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3,000 AMERICANS

Have Gone to Help Oom Paul.

BRITISH EMBASSY ASKS FOR ACTION

To Prevent Departure of American Filibusters.

Lord Roberts Would Not Go to Assume Command in Africa Until He Had Been Granted Supreme Command

New York, Jan. 1.—The Journal and Advertiser's Washington dispatch says the British embassy, it is understood, has called the attention of the state department to the pro Boer feeling in the United States with the suggestion that this government exercise the utmost caution in preventing the sailing of filibustering expeditions to South Africa.

The state department replied that it would do its best to preserve the law of neutrality.

The correspondent adds the administration is much concerned at the daily increase in sympathy for the Dutch Republics in South Africa. It is assumed by government officials that about 3000 Americans have gone to South Africa to assist the Boers. Those expeditions have been arranged so cleverly that there was no legal grounds on which to hold them.

ROBERTS DETERMINED.

New York, Jan. 1.—Lord Roberts, according to the Herald's London correspondent, absolutely refused to take command in South Africa until this ultimatum was acceded to.

"The only conditions under which I will go out are that I shall have absolutely supreme command and receive no instructions from home."

This was said at a meeting at the war office at which were present Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, and Lord Wolseley, the commander in chief. It lasted for hours, during which it demonstrated by the arguments that the opinions of those present were far from being unanimous. When the point he insisted on had been yielded, Lord Roberts then demanded that Lord Kitchener be given him, and this was agreed to.

It is agreed now that Roberts and Kitchener will so completely reorganize the methods of the campaign that it will be March before the decision is made to end the war.

DISAFFECTION AMONG BURGHERS

Modder River, Cape Colony, Jan. 1.—The British naval guns command the whole Boer position and possess the exact range of every stone and bush. They frequently plant shells with good advantage in the midst of groups of Boers.

Recent arrival from Jacobsdal report that notwithstanding the Boers' success the Free Staters do not expect ultimate victory. They complain of the over-

bearing conduct of Gen. Cronje's men, who are alleged to be better fed and posted in the safest positions.

The Transvaalers do not conceal their suspicions of the possible disaffection of the Free Staters, and threaten to shoot them at the least sign of wavering.

The Free States are declared to regard subjection to the Transvaal as more to be feared than subjection to Great Britain.

SUPPLIES FROM NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 27.—The British consul here is authority for the statement that New Orleans is one of the chief ports used by Boer agents for securing supplies for use in the Transvaal, and that British ships were used to carry the supplies as far as Rotterdam. Over 3,000,000 bushels of corn were exported from New Orleans to Rotterdam this season, while the legitimate trade never before reached more than 400,000 bushels.

WESTERN BORDER.

London, Jan. 1.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Capetown, dated December 25:

"There is no change in the situation at Modder river. Gen. Methuen is well entrenched and the Boers have not disturbed him."

"Gen Gatacre reports that a force of 150 police have occupied Dordrecht, the Boers retreating with no loss."

PARLIAMENT WILL OPEN.

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—Official announcement is made that Parliament will convene on February 1st.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Messrs. Campbell and Veder, who are working the fraction at the mouth of French gulch, have just completed the erection of a fine plant of machinery.

As mercury was not more than 25 below zero on Sunday, every young man in town who could scare up a dog team and a "best girl" was out on the streets. This item for publication in Dawson, not in Boston.

On Saturday night, eight sacks of mail arrived from the outside. On Sunday four more sacks were brought to the local office. These comprise the regular consignment, which became separated at Ogilvie.

Six men, who have been doing representation work for the A. E. Co. in the Fortymile district, returned to Dawson on Sunday. They report that the lower country is being depopulated on account of the rush to Nome.

Major Perry's court opened promptly at 10 o'clock this morning and at one minute after 10 it closed as promptly, as it had opened there being no cases up for hearing or other business. Several cases are set for hearing tomorrow morning.

A report was current on Saturday night to the effect that a man had arrived via the river route from Cape Nome, but upon investigation the facts proved to be that the person had left the Alaska camp last fall, and had recently come to Dawson by the Skagway route.

Another athletic entertainment and exhibition will take place at Ford's gymnasium Thursday night of this week when there will be boxing, wrestling and other contests. Next week a hand ball game will be played to which outsiders will be admitted.

The dancing school being conducted in McDonald hall by Prof. Duffy is being well patronized by many of the young people of the city, while the Saturday evening social dances given by the professor and his pupils to their friends are becoming important factors in Dawson's social circles.

