The War in South Africa

Buller's Forces Will Probably Remobilize at Frere Before Advancing.

British Artillery Shell Boer Position at Chieveley and Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 28. Mr. Winston Churchill telegraphed to the Morning churchill telegraphed to the Morning Post from Chieveley Camp under the date of Dec 26th as follows:

"All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Bedyers Buller; and there is a stern determination to succeed next time at all 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 ritisted leader.

"The situation, nevertheless is difficult, the Boer position being one of extraor-dinary strength, with high hills lined tier on tier with trenches and galleries risthe from an almost unfordable river,

and with a smooth plain in front.

The enemy have all the ranges marked and many powerful guns dominate the various points of the river, while the drifts are commanded by converging musketry fire from probably 12,000

There are sixteen miles of wild, brok en country before reaching Ladysmith, which demands early relief." Boer Activity.

Winston Churchill's message from Chieveley Camp is responsible for some over-coloring of the gravity of the situation, but all to-day's news conveys the

impression that Gen. Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer Certainly the Boers are not inactive At both Modder River and the Tugela they are said to be strengthening their forces, and extending defence works, which in both cases are seemingly im-

Preparing to Strike.

Chieveley dispatches indicate that Gen. Buller's forces will remobilize at Frere before attempting another ad-

Doubtless he would be glad to retrieve the Colensoreverse before the arrival of Lord Lorerts; yet he is hardly likely to attend another frontal attack. It is more like " "int he is preparing to strike should the Boers make any offensive

Mr. Collabilist reference no Ladysmith men imply that the situation of the garris n is more desperate than had been supp sed. The Boers continue fortifying the hills commanding the town. Gen. White, however, heliographs that all was will in Ladysmith on Decembe

a manie A Deadlock Competent military critics in London regard the campaign as a complete dead-lock, for the present, owing to the dispersal of the British forces and the lack of adequate transports. They believe it will be many weeks before Lord Roberts will be able to reorganize and make an

The Boer trench work is so good that it enables the enemy to hold a long line with very few men, and travel great distances . ander perfect cover, so as rapidly to reinforce any point attacked.

Burghers Driven Back. Chieveley Camp, Nata', Friday, Dec. 22.1 Our scouts having reported Boers in force on this side of the Tugela River, three regiments of regulars, supported by artillery and all the available mounted wofunteers, under the command of Lord Dundonald, advanced. The Boers retired across the river. The British capture 500 cattle.

Officers Missing. Chieve'ey Camp, Dec. 25.-Although the two armies were in sight of each other, with the temperature 102 degrees in the shade, the British to-day enjoyed

characteristic Christmas cheer. Capts. Glenfell and Kirkwood, of the South African Light Horse, left here yesterday to inspect the patrols along the eastern hills. Their horses returned at night alone.

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

Naval Guns at Work, Chieveley Camp, Natal, Tuesday, Dec. 26.—The maval guns began shelling the Boer position at 5 o'clock this morning, lay, Ohio. using lyddite. The shelling continued Ever since the engagement at Colenso

the chemy have been energetically im- Sci proving their entrenchments. They can be seen galloping freely from hill to

Lad smith also had a busy morning to-day, shelling the Boer's position on Umburawana mountain. The bursting shells were plainly visible at Chieveley.

DUTCH DISAFFECTION. Many Colonists Have Joined the Boer Forces More Troops Required.

London, Dec. 27. The Daily Chronicle avearespondent, twiclegraphing from Stenkstroom, Capa Colony, on December 21st, says: "Strong measures are necessary to check the hostile feeling among the Dutch colonists, whose condition i shown in the removal of railway bolts. the obstruction of bridges and culverts and attacks upon solitary horsemen. Dis affection is bound to increase unless immediate reinforcements are forthcoming The local Datch and British settlers are

becoming alarmingly impatient. The Capetown correspondent of the Times, under date of Dec. 1221d, says Anxiety regarding the attitude of the Solonial Dutch is steadily growing. sympathy with the two republics, and the only duestion now is whether if the military situation is not changed they

will keep from open rebellion, Even in districts that have not been visited by the Boers in the eastern part of the province, the Dutch farmers are

riding about armed. This is the case also in districts only fifty miles from Capetown, where a seditious movement is busily propagated. The British forces are inadequate to guard 1,000 miles of

communications."

