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SUCCESS AND REVERE.

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serve re. Mrs. Langtry declares that if she had not made all her American arrangements she would go in the capacity of nurse or otherwise.

BRITAIN BUYING MULES.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 9.—Captain Marcellin, an officer in the British army, has leased a house with a local firm of 1,000 Missouri mules to be used in South Africa.

A LEVEL HEADED FRENCHMAN.

Paris, Dec. 10.—The *Figaro* published an interview today with M. Lockroy, former French minister of marine, in the course of which he said:

"The British navy is twice as strong as ours. It is able to oppose simultaneously the navies of France and the triple alliance. Everywhere French fleets are to be found, supporting by twice or thrice their strength."

"France must have cables. Great Britain and the British are ready for war tomorrow if necessary, with every nation on the globe."

FROM GATACRE'S COLUMN.

Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 7.—A hundred men of the naval brigade proceeded to the docks to meet the Boers who had come across the Cape to the Boers have crossed the ends of their Maxim bullets, thus producing an effect similar to the dum-dum.

Hatzl and Warren and 30 men left the camp at 7 a.m. yesterday morning, who caught over 200 of the Boers were wounded. Hatzl ascertained that the Boers were in strong force in a laager and retired to his base. This is the first brush of General Gatacre's forces and they are all eager to follow it up.

BOER REPORTS OF PRISONERS TAKEN.

Pretoria, Dec. 11.—Six hundred and seventy British prisoners were taken at Stormberg.

In the fighting at Modder River yesterday evening General Croop maintained his position and captured fifty British soldiers.

CAPTURE OF GUNS.

Pretoria, Dec. 11, via Lorenzo Marques, Dec. 11.—The Boers captured three British guns and a gun carriage, which General Gatacre had sent to Stormberg. The service at Kimberley last Saturday was an attempt to take the Boer position at Kampsdam and to secure the waterworks. All the British force fell short.

METHUEN REPORTED ADVANCING

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CANADIANS SENT FORWARD.

Half the Regiment sent to Orange River Lower Province Companies now at Belmont.

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THE QUEEN WANTS THE FACTS.

Lourenco Marques, Dec. 11.—The Queen has sent her private secretary Sir Arthur Biggs especially from Windsor Castle to glean full details at the war office for her majesty, respecting Gen. Gatacre's reverse.

A CRITICISM OF GEN. GATACRE.

London, Dec. 11.—At a luncheon today Lord Durham, formerly a lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, who had overseen the Boers' retreat from the British, said that Gen. Gatacre had overworked his troops, the "Sudanese" and the "Boers," and had been a blemish in South Africa. He also said he blamed the war office for the disaster to the British forces in the attack on Stormberg, as the officials knew the opinions of the officers who had served under Gen. Gatacre.

FRENCH PAPERS ON THE REVERSE.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The news of Gen. Gatacre's reverse made an immense impression in Paris. But, although the afternoon papers predict the gravest consequences in the disaffected Dutch province of Cape Colony, they cannot be accused of unfeeling exultation over British misfortune.

The story of the ambush at Stormberg, as told by the reporter from *Le Figaro*, *Le Temps*, *Le Soir* and *Le Petit Journal*, resembles that of the American war of independence, when the colonists devoted themselves to deceiving, misleading and ambushing the British generals for love of their country and with the ascent of Washington.

THE WAR SUMMARY.

Dublin, Dec. 11.—The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Daniel Tallon, presided at a

meeting of the corporation today, called to protest against the Transvaal war. The clerk declared that there was no quorum, but the Lord Mayor insisted on making a statement in which he declared that the war was "a wanton and unpatriotic venture undertaken by Mr. Chamberlain and capitalists against a handful of farmers." He further declared that America was "opposed to this iniquitous war."

In the meantime, the Lord Mayor admitted that his men, Lord Durham's remarks are considered as in rather bad taste. Until General Gatacre has given his explanation, it is felt that considerable time must be made for the extreme difficulty of getting intelligence in a country whose inhabitants are in strong sympathy with the enemy.

Stormberg is described as a stronger position than Laing's Nek.

No news has yet been received confirming the Boer report of the capture of 60 prisoners from Lord Methuen's column.

COLENO BRIDGE GONE.

