

## DUTCH DISAFFECTION IN CAPE COLONY.

**Methuen to Stay Where He is  
For Three Weeks.**

**LADYSMITH QUIETLY HOLDING ITS OWN.**

**Boers Struggling to Prevent Buller  
Outflanking Them.**

**Report That a Canadian Picket Has Been Captured by the Boers—Big Guns  
For Buller—Gen. French Doing Some Good Work—Boers Said to  
Have a Reserve Force of 8,000 Europeans at Pretoria—London Times  
Attacks the War Office—Demillon Recaptured.**

London, Dec. 27.—There is no change in the main situation in South Africa. The Boers are still in a position of temporary advantage, but no serious change is to be expected. The Boers are still in a position of temporary advantage, but no serious change is to be expected.

The greater part of the British fifth army division has reached Cape Town, and the Cape Town correspondent is beginning to think that some large movement will be accomplished very shortly.

Telegraph messages are seen passing frequently between Ladysmith and Pietermaritzburg, but no details are vouchsafed of what is happening.

A newspaper correspondent at Pietermaritzburg, in a despatch dated Dec. 26th, reports that a telegram from Ladysmith said:

"Anxiety on our account is needless. Provisions are ample. The health of the troops, considering the season, is good, and their spirits are excellent. The task before us does not exceed our resources."

Many of the men who were wounded at Colenso have already left Durban and Pietermaritzburg to rejoin their commands with General Buller. This further testifies to the cleanliness of the wounds inflicted by Mauser bullets and to good hospital treatment.

The British naval contingent was on Dec. 26th, again bombarding the Boer position north of the Tugela River. The shells which wrecked the road bridge on Dec. 19th probably struck a Boer mine, as the damage done exceeded that which could have been inflicted by a single shell.

The 16th Lancers will go to South Africa from India, at the special request of Lord Roberts, even after the government had decided that no more troops should be withdrawn from India.

The War Office has nominated Sir Wm. Stokes as consulting surgeon to the South African forces. He will leave Dublin for the Cape in a few days.

The recruiting of British colonists in Cape Colony is actively proceeding. Thirty thousand are already under arms, and several thousands more will be added.

A despatch from Chieveley Camp, dated Thursday, Dec. 21st, says: "Ladysmith is daily throwing into the Boer camp to prevent them working at the trenches. The firing of big guns is heard daily from the direction of Ladysmith."

**Surprised by the Boers.**  
Chieveley, Natal, Dec. 20 (delayed in transmission).—The Boers to-day surprised a picket of Buffs to the eastward of the camp here. Two of the British and seven of their horses were killed.

**No Advance for Three Weeks.**  
London, Dec. 27.—The Times today has the following special: "Annel, Dec. 20.—The force here, consisting mostly of cavalry and horse artillery, has succeeded in checking a much larger force of Boers at Colenso. The military situation here generally demands a large increase in cavalry and mounted infantry, who require time to train. Those here are not yet sufficiently mobile. Experience here shows that the Boers depend on cavalry with horse artillery. The Boers position at Colenso is naturally strong, and is made stronger by entrenchments. They have a big gun, and a direct assault would involve terrible losses, but either flank could be cut off, provided the cavalry were sufficiently numerous and the horses fit. If this is done the Boers will be forced to attack the British in a strong position in order to clear their communications, or disperse. Loyal Boers report that the enemy have gained but few recruits in this neighborhood."

**At Modder River.**  
London, Dec. 27.—The Times has the following special to-day: "Modder River, Dec. 20.—It is possible to estimate the influence of Cronje on the present force opposing us, from the reports of prisoners and others. It has had a great effect upon the Laing's Free Staters, who responded well to the leaders of the Transvaalers, though leave is seldom allowed to the former by Cronje, whose assumption of the absolute command of the coalition is deeply resented by many Free Staters. The latter allege that Delarey, the Free State commander, conceals the strategy of every encounter, and that Cronje, with the aid of saboteurs, carries it out. Cronje on several occasions lately has refused to carry out President Steyn's instructions, notably in the matter of releasing Major Birtchell. On another occasion Cronje's wife and daughters, who accompanied him on the campaign, insisted on releasing Brown, captured last week, because his young children were left unattended. Cronje has developed a silent, morose nature, and an absolute refusal to receive letters from Lord Methuen by a refusal to continue the correspondence until the close of the war. There is no doubt of his strength of character, but he is not very intellectual. A notebook in my possession, taken from one of the Scandinavian commandos at the battle of Magersfontein, contains a brief diary, which furnishes evidence that men were being drawn from even Zoutpansberg and the siege of Kimberley. So it seems, after all, that the last men are being commandeered. Joubert is said to have sent an address to the Boers on the eve of the fight, which shows that the internal communications of the enemy are good. There is evidence that half of the entire force of the enemy is continually manning the trenches. There is intermittent shelling from our naval guns. The Boers replied, bombarding our pickets."

