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# Imperial Yeomanry

### Supply Ten Thousand Mounted Men Answering First Call to Arms.

### Each Volunteer Corps to Send Company to Its Allied Regiment of Regulars.

### London Firms Contributing Expenses of Regiment From That City.

London, Dec. 20.—(4 a.m.)—The government has at last consented to mobilize a force which Gen. Buller is credited with having demanded all along as an essential of success in South Africa, namely ten thousand mounted infantry.

This morning the war office issued an order to the effect that the government had decided to raise for South Africa a mounted infantry force to be called "Imperial Yeomanry," and to be recruited from Yeomanry Volunteers and civilians possessing the requisite qualifications. Enlistment will be for one year, or during the continuance of the war.

The men must be between 20 and 35 years old and of equal physique to the ordinary cavalry soldiers. Officers and men are to provide their own horses and to wear neutral cloth shooting jackets, not necessarily uniform, felt hats, breeches and gaiters. All must be good riders and marksmen.

The same order invites every Volunteer regiment that is allied with a regular battalion serving at the front to supply a full company, which will take the place of the mounted infantry of the regiment. These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force. The total strength of the Yeomanry forces, which originated in the troublous period of the French revolution, is now 10,433. Their services have never been called in war before.

The Lord Mayor of London, Mr. Alfred Newton, is raising a force of a thousand Volunteers among the city corps. The large city firms are contributing the necessary expenses. Col. Sir Howard Vincent, commander of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, has also offered to raise a regiment of a thousand picked men.

GENERAL LAWTON'S FATE.  
The Lately Missing American Commander Shot by the Rebels at San Mateo.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Major-General Henry Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon, the cabinet members received the news with expressions of profound sorrow and regret. It was learned at the war department that Gen. Lawton's commission as a brigadier general in the regular army was in process of preparation when the news of his death was received.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.  
London, Dec. 19.—A most impressive service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral to-day in memorial of the soldiers killed in South Africa. The Lord Mayor, Mr. A. J. Newton, and the city officials attended in their robes of office.

PARISIAN AS A TRANSPORT.  
Montreal, Dec. 19.—The Dominion government is negotiating with the Allan Steamship Company for the transportation of the second Canadian contingent for South Africa. It is expected that the Parisian will be chartered as a troopship.

CEMENT MINE CAVE-IN.  
Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A cave-in occurred in the cement mines of the New York and Rosedale cement works at Rosedale this morning. Fifteen miners were reported killed, and later it was reported that all the men escaped.

THE HAGUE PROPOSALS.  
Washington, Dec. 20.—The President is reaching the senate the treaty negotiated by the Powers at the Hague last July for the pacific settlement of disputes between nations. The President's message was a formal letter transmittal, except that it invited attention to the accompanying report from the secretary of state urging immediate action of the senate.

LONDON BANK FAILS.  
London, Dec. 19.—The failure of the London & Northern Bank, Limited, was announced to-day. The directors issued a statement showing that its assets should fully cover liabilities.

## MAY TAKE DELAGOA BAY.

### British Must Act if Portugal Continues to Allow passage of Boer Supplies.

London, Dec. 20.—The Standard hints editorially this morning that if Portugal continues to allow supplies of war material and foreign volunteers to reach the Transvaal through Delagoa Bay, England will have something to say in the matter.

## QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

### Her Majesty Will Entertain Wives and Children of the Soldiers Serving in Africa.

London, Dec. 20.—The Queen has announced her intention of entertaining at Windsor Castle on December 26 the wives and children of soldiers serving in South Africa who reside in the neighborhood. Tea will be served. Her Majesty probably presiding in person, and a Christmas dinner of 25 feet high will be covered with gifts.

## FILIPINOS VANQUISHED.

### So Confesses a Member of the Cabinet Who Thinks Little More Trouble in Store.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Mabini, formerly a member of the Filipino cabinet, and considered one of the strongest and brainiest followers of the insurgents, said to a correspondent of the Associated Press to-day: "The future peace of the Philippines depends entirely upon the form of government the American establish. We are vanquished because we lacked food and munitions and mismanaged our affairs. The spirit of independence is craving recognition. The individuality of the Filipino people still lives. If the government eventually established here is liberal, severe and free, the satisfaction and contentment of the people will result and there will be no more trouble."

## Campaign Folly Of the Liberals.

### Quebecers Promised That Laurier Would Not Send Them to African Wars.

### And Warned That Tupper Bought Rifles and Cannons for Their Sacrifice.

Special to the Colonist.

Quebec, Dec. 19.—The Courier du Canada publishes a copy of a Liberal election pamphlet issued at Quebec during the campaign of 1896. The paper refers in the same connection to speeches delivered in the Commons at the session of 1896 against the vote asked by the Conservative government for new rifles for the Canadian troops. The brochure is entitled "Do you wish for war?" and has for sub-title, "Three million dollars for guns, cannons and bayonets as imminent dangers for you, cultivators." The first lines of the pamphlet follow: "One of the blunders of old Tupper is Imperial federation, which signifies a more intimate alliance between England and her colonies in general and Canada in particular."