Dispatches from Modder River represent Dutch disaffection in Griqualand West as growing very serious. In some towns the entire Dutch have joined the Boers. The rebels have formed a laager point about thirty miles west of Modder River camp. It is also announce ed that the Boers have raised the siege of Kuruman and have all withdrawn to Ma gersfontein

General Warren. Pietermaritzburg, Dec. 26.-Gen, Sir Charles Warren, commanding the Fifth division, arrived here last evening with

his staff, and immediately proceeded for FROM KIMBERLEY

Boers Fire on Reconnoitering Panty-

Kimberley, Dec. 20.—At 2.30 this af-ternoon mounted datachments under command of Co. Peakman, with three Maxims and three seven pounders under Major May, reconnoitered, Leaving the entrenchments the British advanced to

Boer gun dropped four shells near our men, but did no damage. As the Boers were strongly entrenched

The Canadians. Ottawa, Dec. 27.-The fellowing mesday: "Have cable from Otter, dated Belmont. Dec. 18th, that compressed meat and lime juice tablets most acceptable. The committee being formed will act ac-

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

Officers for Second Contingent. Ottawa, Dec. 27.-The following are the officers named for the second contingent, except for the Northwest detachment, which will be named by the com-missioner of Mounted Police later. Col. Drury commands the artillery; Major Hudon, of Quebec, "C" Battery; Major Hurdman, of Ottawa, "D" Battery; Major Ogilvie, "E" Battery. Col. Lessard commands the Mounted Rifles, with Col. Evans second in command; Major Forrester command "A" squadron and Major Williams, of Winnipeg, "C" squa-

PLAGUE IN NEW CALEDONIA. (Associated Press.)

Bydney, N.S.W., D.c. 27,-The British consul at Noumes confirms the report that the plague, in a severe type, is raging and many deaths have occurred in New Caledonia. The governments of Austral a have taken stringent precautions for quarantining arrivals from Noumes.

HILDA BLAKE EXECUTED.

(Associated Press.) Blake was hanged this morning. The drop fell at 8:40.

BRIDGE WASHED AWAY. (Special to the Times.)

Otter Point, B.C., Dec. 27.-The dge across Coal Creek w away on Christmas day. This bridge was built about eight years ago. The "The formers were glad to see, our high. All the small creeks are swoffen. food,

ENTERTAINED BY THE QUEEN.

(Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 27.-London cables describing the Queen's Christmas tree entertainment to the wives and children of the Queen's Guards now in South Atrica, say the Queen received her guests in St. George's hall sitting in a wheeled She smiled when the children reached her presence and gazed curiously at her. Then each mother brought forward her children. The Queen smuappropriate gift taken from the great Christmas tree.

DIED FROM EXPOSURE.

(Associated Press.) twenty-five, died in the emergency hospital this morning, the result of exposure to extreme cold, having been found lying on the Grand Trunk track near Bowmanville, with his leg broken and both feet badly frozen. He is supposed to have fallen from a train. Before death the victim gave his home as Find-

whoever is foremost leads the herd.— Schiller.

"A Word to the Wise is Sufficient."

But some stubborn people wait until "down sick" before trying to ward off illness or cure it. The wist recognize in the word "Hood's"

assurance of health. For all blood troubles, scrofula, pimples, as well as diseases of the kidneys, liver and bowels, Hood's Sarsaparilla is the effective and faultless cure. Blood Purifier—"I. have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla, and find it beneficial for myself and baby. It purifies the blood and strengthens the system." Mrs. Henry Wall, Clinton, Ont.

Strength Builder-" Myself, wife and children have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla and it strengthened us. It relieved me of a lame back." David MoGroban, caretaker,



Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

It Is Thought the British Will Besiege the Different Boer Positions,

And That Lord Roberts Will March North Through Bloemfontein.