**Captured Marconi Instruments.**  
Modder River, Dec. 21.—Six Marconi wireless telegraph instruments intended for the Boers have been captured.

**Boers Have a 96 Pounder.**  
Modder River, Dec. 20.—Delayed in transmission.—The Boers have mounted a 96-pounder to counterbalance the British naval guns throwing lyddite shells. All of its shells have thus far fallen short.

**Delagoa Bay.**  
London, Dec. 27.—Lord Somerset writes to the Times, regarding the seizure of Lorenzo Marques and its retention, if necessary, until the end of the war, in order to prevent the landing of war material for the Boers.

The Times, in a special article, discussing the international law aspects of Boer importations through Delagoa Bay, says:

"We were to adopt, either with or without the consent of Portugal, the drastic measures which are so aptly suggested in some quarters we might find ourselves suddenly confronted with international complications far more serious and injurious to the successful prosecution of the South African war than the evils of which it was sought to secure an abatement."

**Boers Bridge Tugela River.**  
London, Dec. 27.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Chieveley, in a despatch dated Dec. 26th, says that the Boers have constructed a temporary bridge across the Tugela River, near Pieter's Station, and from that place have sent a commando, which is now building entrenchments on Mount Lianwani and the hills further east.

The correspondent supports the previous British statements of heavy Boer losses on Dec. 15th. He says that certainly more than 200 were killed.

**Ambulance for Boers.**  
Durban, Dec. 20.—Delayed in transmission.—Ex-Minister Steyn has furnished an ambulance corps for the Boers. The corps landed here en route for Pretoria, and the officials refused to permit them to proceed to their destination. Capt. Scott, the commander here, overruled this refusal, intimating, however, that the corps would be better employed in serving their own people.

**Gen. French's Clever Tactics.**  
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**Warren's Light Horse.**  
Cape Town, Dec. 19.—(Delayed in transmission).—Another regiment of irregulars is being raised by Gen. Warren has accepted the honorary colonelcy of the regiment, which will be called Warren's Light Horse.

**Wiped Out Whole Lodge.**  
Durban, Dec. 20.—(Delayed in transmission).—It is stated that every member of the well-known Ernie Netherland Lodge of Freemasons has been killed while fighting on the side of the Boers. The fact is believed to be unique in the history of Freemasonry.

**Cruisers on the Alert.**  
London, Dec. 26.—Another American ship carrying stores to the Boers has been captured by a British cruiser off the coast of Africa. This makes four seizures of this kind.

**Siege Guns for Buller.**  
London, Dec. 26.—The arrival of the Tantalus Castle at the Cape, expected to-day, will place at the disposal of General Buller the most valuable reinforcements which have arrived in any one vessel since the beginning of operations.

She has on board three companies of siege artillery, one taking an armament of four of the new well-known 4.7-inch guns, and the others 5-inch and 6-inch howitzers.

**Solved by Rain.**  
Chieveley Camp, Dec. 19.—A heavy bombardment of Ladysmith was carried on from Mount Balaan this morning than usual. For over an hour the Boers fired their biggest gun at frequent intervals.

Our lyddite shells raked the Boer trenches and works at Colenso for two hours. There were rainstorms last night and to-day. The water question, therefore, is settling itself in a satisfactory manner. The health and spirits of our troops are excellent.

**Marconi's System in War.**  
Cape Town, Dec. 20.—Experiments at Orange River with the wireless tele-

graph system have been most successful. Perfect communication was maintained with De Aar, 70 miles distant.

**Boer Reserve Force.**  
London, Dec. 27.—The Daily News (London) correspondent says he learns from well-informed Afrikaner Bond sources that there is a reserve of 8,000 European officers and men at Pretoria, all of whom are skilled in modern tactics, particularly the handling of artillery.

**Demillon Recaptured.**  
Cape Town, Dec. 21 (delayed in transmission).—The Cape Government has received most reassuring accounts from all the country magistrates regarding the attitude of the colonial Dutch.

The Boer prisoner who escaped yesterday was not Commandant Demillon, but his son. He was recaptured near Cape Town.

**Sentries Arrested.**  
London, Dec. 27.—Cape Town despatch to the Daily Chronicle, dated Dec. 26th, says it is reported that several men who were lately employed as sentries have been arrested as the result of the discovery of a plot to connive at the escape of Boer prisoners.

