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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.

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.

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.

The London Mayor, Mr. Alfred Newton, is raising a force of a thousand Volunteers among the city corps. The large city firms are contributing the necessary expenses.

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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.

London, Dec. 19.—A most impressive service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral to-day in memory of the soldiers killed in South Africa.

London, Dec. 19.—Ninety per cent. of the members of the Honourable Artillery Company of London have volunteered for service in South Africa.

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.

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.

The Hague Proposals. Washington, Dec. 20.—The President has just received the treaty negotiated by the Powers at The Hague last July for the pacific settlement of disputes between nations.

London Bank Falls. London, Dec. 19.—The failure of the London & Northern Bank, Limited, was announced to-day.

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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:

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.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The second contingent for Africa is being despatched to-day by the Dominion government.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—Lieut.-Col. McLean has sent word to the militia authorities at Ottawa that he has selected for his contingent 200 men.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—(Special)—Lieutenant-Governor Patterson returned from the East to-day.

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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, the cabinet is divided.

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Rebels Oppose Gatacre.

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:

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

London, Dec. 20.—Mr. A. J. Balfour in his speech on Monday evening at the Earl of Haddington's dinner upon the importance of the movement to raise Yeomanry and Volunteer forces for service in South Africa.

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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.

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British Strength on Land.

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

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Doubtful Whether Boers Ever Secured Those Abandoned at Tugela River.

Unconfirmed Durban Report of Their Recovery in Midnight Selly.

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