Col. Otter, Commander of Canadian Contingent, Goes to Natal.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 28. Experts are coming to the conclusion that the British have The Boer pickets fired and our Maxims given up the idea of carrying the posireplied the Boers disappearing over the ridge. Four guns then began to shell tions along the Tugela and Modder Riv-To loan at a range of 2,500 yards. A ers by assault, and will await the trans to join the Imperial army postal corps we withdrew. Their gans are well posted.

The Canadians while

Boers in their respective Plevnas, while Gen. Roberts carries out the original straight north of Bloemfortein, the oth- fers could not be accepted then. er generals retaining sufficient mobile troops to reach their goals by circuit-

French Attache. The government of France has ap-

pointed Capt. Demange military attache at the Boer headquarters. Cretan Volunteer.

their services to the British consul for the war in South Africa.

WESTERN BORDER.

Col. Otter to Join Cen. Buller's Staff - Field Fortifications at Ladysmith Will Withstand Any Attack.

received the following from Capetown, dated Wednesday, December 27: 19

"Methuen reports as follows: "At 9:30 yesterday evening the Boers

on the south side of Magersfontein, opened a heavy fire for some time. "This morning the naval brigade fired

"The cavalry brigade is reconnoitering

in a northeasterly direction. "Lieut. Masters has made an extended reconnoissance westward and northward of Enslin and reports all well.

water in Coal Creek has never been so men. They were suffering from wint of

"Gatacre and French report no change in the situation. "Baden-Powell reports all well on 1 Dec. 12th."

Boer Losses at Magersfontein. Capetown, Dec. 23 .- A man named Green, former sergeant-major of the Delagoa Bay. They are seeking the British army battation department, is among the Boer prisoners captured at ed radiantly and presented each with an Magersfontein. Green, who deserted cials express confidence that the British from Aldershot in 1893, admitted he had government will make full reparation theen some time in the service of the Boers and had instructed them in trench- gal or unjustified. It seems that among ing. He says there were 23,000 Boers the rules for contraband of war adopted Toronto, Dec. 27.—John Healy, aged at Magersfontein, 21,000 of whom were which says that among the articles conengaged the day of the battle. The Boer ditionally contraband are provisions losses, he also asserts, were very heavy, the trenches being full of dead.

Green further declares that if the attack had been pressed the Boers would vestment of Johannesburg or Pretoria, have yielded and says the Boer horses she can rightly claim that large shiphave to be taken to the Modder, as wa-

Boers Fire on the British Near Magersfontein - Burghers Lost Heavily in Recent Battles.

manding the Canadian contingent, is to and the actual ownership of the goods. join the staff of General Buller, all of when are proceeding to Natal, indicating that Gen. Buller's sphere will short. Cession of Delagon Bay to Great Britain ly be confined to Natal.

Situation at Ladysmith, London, Dec. 28.-The latest independent news from Ladysmith says:

"The field fortifications would now which will have executive force as soon withstand any organized attack the en- ion in the Delagoa arbitration, says a emy is likely to deliver. "There are sufficient food stuffs for

two months. The question of forage England. Portugal must then pay Engmight be troublesome, but since the rains land and America an indemnity of £1,there has been some grazing within the British lines.

"There is no horse sickness. "The casualties caused by our shell March next, fire are increasing and the Boers are It is possible President Kruger may

fear night sorties and constantly open a heavy fusilade on an imaginary attack. and concluded a secret treaty with Gerstopped the Boers from recruiting in are permitted to cross the border."

GANADIANS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Lieut.-Col. Steele Will Command Northwest S.ua rons Of er of Post Office Emplayers A cep cd.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 28.-It is understood that Lieut.-Col. Steele, superintendent of Northwest Mounted Police, who recently returned from the Yukon, will be appointed to command the two Northwest squadrons of the second contingent. These squadrons will be selected for more daring and more general work than the two squadrons of mounted infantry.

