the Mounted Rifles. The Colonel ammediately wired his acceptance of the appointment. Col. Steele said his impression was the Mounted Rifles would be divided into two divisions, one consisting of N. W. M. P., and recruits from the Northwest, and the other consisting of cavalry regiments east of Manitoba.

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The Times editorially attacks the administration of the war office, calling attention to correspondence disclosing "glaring defects," and declaring that the British army is being managed for the benefit of the war office, and not of the nation.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the Times from Mateking, dated Monday, Dec. 11, by way of Mochudi, Tuesday, Dec. 19, says that Lady Sarah Wilson, aunt of the Duke of Marlborough, who was captured by the Boers while acting as correspondent for a London paper, has arrived there, "having been exchanged for Viljoen, a notorious horsethief and convict."

Rebellion Ripens In Cape Colony

imes Correspondent Tells of Widespread Sedition With Capetown as Centre.

Rebel Dutch Stealthily Wreck Railways and Bridges--A Laager Near Modder

Canadians at Belmont Report No Mishaps, and Story of Captures Unconfirmed.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The following mesday:

"Have cable from Otter, dated Belmont, December 18, that compressed meat and lime juice tablets most acceptable."

"The committee being formed will act accordingly.

No information has reached the militia department in reference to the capture of any Canadians by Boers.

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SAMOA'S NEW CONDITIONS.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The British government has acted on the agreement and treaties for the partition of Samoa, and has withdrawn the supervisory authority which she has exercised of late years in common with Germany and the United States. For the present however the British consular affects remain at the end of the year would be the there.

Checking

Across Tugela and Capture

Shelling From Chieveley Camp and Also Ladysmith Day After Christmas.

Enemy In Positions of Excep-tional Strength Along Line of British Advance.

Col. Lord Dundonald, advanced. The Boers the retired across the river. The British captured 500 cattle

Chieveley Camp, Monday, Dec. 25.the tastern miss. Then horses returned at night alone.

Col. Donald, of the Royal Fusikiers, has had his collar bone broken by being thrown from his horse while on outpost

SHELLING THE BOERS.

Chieveley Camp, Natal, Tuesday, Dec. 26.—The naval guns began shelling the Boer position at 5 o'clock this morning, using lyddite. The shelling continued about two hours.

Ever since the engagement at Colenso the enemy have been energetically improving their entrenchments. They can be seen galloping freely from hill to hill. Ladysmith also had a busy morning today, shelling the Boer's position on Umbulawana mountain. The bursting shells were plainly visible at Chieveley. London, Dec. 28.—The Morning Post has received the following from Mr. Churchill, under date of Dec. 26, telegraphed from Chieveley Camp, where he has arrived:

"All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Redvers Buller; and there is a stern determination to succeed next time at all costs." A paintul impression was caused.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 27.—A special correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing from Sterkstroom, Cape Colony, Thursday, December 21, says: "Strong measures are necessary to check the log-tile feeling among the Dutch colonists, whose condition is shown in the removal."

Costs. A painful impression was caused by the announcement of the change of commanders in-chief; but the soldiers, however, have decided to vindicate their trusted leader. The situation, nevertheless is difficult, the Boer position being one of extraordinary strength, with high hills lined tier on tier with trenches and galleries rising from an almost unfordable river, and with a smooth plain in front.

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The Boers.

British Drive Strong Party Back Many Cattle.

A QUIET CHRISTMAS.

SHELLING THE BOERS.

VOLUNTEERS FROM TORONTO. Brisk Enrolment for the Second Contin

gent and Body of Independent Horsemen Offered. Toronto, Dec. 27.— One hundred good horsemen from Toronto are prepared to go to South Africa, as an independent organization and fight for Great Britain, provided they are given free transportation. The authority for this statement is Lt.-Col. Delamore, the Queen's Own Commandant

Commandant.

Volunteers for the second contingent at this point underwent medical examination. Most of them are members of the Governor General's Bodyguard, with a sprinkling of ex-members of the Northwest Mounted Police, and a number of civilians.

