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VERY LITTLE CEREMONY OVER IT.

British and German Representatives Signed in the Diplomatic Room at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Samoan treaty was signed to-day. There was little of ceremony connected with the signing of the treaty. In the diplomatic room were Secretary Hay, with Sidney Smith, the Chief of the Diplomatic Bureau; Lord Tansley, the British Ambassador, and an honorable attaché in the person of Mr. Brownell, and Dr. Von Holleben, the German Ambassador. The three copies of the convention were read carefully to ensure their identity, and the signatures were attached in the usual manner by the representative signing. First the treaty, then the copy which the Government is to retain. The seals were placed by Wm. Grayson, who has performed that ceremony for a quarter of a century, and after a general exchange of congratulations the principals parted, each carrying off his own copy of the treaty.

DEATH RATE FROM CONSUMPTION.

If the Rate Keeps Up the Year 1899 Will Show the Heaviest Mortality on Record.

New York, Dec. 2.—In the current number of The Medical Record, Dr. John H. Pryor states that the rate of increase of consumption in the State of New York for the first eight months of this year showed an increase over the same period in 1898 of 62.3. Should this rate of increase continue, the remaining four months of the year, the increase in 1899 will be about 70.00 deaths and 14,000 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis in the year, being the highest rate ever known in the state.

TO STAVE OFF A PANIC.

Canadian Banks in Newfoundland Imported \$250,000 in Gold

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 2.—The Canadian banks doing business in this colony imported to-day a quarter of a million dollars in gold coin, forming a public as for the past week heavy withdrawals of gold have been made from the banks. The banks are all well, and it is feared that the panic may spread to this city.

BEAUTIFUL CHURCH BURNED.

Parish Church of St. Charles of Limonou, Near Quebec, Completely Outed on Sunday.

Quebec, Dec. 3.—The new and magnificent parish church of St. Charles of Limonou, near Quebec, was completely reduced to ashes this morning. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The flames spread so rapidly that in one hour there was nothing left of the church but its solid granite walls. The loss is placed at \$45,000, and there is only \$25,000 of insurance, divided between the Guardian, the Lancashire and the Union.

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Two Fingers Shot Off

New Hamburg, Dec. 2.—A young farmer named William Pink, aged 22, had two fingers of his left hand blown off this afternoon by the explosion of a shotgun while out hunting.

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When Settlement Comes at the Close of This Boer War, So Bloody and So Costly.

METHUEN IS A BULL DOG FIGHTER.

All He Gained in the Battle at Modder River Was a Little Tactical Advantage.

New York, Dec. 3.—Reviewing the South African situation, Mr. Ford, the London correspondent of The Tribune, cables under the title of the splendid example of fortitude, invincible courage and unflinching cheerfulness by her soldiers and sailors in the field, England awaits with patience and in utter darkness the results of their arduous and exhausting campaigns beyond the Tugela and the Modder Rivers. The war enthusiasm, but has been accepted as a necessary evil, as another day weighs down the shoulders of Matthew Ar. The weary Titan upholding the Empire, the enthusiasm aroused by the soldiers in sincere and genuine, and their fortunes are followed with patriotic fervor.

War Critics Choked Off.

"Controversy over the causes of the war has virtually ended. The Manchester Guardian, which was the ablest opponent and the sharpest critic of Mr. Chamberlain, has not opposed the war which Kruger's ultimatum rendered unavoidable. The Daily Chronicle has lately been reconciled to the situation since the retirement of Mr. Methuen and Mr. Buller. It is now in the position of being the only editor who condemns the war as unjust and unnecessary.

No Compromise Now.

"There will be almost equal unanimity when a settlement is effected at the close of the war, for the war has so completely been a peace-making war, a campaign which is costing so heavily in blood and treasure. The war is conducted on the English side without passion or excitement or rancorous hatred, and there is popular interest in the final result, apart from having the work done so thoroughly that there will never be any need of having another campaign or race struggle in south Africa.

Meagre News From the South.

A meagre note on the situation on the western frontier by Gen. Walker and a full list of the casualties in Lord Methuen's third victory were the chief official communications yesterday to the meagre stock of public knowledge. Gen. Walker reported that Lord Methuen still remained at Modder River Friday for the reconstruction of the bridge and the Highlanders and cavalry had been sent up to reinforce him, while three battalions of infantry, a corps of horse artillery and Canadian troops, Australian contingents had moved forward to De Aar and Belmont. This was a purely tactical movement, not meant for publication, but the War Office promptly issued it in order to relieve the tension of having another campaign or race struggle in south Africa.

Entire Peace Under Fire.

In the afternoon the casualty list was posted with a total of 471, including the previous list of officers. Methuen's losses in the first two days were 76 killed, 388 wounded and 71 missing. The total was 20 below the combined losses of the previous battles—Belmont and Enslin. While the details of the battle were unknown, these official data threw a strong light upon the engagement, which had remained for four days an inexplicable mystery. Lord Methuen's entire force was a possession of Kassia, rounds of her frontiers, etc. Each contracting party binds the other in the case of attack from any quarter and there are clauses relating to commercial cables and construction of railways and telegraphs.

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Germany Accedes to It.

The Kaiser is said to have bestowed his blessing upon the Anglo-Italian convention, if that be a fact. It perhaps means that Germany will have a part in the Red Sea, which she has long desired. The railway from the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean, the construction of a line from Asmara to Kassia, and the industrial schemes include a systematic exploitation of the whole of Erythraea.

Paralyzed Boer Activity.

He had captured neither guns, positions nor prisoners, but he had paralyzed the activities of the enemy, had done nothing to interrupt his line of communication, and had done nothing to prevent his detachments of cavalry and artillery from marching up and down the stretches not only to Cape Town, but to Southampton, whence 3000 fresh troops were sent yesterday with an additional call for reserves of six regiments.

Situation in Upper Natal.

The curtain has been drawn upon the campaign in Upper Natal, and there is only a single glimpse behind the scenes. This is offered in a Central News dispatch from Durban with the statement that the Boer commands have been placed in a position of great weakness. The Boer commands have been placed in a position of great weakness. The Boer commands have been placed in a position of great weakness.

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British Will Likely Come Into Conflict With the Boers at Tugela River This Week.

PUBLIC ARE STILL IN THE DARK.

The News That Methuen's Column Has Been Reinforced Gives Much Satisfaction.

London, Dec. 3.—(New York Sun cable.)—The military situation in South Africa so far as it has been disclosed, has distinctly improved during the week from the British standpoint. It is difficult to describe the English pride and enthusiasm over General Lord Methuen's great march to the relief of Kimberley. There are still some misgivings over the ultimate fate of the gallant column which is fighting its way north against an enemy who is desperately contesting every step of the advance.

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Reinforcements From Britain.

The announcement that reinforcements amounting to the Second Army Corps are to be sent to South Africa immediately has caused a great deal of interest. There is little doubt that a third division will follow as soon as possible, and it is likely that the British will be able to take the field to raise 120,000. The total casualty list shows that the British have lost 73 killed, 372 wounded and 77 missing. This brought home to the hearts of the English people with renewed force the fact that this war will entail an appalling loss of life before it is finished.

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