Postoffice Employees. The offer of Hon, W. Mulock to send five postoffice employees to South Africa ports and cavalry required to give their there at the expense of the Ottawa postforces the necessary ability, when they office department has been accepted. In a doubt that the publicate forces the necessary ability, when they This offer was made by Mr. Mulock when the last contingent was being sent. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain regretted that all arrangements had been made by the Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The following message was received from Strathcona to- plan of campaign, that of advancing British postal department and the of- patchwork of previous reports, some

When Mr. Mulock returned from Toronto yesterday morning he found a cable waiting him accepting the offer which he had previously made. The result will be that five trained hands of the department will be sent to South Africa to represent Canada.

The postmaster-general had a long conference with Lord Minto at Rideau summoned at a meeting of the cabinet Hall this forenoon and doubtless the this forenoon. The date of the opening ply sent to Mr. Chamberlain.

Mulock laid his proposition before his colleagues. The negotiations are carried on through the militia department and war

(Associated Press.) Ottawa, Dec. 28.-The minister of militia has accepted the offer of Capt. Howard, of Gatling gun fame, to accompany the second contingent to South Africa. He will 'have charge of the Maxim gun, equipped on a light carriage, which will allow of its being galloped into and out of action with the mounted

Charged With Aiding Boers. Durban, Natal, Dec. 27.-A German farmer named Stucke and the Rev. Mr. Hartes, director of the Hanoverian missions in Natal, have been arrested and iprisoned at Estcourt, charged with Brandon, Man., Dec. 27. Danily Hilda at the enemy at the west part of Bag- aiding the Boers. They both claim the protection of Germany.

DEATH OF MR. ESCOMBE. A Former Premier of Natal Dies Suddenly on the Street.

Durban, Natel, Dec. 28.-Mr. Harr Escombe, former premier of Natal, died suddenly on the street this afternoon. He was commander of the Natal Naval Volunteers.

THE SEIZURE OF FLOUR. exporters Are Seeking the Opinions

Experts Regarding the Matter. New York, Dec. 28.—Exporters of flour in New York are greately interested in the recent seizure by Great Britain of certain flour cargoes, and the reports that England has seized or will seize opinion of experts in international law

regarding the flour seizures. The Tribune says the Washington offifor any act committed by its naval agents if it turns out to have been illewhen destined for an enemy's ship or ships, or for a place besieged. Some attorneys think that if England can prove she is conducting a campaign of reduction and ultimately contemplates the inments of flour and other food stuffs destined for Transvaal cities are for the aid and comfort of the enemy.

An Investigation. Washington, Dec. 28.-The work ascertaining the facts connected with the seizure of American flour by British warships has been confided to the United States consul agent at Lorenzo Marquez. Under instructions sent by Secretary Hay yesterday he will ascertain all the facts connected with the case, Capetown, Dec. 23 .- Col. Ofter, com. and particularly the names of the persons to whom this flour was consigned

PARTITION OF TERRITORY. Will Probably Take Place in

March. New York, Dec. 28.-The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger publishes the contents of a German-English-Portuguese secrettreaty as the Swiss jurists have given a decis-Berlin dispatch to the Herald. This decision is expected in January or Febru-

800,000. England obtained in 1891 from Por tugal the right of pre-emption in Delagoa Bay. The cession of Delagoa Bay to England may therefore be expected in

reported to be becoming nervous. They now declare war on Portugal and attack Delagoa at once, in order to prevent any interference by France or Russia, Eng. "The German officials have promptly many regarding the complete partition of Portuguese colonial possessions.

Germany is to receive all Portugal's Damaraland. Neither men nor horses Asiatic possessions, that is to say, Timor, Goa, Famaio, Macao and Diu, with 20,000 square miles of territory and a Mr. A. W. Taylor Tells of New million inhabitants. Germany further receives in Africa all Portuguese terriory north of Mozambique, except a strip of land three miles wide for Cecil Rhodes's trans-African railway. For these the German government will pay

Portugal 25,000,000 marks. Commenting on this, the Herald says it has long been expected that England would ultimately gain possession of Delagoa Bay. Under an agreement madin 1891, Great Britain and Portugal agreed that in event of "one of two powers proposing to part with any of the territories to the south of the Zambesi. the other shall be recognized as possessing a preferential right to the territories in question, or any portion of them."