McDonald's hall was crowded to its utmost capacity last night, the occasion being the regular weekly meeting of the Eagle's Social Club. Refreshments were served, and with story, song and instrumental selections the time was pleasantly passed until the midnight hour.

Joseph Putfow wishes to have it understood that he does not claim for No. 16 Eldorado the largest dumps in the territory. He asserts that he has more dirt out than any claim on El-

dorado, but having no definite knowledge of the rest of the creeks, he is unwilling to speak concerning them.

On Friday evening a dance was held at the L. B. roadhouse, situated at No. 30 below, on Bonanza. The affair was given by Mrs. Robert Birch to commemorate the birthday anniversary of Miss Katie McMullen and Mr. Thomas Coupe. A tent, 30x20 feet in size, was erected to accommodate the numerous guests and a most enjoyable time was had.

A woman by the name of Mansel who has been knocking around from one roadhouse to another out on the creeks and whose ardent love for the compound fluid extract of eye is her chief characteristic, was brought down from Gold Bottom Saturday by the police and taken to the barracks on the charge of vagrancy. Her case has not yet come up for hearing.

Uncle Hoffman, the well known Irish exile, was attacked with a fainting spell one day last week and some 2 odd minutes was unconscious. It seems a friend of Uncle Hoffman's had been in Tom Chisholm's selling \$20 bills for \$19, but had just sold out, which was too much for Uncle. Restoratives were quickly applied but to no avail, and medical aid was about to be summoned when Tom Chisholm, noticing one of the number who had gathered make a suspicious move, said in a stern voice, "Don't touch those diamonds," and Uncle Hoffman sprang to life again.

This was chambers day in Judge Dugas' court. That "one woe upon another's heels doth tread" is being exemplified in the history of the Klondike Steam Laundry, an institution of which everybody denies ownership. Last week Major Perry gave an order against that abode of steaming suds and shining starch for \$130.60 in favor of one Miller for labor, and this morning another man bobbed up with an account against the same institution for labor. Papers were drawn up and the orphaned institution which attempts to lay its parentage to Messrs. Boyle and Vogel, will again figure in the police court.

Hospital Patients.

During the past week, the books at St. Mary's hospital show that there were eight patients received and six discharged. Twenty six persons are confined at present in the Catholic hospital.

At the Good Samaritan there are 2 patients. The hospital has received nine sick people, this week, and four persons have been discharged.

Dr. Bourke's private hospital has received eight patients and discharged four. At this hospital an interesting surgical operation was successfully performed. Mr. David Peters suffered with an abscess in his lung. The operation consisted of sticking needles into the affected organ. Mr. Peters is now convalescent; and will soon be completely recovered.

A False Report.

A report which has been current in the city the past day or two to the effect that the Dominion telegraph line man on the Bennett-Tagish division on which division there has existed an un-repaired break since last Wednesday night, is a one legged man is evidently false, for even a one legged lineman could have found and repaired the break long ere this.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

DENNAM'S CLOSE CALL

Took an Overdose of Laudanum Sunday Night.

SAID TO BE AN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

The Man Was Employed By Major Perry.

Dennam Is Now a Patient in the Barracks Hospital—His Normal Health Will Be Recovered Within a Few Days.

Rumors were rife at an early hour this morning that G. Dennam, an household servant in the service of Major Perry, had attempted to commit suicide. Tired of life and devoid of friends, it was said that the young man made an effort to journey to the undiscovered country via the laudanum route. His uncommon desire was frustrated by the interference of a physician, who succeeded in relieving the unfortunate fellow of the poison. Dennam is now a patient in the Barracks hospital, slowly recovering from the effects of his rash act.

The young man is a native of Canada he has been in the territory for a considerable time, and, though not a soldier nor policeman, he is a member of the Yukon Field Force band. Major Perry has employed him as a servant.

For the past few months, Dennam has been complaining of his ill health, and at various times he has doctored himself with medicines taken from his private chest. At 9:30 last night, he took an overdose of laudanum, whether with suicidal intent or accidentally, yet remains to be determined. At present the physical condition of the young man precludes him from giving any information. As soon as it became known that Dennam had taken the drug, a physician was hastily summoned, and immediate danger of death was avoided by the prompt administration of antidotes.

Major Perry, when questioned respecting the matter, said:

"Mr. Dennam is not a soldier nor policeman. For some time past I have employed him in the capacity of a servant. He has been in the habit of doctoring himself, and last night he was unfortunate enough to take an overdose of laudanum. He is in no danger of death, and will recover his normal health in a short while. My opinion is that he made a mistake in the quantity of the drug. I have not spoken to him since the accident, but I am willing to venture the opinion that he did not contemplate the commission of suicide."

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