Krue Camp, Natal, Monday, Dec. 11.—A party of British cavalry and foot soldiers, led by Major H. A. Stedman, crossed the bridge at Coleno, which had been destroyed by Boers and exploded shots at a party of Boers who had crossed the river. The Boers were observed to be thickly occupied by the enemy. The railway bridge at Coleno was completely destroyed. Two stone piers were blown up last night. The high-way bridge is intact.

SUPPLIES WANTED FROM WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—A firm in this city received an inquiry from the British war department asking quotations on one thousand saddles and bridles to be delivered in Southampton, England, within a certain date. The firm cables the war department affirmatively and expect to be filled the order within a few days.

CONFIRMATION OF THE CANADIAN ADVANCE.

(Special to Telegraph.)

Toronto, Dec. 11.—The Globe today publishes the following despatch received from its correspondent with the Canadian contingent: "Orange River, Dec. 7. The Canadian's move from Arto to Orange River today, signed Frederick H. Slater."

This evidently means the Canadians are to march to the Orange River, which is now a short distance from Modder River where Gen. Methuen was last heard from.

CANADA'S CREDIT IS GOOD.

(Special to Telegraph.)

Toronto, Dec. 11.—The Telegram says the Financial News in its article on Colonial government bonds says: "The credit of the Dominion government stands higher than either the Australian or South African."

THE WESTERN CABLE HAS GONE THIS TIME.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Telegraph announces that the cable between San Francisco and the western coast of Africa has been interrupted. The cause of this is that the one cable between Zanzibar and Aden on the East coast of Africa, is now the only means of communication with South Africa.

PREDHOTIC WORDS.

General Hutton, on Friday, said Revenues Must be Expected with Success.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The 22nd annual dinner of the Toronto Medical College was held last night. Major General Hutton after a few minutes discordant singing, and frantic yelling, thanked the boys for their cordiality and disclaimed any intention of addressing them as a recruiting sergeant.

Speaking of the Canadian contingent, he said: "It was my lot to see two campaigns in South Africa, including the campaign against the Boers, and through the British government has consented to supply the Boers with lists of the Boer prisoners held by the British and with other proper information as to their condition. The British government has anticipated in action that it expects the Boer government will reciprocate when called upon in kind."

LISTS OF PRISONERS TO BE EX-CHANGED.

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AMERICAN CONSUL AT PRETORIA.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Secretary Hay has cabled to United States Consul Stanley Hollis at Lourenco Marques, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, directing him to proceed to Port Elizabeth and take charge of the United States consulate there upon the departure of Mr. Macrae, who will be replaced by Mr. Atterbury, who had been designated by Mr. Macrae to his place. Mr. Hollis will serve as consul for Port Elizabeth until the arrival there of Mr. Adelbert Hay.

EFFECT OF BOMBARDMENT.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The London Times, the main organ at the British embassy here, says "Lourenco Marques, the successive home of the Boers, has been reduced to a heap of ruins, beginning on the 30th ultimo and continued with intervals to the present time, produced any impression, moral or material, upon the garrison of Lady Smith, which is calculated to reduce its morale to a minimum. The Boers, having liberally provided themselves with expensive modern French and German siege ordnance, and being able to bring it to bear from the means of a railway and a flat-bottomed form of gun carriage, estimate the powers of their new weapon. Bombardments such as those to which Ladymouth is being almost daily subjected are usually employed either to render a defenseless position physically incapable of offering the resistance required for a successful assault. In either case, it is necessary for the besieging artillery to produce continuous and definite effects. Where, as at Paris, the fortifications are held by a small garrison, the effect is to reduce the garrison to a point where it can be easily overcome by a body of well disciplined troops, such as the Boers."

"In my inspection of the regiment at Quebec, on October 30, nothing impressed me so much as their efficiency. Their physique was excellent, their steeliness and particularly their soldierly aspect, well in evidence. I am inclined to believe that the Boers, having liberally provided themselves with expensive modern French and German siege ordnance, and being able to bring it to bear from the means of a railway and a flat-bottomed form of gun carriage, estimate the powers of their new weapon. Bombardments such as those to which Ladymouth is being almost daily subjected are usually employed either to render a defenseless position physically incapable of offering the resistance required for a successful assault. In either case, it is necessary for the besieging artillery to produce continuous and definite effects. Where, as at Paris, the fortifications are held by a small garrison, the effect is to reduce the garrison to a point where it can be easily overcome by a body of well disciplined troops, such as the Boers."

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