Report Not Credited. Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin of the secret the drifting. Should the mild weather treaty between Germany, Portugal and continue it will cut the output consider Great Britain, providing for the partition of the Portuguese colonies, meets with no credence in official circles here. A foreign office official said their advices from Portugal and Germany left no doubt that the publication was large-

Press Comment. London, Dec. 28.-The St. James Gazette, in an editorial to-day on the Lokal partly true and some entirely false.

PARLIAMENT SUMMONED. ---Will Meet for Dispatch of Business on

February 1st. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 28.-Parliament was

Many Cretans in Athens are offering whole matter was talked over and a re- has not been given out officially, but it of the skilled miners. All who are not will be either the last week in January | tied up by contract, or who have inter-At a meeting of the cabinet later Mr. or the first of February.

> dispatch of business on February 1st. COLOMBIAN REVOLUTION.

Clamoring for Foreign Intervention. Kingston, Jamalca, Dec. 28.—Colombian will take large quantities of dredging and advices say the endeavors to effect a compromise between the government and the insurgents have failed, resulting in a rewal of hostilities on the Pacific side, and both parties are marking time.

On the Atlantic side severe fighting has from the government can count themoccurred. The government troops, it appears, broke the truce and attacked the insurgents need to be described by the control of the control o pears, broke the truce and attacked the insurgents near Baronquilla, who retreated point 125 miles due east of Dawson, a after a stubborn battle. The government

was wounded.

Both sides are apparently powerless to lodes, will add to the permanency of Both sides are apparently powerless to lodes; will add to the permanency of hold the advantages gained, occasioning popular disgust and a clamor for foreign intervention on behalf of the commercial ent time, including the Forty-mile section. and industrial interests, which are threat- tion, and there must be 35,000 people

MONTREAL NEWS.

(Associated Press.) Montreal, Dec. 28.—Rev. W. H. Ems- The soil is capable of producing cereals, ley, pastor of Douglas Methodist church, and, in fact, a great many of the hardier has accepted a call to Brandon, Man. subject to the decision of the transfer

Wm. McNally, declining the honor as candidate for the mayoralty in the interests of Irish citizens, Mr. W. E. Doran, the well-known architect, has been chosen by the Irish to contest the seat

with Mayor Prefonteine. A Calumet, Mich., dispatch says hundreds of Englishmen and Scotch-Canadians of that city have volunteered their services to defend Canada from an invasion by Fenians.

Prof. Dominque Ducharme, the wellknown organist and pianist, died sudden- burg. N.S., was a wreck from stomach ly this morning. Death was due to troubles and nervous prostration.



Mines

Discoveries That Have Been Made.

aluable Lode Section Found --A Great Rush to Cape Nome Expected.

Mr. A. W. Taylor, a mining broker of this city, who recently returned from Dawson and is now at Greenwood, in an interview, said: "The output of the Kiondike this season will largely depend on the kind of winter there. The winter so far has been so open that the drifts are not fully frozen up, and this has in-Paris, Dec. 28.—The publication by the terfered to a considerable extent with

"From what I know of this and other sections of East and West Kootenay, I think a man's chances would be better here than in the northern districts. They are beginning to find in the Klondike good free milling ore which will pay handsomely, but even this should not nduce a man to leave this section, where there is a permanency and a handy

market. "It is estimated that from 60,000 to 07,000 will go to Cape Nome the coming season on account of the placer diggings on the beach there. I have learned that while a part of the beach is rich, it is patchy, and there will be opportunity for only a few of those who go there. If 10 per cent, are successful it will be the limit, and the other 90 per cent. will return empty handed after

a hard trip. "Wages are extremely good around Dawson this winter on account of the extremely large number of people going down to Cape Nome, near the mouth of ests which they could not leave, have gone down over the ice. The ice makes Later-Parliament will meet for the an excellent highway over 1,800 miles from Dawson to the mouth of the river.

