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DESPATCIBLE TROW NO LIGHT ON THE PRESENT SITUATION

No Confirmation of the Report That Ladysmith Can Hold Out-It is Believed to Have Come From Boer Sources.

An Unreported Sortie From Ladysmith a Week Ago With British Losses-All Waiting for Churchill's Message as to Conditions in the Transvaal-How Lieut. Roberts Was Killed-The Belated War News.

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In a single hotel in this city are 16 officers' wives who have been widowed during the mistake of Col. Long in taking the artillery.

More Artillery.

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Waiting for Churchill's Message. It is hoped that Mr. Winston Churchill, having arrived safely at Delagoa Bay, will soon be heard from regarding conditions in the Transvaal, as he must have obtained important information.

A Boer Commandant Killed,
A Cape Town despatch, dated Sunday,
Dec. 17, reports that Commandant Diedricks of the Boer forces was killed in a rerent engagement, but no details are given. Quiet at Nanuwpoort.

Advices from Nanuwpoort describe everything as quiet there, and the only fresh news from Arundel concerns the weather, which is excessively hot.

How Lieut. Roberts Died.

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The Daily Telegraph has a special from Chieveley, dated Dec. 16, which tells how Lieut. Roberts, son of Lord Roberts, fell at Tugela River. It says: "The horses of the 14th and 66th Batteries had been killed and Lieut. Roberts, Capt. Schofield and Capt. Congreve of the Rifles attempted, with gunner volunteers, to drag out the

guis. Capt. Schofield succeeded, helped by a corporal and some men.

"Lieut. Roberts was hit badly by a shell. Capt. Congreve was struck repeatedly and wounded slightly. After a while Capt. Congreve, Capt. Foster and Major Baptie brought Lieut. Roberts from the open into a little ravine, where he lay hidden from the enemy's terrible fire.

"Fourteen gunners, 14 men of the Devonshire Regiment, were with Col. Bullock. When the retirement was ordered, these nen, with isolated parties of Devonshires and Scots Fusiliers, were cut off and captured. Many fought until late in the afternoon, a part of the Irishmen running the gauntlet of the Boer Mausers from hiding places along the river bank.

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"At 5 p.m. 40 Boers approached the 10 abandoned guds. On espring Col. Bullock, Capt. Congreve and the others in the ravine, they called upon the British to surrender. Col. Bullock declined and threatened to shoot, although his party had only 14 rifles. The Boers retired and a parley ensued. Then 100 Boers rode up to within a few yards of the party, but Col. Bullock swore he would not be taken prisoner, whereupon a Boer knocked him down with his rifle butt.

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Buller's Casualties 1150.

A despatch to The Daily Mail from Chieveley, dated Dec. 15, estimated the casualties in General Buller's repulse as 1150, including 332 missing. It announces that "a portion of the British troops have returned to Frere."

Changes in Modern Warfare. A correspondent of the Associated Press at Modder River, under date of Dec. 17, descibing the changes in the art of warfare, says: "It would be almost impossible to take such a position as "Tagersfontein by assault. The modern battle, owing to the length of rifle range, will last six days where formerly it would only have lasted a few hours.

Boer Trenches Are Safe.

"The Boer trenches, which are rather like underground dwellings than trenches, always provide a safe means of retreat. They are very wide and deep, and are casemated at intervals, allowing the concentration of defenders at any given point without danger to themselves. The British here are anxious that the Boers should attack them, and the belief is prevalent that treachery is largely responsible for the disposition of the forces and anticipating difficulty in maintaining food supplies in the present positions. Moreover, it is said there is a growing desire among the Free Staters to return home, which is testified to on many sides, and may tend to precipitate an action.

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Involved in Col. Long in taking the artillery too close to the river, says: "Col. Long fired for 90 minutes, and simply exhausted his ammunition."

Owing to the gravity of the situation the War officials will not remit their duties during the Christmas holidays.

A Warning From War Office has issued an official warning against British territory, frading with or supplying the Boere Republic, either directly or indirectly, with any kind of merchandise whatsoever. This is regarded as showing that the Government has good evidence of the existence of such traffic, and even some British firms have been supplying the enemy, perhaps unintentionally, through foreign consigners.

ALL ANXIOUS FOR NEWS.

Hon. N. C. Wallace Sends a Message the Contingent?
Hon. N. Clarke Wallace, M.P., sent the following message to Ottawa by wire last

night, and it will meet with the approval of every anxious Canadian:

Woodbridge, Dec. 22, 1899.

To Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia and Defence, Ottawa: From the first hour that the Canadian contingent arrived in South Africa to the present time, so far as I can see or learn, the Government has taken no steps of any kind to ascertain their whereabouts or to be in telegraphic communication with them. Every Canadian wants to know something of them. Besides, there are 1000 Canadian homes where the little family group are watching day by day and waiting through the long hours of the night, longing to have some information, even if it were only one line every day. Is it parsimony or indifference, or something worse, that is the cause of the Government's lnaction in this matter.

(Signed) N. C. Wallace.

YOUNG CHURCHILL'S ESCAPE. He Could Have Gone a Free Man if Ten Hours

London, Dec. 22.—The following despatch has been received from Lorenzo Marquez, under date of Dec. 17, regarding Mr. Winston Churchill's escape from the Boers:
"Mr. Churchill wrote Gen. Joubert on Dec. 9, asking to be released on the ground of being a war correspondent.

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"Gen. Joubert on Dec. 13 replied that Mr. Churchill had been detained because he had been reported as a combatant assisting an armored train to escape. He added that Mr. Churchill was unknown to him personally, but he would accept his assurance that he was a non-combatant, and would order his release.