This is another gem. "One condition of the alliance will be that in times of war Canada will be called upon to pay its share of cost in money and in men. Thus, as England is always at war with somebody, we will have continually to tax ourselves to find money and draw lots of our men to fight for her." It is the Liberal's plan to create three Baronets, Knights of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and five Commanders of the Order, and the people will remain food for cannon. Why all these emoluments if we were not to have war? And why fight for England? Electors should remember that these great big chiefs who are so anxious to show themselves loyal patriots are no more loyal than others, and are they to throw us into war for the benefit of others? Will not we be the ones to support the burden of it? It is the electors who will have to use these carbines and good rifles. Are we considered quite good enough to furnish food for cannon? Tupper, the Angers, the Tallons, will be in their ministerial offices when they will send us to our posts. With joy in their hearts and a glass of champagne in their hands, they will send our children to the front to Asia whence they will never return. If you vote for Blue candidates you approve all these preparations for war. Vote for Laurier and his candidates if you wish to see your country enjoy tranquility, and not to expose yourselves to have to leave one of these fine mornings for distant shores, leaving behind your wives, your children and all that is dear to you."

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Toronto, Dec. 20.—The cheerful and enthusiastic response of Canadians to the second call for troops for the Transvaal finds emphatic echo at Stanley Barracks, where "A" squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons, are stationed. Every man of the squadron heard the news of the regiment's probable despatch to the front with great satisfaction, and the disappointment they felt at being unable to go with the first contingent has now faded away. As yet no official notification has reached the officers of the Dragoons regarding their despatch.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—Lieut.-Col. McLean has sent word to the militia authorities at Ottawa that he has selected, at their disposal should more officers be required to go to South Africa.

PREMIER GREENWAY'S EXIT Will Be Made at End of Year When Hugh John Will Be Called Upon.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Lieutenant-Governor Patterson returned from the East to-day. It is understood Premier Greenway continues in office to the end of the year, when Hugh John Macdonald will be called upon to form his government.

# Spectacle At Ottawa.

### Again Cabinet Squabble Reported Over Expense of Canadian Contingent.

### Brigade of Artillery Called For With the Permanent Batteries as Nucleus.

### Northwest Police and Volunteer Cavalry to Contribute Equally to Squadrons.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The cabinet wrestled all day over the second contingent and have no announcement to make. It appears to be the lamentable fact that at a time when the country demands prompt action, political considerations are allowed to interfere with the sending of a contingent which will do honor to the Dominion. A minority in the cabinet headed by Tarte are kicking vigorously and the result is absolute paralysis in the work of preparation. The trouble is over the pay of the men and the expenses of the expedition.

Mr. Wilfrid went to Montreal last night to wrestle with the Minister of the Administration. The Premier went to Montreal again to-night on the same mission. He left the council early for the purpose of consulting with Tarte, but rather cut to newspaper men when asked for news. When the council rose Dr. Borden intimated that there was nothing to announce. Other ministers were equally uncommunicative.

Messieurs officials of the militia and mounted police departments are waiting patiently for something to turn up. Tarte it is said, wants the Imperial government to equip the entire contingent. The composition of the artillery division has been finally decided upon by the Lord Mayor of London. It is intended to despatch three field batteries, constituting a brigade division, composed of 18 squadrons, 21 waggons, 513 officers and men and 393 horses. The scheme is to utilize A and B batteries as the nucleus of the volunteer batteries of the contingent, a third which carried a large number of rifles for service. The other offer comes in the Elder-Dempster Company, of the large freighter Monte-Carmel, a steamer which carries a large consignment of army mules from the United States to South Africa. It is said the Monte-Carmel is of sufficient capacity to transport the contingent in its entirety.

Col. Evans could have command of the cavalry, but it is his case to carry out from Dawson in time. Therefore it is likely Lessard will have command of the cavalry and Drury of the artillery. Both officers are now in South Africa.

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# REBELS OPPOSE GATAKRE.

### Dutch of the Colony Form Large Proportion of Boer Forces at Stormberg.

### London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Cape Town, dated Saturday, December 16: "The Boers intend to make a big stand at Stormberg and are missing a great force at the abandoned bridge. The commandant of 2,000 consists chiefly of rebel Dutch."

## CANADIANS AT BELMONT.

### Private Message Reported Them All Well There on Tuesday.

St. John, Dec. 20.—Col. McLean has received a cable message from his son, Lieut. Weldon McLean, with the Canadian contingent. The message is dated Belmont, December 19, and reads: "Canadians all well." It is supposed that the Canadians have had a brush.

## IMPERIAL VOLUNTEERS.

### Suggestion of Citizens Fund to Augment the Government Allowance for Equipment.

London, Dec. 20.—Mr. A. J. Balfour in his speech yesterday on the subject of the Earl of Haddington's dwelling upon the importance of the movement to raise Yeomanry and Volunteer forces for service in South Africa. He suggested an offer to assist a public fund to augment the necessarily limited allowance made to the men by the government for equipment.