"Quartz mines have been discovered about 14 miles from Dawson, at the Fighting Continues While the People Are | junction of E.dorado and Bonanza creek. The belt is quite an extensive one. There are also some large gravel bars 120 miles east of Dawson, in the McQuespurpose of working these grave bars. This is particularly good ground, and those who have obtained concessions

forces subsequently fell into a trap and the last summer. This promises to be suffered severe losses. Gen. Casabeanca quite an extensive district, and with the was wounded.

"Another point that should not be ovorlooked is that in the Yukon basin there is as good an agricultural district as can be found anywhere that far north. commodities. One man made a fortune last summer out of a farm which he had, which is located within two miles of Dawson. There are thousands of acres fit for stock raising, and the day will come when people will go into that ountry for the purpose of taking up

PITY THE WOMAN

Who's a Nervous Wreck-But Glory in a Remedy That Will Cure Her, as South American Nervine Did This

Mrsni James A. Publicover, Lunen-Afteritshe had tried many remedies, and was treated by best physicians, only to be disappointed in a cure, she was recommended to use South American Nervine. She did so, with the result that to-day, after years of suffering, she is cured and happy woman and proclaims this great remedy saved Sold by Dean & Hiscocks, Hall &

MISSING TELLER ARRESTED. (Associated Press.) Montreal, Dec. 28.—James H. Herbert, eller, of the defunct Ville Marie bank, who has been missing since the bank closed its doors and for whom detectives have been looking since then, was captured in St. Cunegonde, a suburb of this city, this morning. Herbert, it appears, had been living in an empty house in the northern part of the city for some time unnoticed by the police.

Hebert, it appears, has been in the city ever since the bank closed and despite the efforts of the detective force, managed to conceal his identity until few days ago, when he was shadowed, resulting in his arrest this morning.

INSURANCE WAR. (Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 28.—There is with the eginning of the year a strong possibility of war between the great life insurance companies, says the Herald. The rebate compact which existed between them, and which served to bind them together in a community of interests, has een terminated, and this has been followed by the abrogation of an agreemen between the New York Life and t. Equitable Life, under which the so agents acted for the same comps

within certain territory. THE VACANT SENATORSHIP

(Associated Press.) Quebec, Dec. 28.-The electors of Quebec East are urging the claims of their local member, Hon. J. Shehyn, for the vacant senatorship, caused by the death of SenaSoldi

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letters writ front, from tions are m Private Fr Gordon High West Kibbri the 22nd rible fight w Elandslaagte here, and tool lot of officers the hottest p We were ur two miles. ed. There great coat, a side. We charged then could not sta in the wound and wet, the and we had Dick-Cunyngh nearly every something w we captured splendid the hope we nev there will be close of the ficer left to sints in A Con ed. One of young fellow only five com F. The pip

a loaf, and finish up now, us going out Impor The followin of a man serv Horse gives 'a attack on the laagte:

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Imperial Ladysmith, My Dear Mo let you know would, I have letter written telling you I l to fight for my may say this i battle at Eland miles from La on Saturday m 21st October. at 6 a.m., and same night. I has been my without a scr to my right There are 52 ours, which i were situated on the ton of seven large guns We were in the stayed there we dead by this, bu our boys were and we charged D squadrons, i

strong fire from God, it was aw from right to with shot and was spared to so hard and he would not have top if we had n the Gordon Hig us greatly and h You will have charge of the G dia; we'l, they Dargai was noth up that hill am shot and shell be in so hot a commanding of holme, was kille the enemy, and afternoon to rec ble, but I am af age it without and have massed agai they were defeat The Boers had o wounded. I am able to knock th ginning of next y and home once member I fell do dier and a man. massing on the F we are going to

150 men.

We charged u

You ought to b dering laddie who such a terrible fig given in by Gener al Hunter as th they have ever ex they say that G be pleased and pr H., for he had se body of men, no splendid pluck dis field. We will b this, and if I mans of it, I should ha The Gord

fight.

The following is by Sergeant Lawr Second Battalion now in Ladysmith I have no doubt y ous to hear from get this you will scrimmage we had Elandslaagte last pretty warm time We started only 5 and went up the lin miles, got out, and side of the railway ed, after going a l