"The order arrived at Pretoria ten hours after Mr. Churchill had escaped, leaving behind him a letter expressing gratitude for the treatment he had received."

IN AN UNRECORDED SORTIE

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WHAT METHUEN'S OBJECT WAS.

to Get Into Communication With Kimberley.

London, Dec. 22.—A despatch from Cape Town, dated Sunday, Dec. 17, says that General Methuen's primary object in crossing the Modder River appears to have been to establish searchlight communication with Kimberley, which is believed to be still on full rations. The water in the mines is plentiful. On the other hand, in spite of their usual tactics, it is considered possible that the Boers have been compelled to assume the offensive, the commando having arranged for the disposition of the forces and anticipating difficulty in maintaining food supplies in the present positions. Moreover, it is said there is a growing desire among the Free Staters to return home, which is testified to on many sides, and may tend to precipitate an action.

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GEN. BULLER'S WOUNDED. All Being Taken to Pietermaria

DUTCH ROBBING BRITISH.

Cape Boers Have Joined in the Fight and Are Reaping

Crops of Loyalists.

Sterkstroom, Cape Colony, Saturday, Dec. Inc. The Boers have been largely retnforred since Gen. Gatacre's reverse at Stormberg. The country north of that point is in arms, and the farms of the loyalists are being taken by the Boers, who reap the crops. Boer accounts of successful engagements are printed for distribution throughout the disaffected districts.

MOURNING IN ALL THE FAMILIES.

FLEECY DRESSES REACHED GAS JET.

MANY PEOPLE BURIED IN DEBRIS

IN ALL THE FAMILIES.

Transvaal Agent Says the Mines Are Safe—He's Afraid of the

Blacks. New York, Dec. 22.-Dr. Leyds, represenative of the Boer Government in Europe,

Asked regarding the safety of the mines, Dr. Leyds said: "The mines have been en-rusted to safe and loyal hands. President Kruger has set troops and police to guard he property."
Dr. Leyds also expressed grave fears of a rising of blacks against the whites, massacring both conquerors and conquered.

METHUEN IS PEEVISH.

His Message Was Distasteful to the British Public-Enthusiasm Among Volunteers.

London, Dec. 22 .- General Methuen's comlaint about the rudeness of his opponent

Alleged Cruelty of British.

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—A committee has been formed to draw up a profest against crueities alleged to have been committed by the British in South Africa. A manifesto wil be issued to the people of England and the Continent, rehearing instances.

PORTUGAL FEARS THE BOERS. Dare Not Stop the Importations Via Delagoa Bay, Fearing a Raid on Her Territory.

London, Dec. 23.-The London correspondent of The Daily Mail, discussing the Boer importation of food, munitions of war and

The passage of volunteers for the Transval.

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HER SANTA CLAUS.

SANTA CLAUS ROBERTS: That's Britannia's stocking and I'm going to put some confidence and, I think,

THREE TERRIBLE DISASTERS

Others Are Missing-Some

is the latest surprise of this surprising war, and, judging from the tone of some of the comment, General Methuen's peevlishness is more distasteful to many people in Great Britain than his continued silence would have been.

There is no diminution of the enthusiasm among the volunteers. All kinds of offers are reaching Lord Chesham, who is to command the mounted volunteer force. Members of the Stock Exchange have already promised 100 horses from their stables, and an offer of an Irish contingent of 115 hunting men was accepted this morning.

Prince Francis of Teck, younger brother of the Duchess of York, sailed for Cape Town to-day with a detachment of the Royal Dragoons.

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has been talking to The Paris Matin, and that part of his interriew cabled here quotes him as saying that although he believes the Boer arms will be successful, the Boer are and will be at any time ready to listen to peace proposals, provided they are equitable.

Brussels, Dec. 22.—Upwards of 40 school that part of his afternoon in an ice accident at Freilinghem, near the burned and eight other persons badly into the district had been given a holiday with permission to play on the frozen River Lys. graph of the class and they represented difference on the Guiros, III., Dec. 22.—A terrible disaster took burned to death, four probably fataily burned and eight other persons badly into the classes at St. Frank little girls were burned to death, four probably fataily burned and eight other persons badly into the classes at St. Frank little girls were constant and the place this afternoon at Amalfi, the popular ourist resort on the Guir of Salerno. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Cappuccini Hotel, sild bod-till the permission to play on the frozen River Lys. an ice accident at Freiningten, heat the French frontier. The school children of the district had been given a holiday with permission to play on the frozen River Lys. Which the merriment was at full height, the ice broke suddenly and the children disappeared. A few were rescued half dead, but the majority were drowned. Thirty-six bodies have been recovered, but others are still missing. The catastrophe spread consternation through the town, where nearly every family suffered loss.

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Since the close of one of the classes at St. Franches which stood the Cappuccini Hotel, sild boddity into the sea with a deafening roar, and without a moment's warning, carrying with an intended on their garments. The fleece of one caught fire for man open gas jet and in an instant the whole ring of little ones was in flames. Six died almost on the classes at St. Franches and they represented different characters. Two of them appeared as lambs and wore white fleece on their garments. The fleece of one caught fire for man open gas jet and in an instant the whole ring of little ones was in flames. Six died almost fire of the school ran in the close of the sea, destroying their crews. Six died almost instantity from burns, and four of the survivors will die.

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Probabilities.

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Mildness Continues.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, (8 p.m.)—There is little change in the distribution of pressure throughout Canada, the general indications pointing to a continuance of mild wather everywhere.

Albert, 26

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