## LORENZO MARQUES THE KEY.

### Burglars Anxious Lest Receipt of Supplies by That Port Should Be Stopped.

London, Dec. 21.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The Boer government has recently intimated to the British government its readiness to moderate in regard to peace conditions. The chief anxiety of the burglers is as to the question of receiving supplies via Lorenzo Marques."

## Tugela River Story Re-told.

### Delayed Press Dispatches Give Additional Facts of Buller's Advance.

### British Artillery Had Done Excellent Work Before the Mishap Occurred.

By Associated Press.  
London, Dec. 19.—Special reports regarding the fighting at Tugela River are still filtering through but all the newspaper complain that these reports 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. Much anxiety is caused by the fact that the war office has not yet received a full list of the casualties at Tugela River.

## ONE CENSORED STORY.

Chiefly Camp, Natal, Friday, Dec. 15.—The relief column continued its advance from Chiefly to Tugela River, intending to assail the Boer positions which were known to be very strong to the westward of the river. The relief column, during the two preceding days, the Boer position was to be assailed with our own guns, and they further gave half an hour's opening this afternoon without an exchange, when suddenly they belched out a stream of fire from all their entrenched positions, besides opening a fearful cannonade with all their quick-firing guns, field and siege guns which were posted from north to south of the town, with marvelous accuracy. All this time the artillery attached Gen. Hart's division was forced to change its position. The reports which indicate that the Irish infantry brigade marched out in extended order to cross the river and attack. Undoubtedly aiming at this battery the Boers sent several shells near the ambulance train which was forced to change its position.

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# Buller's Force Daily Increasing.

### All Arrivals at Capetown Being Ordered to Join the Natal Column.

### Methuen's Enemy Are Greatly Strengthening Position—No Word From Him.

### By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 21.—4:40 a.m.—The gravity of the military situation is again being accentuated in the public mind owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday and it is feared that his communications have been cut. A correspondent of the Daily Mail 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 twelve 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 positioned 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."

The Times in an article from the pen of a military official laments the disposition of the British forces, quoting the opinion of Napoleon in favor of concentration and regrets that Lord Methuen did not see to it that the Boers were not so well supplied with ammunition. Only a powerful attacking force can hope to make a successful assault.

The latest despatches received seem to show that the Boer forces are standing on the defensive at all points. Gen. Buller is ordering the troops now at Capetown to proceed to Durban to reinforce the Natal column. Absence of news from him has led to the surmise that he is trying to join Gen. White by a flank movement.

The appeals for Yeomanry and Volunteers are being being responded to with the greatest enthusiasm in all parts of the country. Lord Wolseley proposes that the forces being raised by the Lord Mayor of London be called the "City of London Imperial Volunteers."

The government expects the total of Yeomanry and Volunteers to reach 8,000. Baron Chesham will command with Lord Londale as adjutant-general. The Australian colonies are responding eagerly to the Imperial government's appeal for a second contingent.

It is reported that the Queen will abandon her proposed visit in consequence of the war. "On the results of the coal famine in the Sheffield district, indirectly arising out of the war, is of great importance, as the steel works are not able to get coal from their own collieries a few miles distant. They will send out a few companies for non-delivery of coal. One of the great armor plate works has shut down partially."

## LORD ROBERTS TO THE PRESS.

Admiration for Spirit Shown by Colonial Volunteers—Slender of Irish Troops Answered.

London, Dec. 20.—Gen. Lord Roberts, who is to have full command of the British troops in South Africa, accompanied by Lady Roberts and their two daughters, arrived in London this morning. Gen. Roberts willingly assented to give the Associated Press the following statement: "Circumstances naturally forbid any speaking about the campaign ahead of me, except to say that I have entire confidence in the British soldier, and that I believe the traditions of our army will uphold South Africa."

"For the friendly interest and sympathy exhibited by many Americans, I am deeply grateful. I feel sure the justice of our cause merits this. Though we may be at war, I can safely say that no unnecessary harshness and no acts of violence will mar the fair and honorable conduct of this branch of the Anglo-Saxon race."

I cannot too warmly express my admiration for the spirit which prevails in our colonies. The action of Canada is always a glorious page in the history of the sons of the Empire. I look for great things from the men she has sent and is sending to the front.

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# BRITISH STRENGTH ON LAND.

### With Largest Army Ever Marshalled There is Ample Force Still in Reserve.

### New York, Dec. 20.—The Tribune, referring editorially to the plans adopted by the war office for reinforcing the British army now in South Africa, says: "Mr. Wyndham's present programme, to which he has set himself with characteristic zeal and efficiency, is formidable one. It involves sending to the scene of war two of the three foremost commands of the service, with by far the largest army ever assembled under the British flag in any war, and the enrollment of nearly half a million men with the colors, over and above the existing standing army. That will place Great Britain among the great military powers on land as well as on sea."

"Some are saying that it is unnecessary, and that in the panic caused by disaster the government is losing its head and is going to extremes. We should rather say that it has found its head. It realizes that the force attacking a fortified position should be numerically much superior to the defending force, and it proposes sending to South Africa an army which will sustain that relation to the Boers. It realizes, too, that it is timely for Great Britain to show the world that she is not taxed to her utmost to suppress the African insurrection, but has an ample force still in reserve."