**Hotbeds of Disloyalty.**  
Stellenbosch, Cape Colony, Dec. 19.—Though the British misfortunes have encouraged many waverrers to join the Boers, their numbers have been much reduced. The local members of the Afrikaner Bond are disloyal to a Boer republic, and are so with rare exceptions. The Free State and Transvaal are nevertheless disloyal to the Boer republic, and are so with rare exceptions.

"Of the districts northward of the Stormberg mountains the following are reported to be actively disloyal: Barkly East, Ladysburg, Alval North, Ventersburg, Colenso, Burgersdorp, Steynsburg, Middelburg, and the district of the Orange River. The disloyal districts are Graaf Reinet, Middelburg, Graaf Reinet, and the neighborhood of Roosdorp and Middelburg, while Parkiesdorp, Victoria East and Steynsburg are very doubtful, and Cathcart is on the fence."

From Queenstown to the coast, with the exception of the foregoing districts, the country is enthusiastically loyal, owing to the immense preponderance of the British.

The main spring of colonial Boer loyalty is illustrated by the following example: A Dutchman who sent two of his sons to the Boers at the time of the Jameson raid, when asked what he would do in 1899, said, "No, I belong to the British, and I do not mean to risk my farm."

The Times' Milder River correspondent describes the Dutch to the westward of the Republics as still being in suspense, but from the details given it is evident that the position resembles that to the northward, General Methuen's check increased the disaffection. The afrikaner diggers at Barkly West are loyal, but are suffering severe privations. The natives are eating roots. The Cape Government supplies ammunition to the local rifle associations, but it is barely touched, and now forms a large reserve on which the Boers rely.

"It is much more necessary," says the correspondent, "to promptly remove the country than to leave the Republics. It is necessary to remove the effect of Australian and Canadian loyalty."

**Times Attacks War Office.**  
London, Dec. 27.—The Times editorially attacks the mismanagement of the War Office, calling attention to "correspondence disclosing glaring defects in the manner in which the British army is being managed for the benefit of the War Office, and not for the nation."

The nature of the criticism throws increased attention upon the question of the transports and the want of wagons, which may tie the British forces to the railways. The Daily Chronicle, of Friday, says that the British army is being managed for the benefit of the War Office, and not for the nation.

**Good Hospital Work.**  
Cape Town, Dec. 20.—Sir William MacCormac, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, who volunteered his services to the army, reports that "excellent hospital work was done in connection with the engagement at Tugela River, on Dec. 15th. Tents full of wounded men, including the British, were kept at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Others quickly followed, and the field was cleared of the wounded at 5 o'clock. The Boer ambulances working splendidly."

Eight hundred wounded passed through the Chieveley hospitals, from leaving the field on Saturday morning to the best hospitals by this morning of Dec. 17th.

**Reported Capture of Canadian Picket.**  
London, Dec. 27.—Despatches from Modder River, dated Thursday, Dec. 21st, report that intermittent firing was continuing on both sides, although the Boer attack of the day before of Free State burghers had succeeded.

There is an unconfirmed report that a Canadian picket was cut off near Belmont.

It is also asserted that fever is raging among the Boers.

In view of the cable from Col. Otter, dated Belmont, on Saturday last (two days later than the above despatch), announcing "all well," it is unlikely there is any truth in the "unconfirmed report" respecting the cutting off of a Canadian picket.

**Railway Man Killed.**  
Toronto, Dec. 27.—George Ellis, a yardman on the Grand Trunk Railway, was found lying opposite the track in the yard at the foot of Bathurst street in a dying condition last night. He had been struck by a Canadian Pacific train, and had sustained a fracture of the base of the skull. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital in an ambulance. Ellis had not been in the employ of the Grand Trunk for long, and his very little is known about him here.

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East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 26.—The funeral services in memory of Dwight L. Moody were held at the Congregational Church here at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, with a large attendance which recalled the summer days when hundreds came to Northfield to attend the meetings made famous by the preaching of the evangelist. Men who for many years have been connected with Mr. Moody's work took part. Rev. C. L. Schofield, D. D., officiated, assisted by Rev. R. A. Torrey, of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and appropriate music was sung by the choir of the church, and the solemn dirges which urged Mr. Moody to go out into the lake shore district of Chicago and endeavor to make something of this castaways and social failures of its slums.

These two lives, the writer says again, "outwardly so unlike, inwardly were not so far apart, by reason of the devotedness to the miserable, the poor, and the unfortunate. The peer and the former shoemaker in life were really not so much divided."

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