HILDA BLAKE'S EXECUTION.

his morning Emily Hilds Blake, aged 22, paid the death penalty for the murder of her mistress, Mrs. Robert Lane, on July her mistress, Mrs. Robert Lane, on July 5 last. The woman was determined to the last. She walked steadily up to the scaffold and then turned and looked searchingly into the faces of the people below until Radcliffe gently urged her on. Then she bid Rev. Mr. McLaurin an affectionate farewell, kissing him. She seemed anxious to delay the awful climax, if only for a few seconds. She asked for Mr. McIlleride, and he ascended the scaffold. "Do not think too hard of me," she said, sobbing out her "Good-bye." Then with deliberate firmness she stepped on the trap and a smile crossed her face as Radcliffe tied her feet together. Her body swayed slightly after the black cap had been pulled over her head. In a few seconds the noose had been placed around her neck and the solemn words of the Lord's Prayer broke the stillness. A grating sound mingled with the words "Forgive us our sins," and in a couple of seconds, it seemed like minutes, the form of the poor girl shot from view. A groan escaped those around at the horrible sight. She died firmly and without a word of regret. In a few minutes the doctors examined the body and pronounced that death had been instant.

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Confident Enterprise of Mr. Treat Gives Promise of Rich Results.

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New York, Dec. 27.—As a result of the protest of merchants against the classification of merchandise by the railways and of interviews of members of the Merchants' Association in this city with trunk line officials the latter have said that this classification will go into effect on January 1, but they have promised that the matter of a readjustment of the classifications which it is claimed by the merchants will hurt their business, will be taken up again by the traffic officials and executive officers of the roads, who will sift every grievance to the bottom and meet the merchants half way in making proper readjustment.

Buller's Next Move.

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Though Anxious to Retrieve Reverse Another Frontal Attack Not Probable.

Likelihood of Remaining on Defensive Untill Still Further Reinforced.

The Brandon Murderess Pays the Pen-alty of Her Unaccountable Crime.

Ladysmith Reported All Well Tuesday—Times on Cam-Tuesday-Times on Campai gnMistakes

London, Dec. 28.-(4:30 a.m.)-Mr. the Tugela they are said to be strengthingly impregnable.

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Despatches from Chieveley indicate that Gen. Buller's forces will remobilize at Frere before attempting another advance. Doubtless he would be glad to retrieve the Colenso reverse before the arrival of Lord Roberts; yet he is hardly likely to attempt another frontal attack. It is more likely that he is preparing to strike should the Boers make any offensive movement."

Mr. Churchill's reference to Ladysmith may imply that the situation of the garrison is more desperate than had been suposed. The Boers continue fortifying the hills commanding the town. Gen. White, however, heliographs that all was well in Ladysmith on December 26.

Competent military critics in Londo regard the campaign as a complete dea-ock for the present, owing to the di-persal of the British forces and the la-

London, Dec. 27.-The Daily Chronicle publishes the following from Capetown: "Herr Schleisinger, an agent of the New York Equitable Associated Society, who arrived here from Pretoria, says the Boers possess immense stores of food the Boers possess immense stores of food imported by speculative capitalists, under a belief that mining would be allowed during the war. He says also that there were thousands of epectators at the Pretoria railway station when the British who were captured at Nicholson's New detrained. The people were ordered by the Boer commandant to bare their heads, and did so. The British, astomished, returned the salute."

Manitoba Farmer Kills His Young Wife and Suicides—No Known Trouble

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—News has just been received in the city of a terrible tragedy which occurred at the farm house of a quiet German family, residing about ten miles southeast of Rathwell. On Friday morning last, J. P. Dentzer shot and killed his young wife with a shotgun and completed his fiendish work by ending his own life with the same weapon. Country people are greafly mystified over the said affair and can give no motive why Dentzer should have taken his wife's life, as both had lived an apparently happy life.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Quigley guilty of manslaughter at Calg to-day semenced to ten years' ment in the penitentiary.