

CONDITIONS OF SURRENDER

Rumors That Dewet, Steyn and Haasbroeck Have Decided to Give Up the Unequal Contest.

KNOX ENGAGES THE WILY LEADER.

Boer Force Holds a Position Near Lew Kop and Hopes to Break Away to the South—Chasing the Invaders.

(Associated Press.) Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, Dec. 26.—There are renewed but unconfirmed rumors here that Gen. Dewet, President Steyn and Gen. Haasbroeck have had a conference and decided to offer to surrender, provided the colonial rebels shall not be punished, and the leaders, including themselves, are not deported.

Engaging Dewet. London, Dec. 27.—The following dispatch has been received from Lord Kitchener:

Pretoria, Dec. 26.—Knox, with Barker, Plicher and White, is engaged with Dewet's forces, holding a position in the neighborhood of Lew Kop. Dewet hopes to break through and get south again.

The Boers' eastern column in Cape Colony is apparently headed by our troops about Reitspoortpruit. The Boers' western column is reported to have gone north in two portions, one towards Prieska and the other through Steynburg. They are being followed up.

The following dispatch from General Kitchener was received from Pretoria under to-day's (Thursday) date: Yesterday 200 Boers attacked a small police post near Botsburg. The police gallantly drove them off before reinforcements from Johannesburg arrived. The Boers damaged the mining machinery in the neighborhood.

The Boers attacked Utrecht at 2 o'clock this morning and were driven off. The Boers held up a train three miles west of Paarl and were driven off.

The eastern force of the Boers in Cape Colony was headed yesterday and today in the direction of Ventersdorp.

The western force is still being driven south through Streylenburg.

Skirmishes Reported. Capetown, Dec. 27.—A small party of Boers attacked Burgersdorp on December 25th. They were repulsed after heavy fighting.

The Boers are active, and skirmishes in several places have been reported.

Charged by Lancers. Burgersdorp, Cape Colony, Dec. 26.—Col. Greenfell continues in touch with Krutzinger's command of 700 men who are carrying off the British prisoners. Krutzinger has abandoned his Maxim and carts.

An attempt of the 9th Lancers to turn Krutzinger's flank at Plaisierbeuvel on December 24th resulted in eight casualties among the Lancers, including Lord Frederick Blackwood, who was wounded.

Yeomanry Released. London, Dec. 27.—The Evening Standard today says it understands that the squadron of Yeomanry which, as announced in a dispatch from Capetown yesterday, was entrapped and captured by the Boers whom they were following from Britstown, were released after the men had been relieved of their horses and other equipments.

Ten of the Yeomanry, the paper adds, were wounded.

Soldiers Reach Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—The members of "A" Company, first Canadian contingent, who reached Halifax on the Lake Champlain on Sunday, reached here shortly after noon today. They were accorded a warm civic welcome. The British Columbia members will remain here until to-morrow.

London, Dec. 26.—The paucity and obscurity of the dispatches from South Africa give rise to renewed anxiety. Apparently the disturbed area of Cape Colony extends further south than it did last December, and Lord Kitchener does not appear to have had much success as yet in driving back the invaders.

The war office had received no news last evening of the reported capture of Yeomanry near Britstown.

A Burgersdorp dispatch has a mysterious reference to "An unfortunate mistaking of the enemy for Brabant's Horse," which resulted in the sounding of "breeze firing," and enabled the Boers to occupy all the commanding positions, the British retiring from a difficult predicament.

General Clements's success against the Boers at Matielagoos region is also doubtful, the last dispatch reporting "It was considered advisable not to force the Boers from their positions."

The British press continues in the

main optimistic, but the condition of affairs brings home the enormous difficulties that will face Lord Kitchener in paroling and policing such immense tracts of country, even when the Boers shall have been finally subdued.

The Daily Mail, which makes a strong appeal to the government to face the facts and send Lord Kitchener more troops, says, "There is a real risk in being lulled to sleep by carefully censoring messages."

According to a dispatch from Johannesburg, Lord Kitchener has issued a proclamation dated Pretoria, December 20th, announcing that burghers who voluntarily surrendered will be allowed to live with their families in the government laagers until such time as guerilla warfare has sufficiently abated to admit of their returning in safety to their homes. The proclamation also promises that all property and stock brought in at the time of surrender will be respected and paid for if requisitioned by the military authorities.

Canadians at Toronto. Toronto, Dec. 26.—In London the entire city turned out to greet Colonel Bucker and returning volunteers.

The Toronto members of the Royal Canadian legion who returned with Colonel Otter, reached home in ample time for the Christmas dinner and festivities, as did in fact those from all save the most distant parts of Ontario. The reception given them in Toronto was hearty, but largely informal, no attempt being made to devote the day to it as in the case of the men first returning. There were however, many thousands at and about Union station between 9 and 10 o'clock.

Colonel Otter received a warm welcome. Large crowds had gathered in armories awaiting the arrival of the soldiers, where they were to receive a formal welcome and dismissal. The short route march was thickly lined with spectators and the growing throngs were in a joyous mood and cheered enthusiastically when Otter and his men entered. The mayor read a civic address of congratulation to Otter. Colonel Otter was not present, having gone to London.

Colonel Otter, interviewed to-day regarding charges made against him of too strict discipline while in Africa, said: "I did what I thought to be my duty without fear and without hesitancy, and the regiment came through in a very high state of efficiency and with a splendid record."

Eyesight Destroyed. Montreal, Dec. 26.—Word has been received in this city that Wilfrid Dougal, nephew of John Dougal, editor of the Witness, has been seriously wounded in South Africa, having had his eyesight destroyed and nose injured. He went to Africa with the second contingent.

New Zealand's Contingent. Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 27.—The sixth contingent of New Zealanders, 200 strong, half being Maoris, will sail for South Africa in three weeks.

BOY CHARGED WITH MURDER. New York, Dec. 24.—Eight-year-old Joseph Bunsby is a prisoner at police headquarters at Jersey City, accused of the murder of five-year-old Maggie Faleria.

The specific charge against the child is manslaughter, and the police say that the little boy deliberately committed the murder.

The tiny prisoner lived with his parents at No. 920 Henderson street, Jersey City. Maggie Faleria lived next door. Little Bunsby was the leader of a crowd of children who built a big bonfire opposite his home on Saturday night. Little Maggie seemed particularly delighted with the play that went on there.

According to the police, young Bunsby seized the girl by the waist and pushed her into the blaze by a vicious shove. The little girl fell on top of a blazing barrel and screamed in agony. Her dress immediately took fire, and her clothing was quickly burned away. She was taken to a hospital, where she died during the night, without recovering consciousness. As soon as the death was reported to the police they arrested little Bunsby and took him, screaming and crying from fear, to police headquarters, where he was locked in a cell.

HOW TO CURE COROUP. Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amenia, Dutchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup, and never fails to cure. When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents."

CENTENARIAN DEAD. Montrose, Pa., Dec. 27.—Michael Melchior, former of Lecon township, is dead at his home at the age of 107 years. Mr. Melchior was a native of Ireland.

ANOTHER KIDNAPPING.

But in This Case Mrs. Miller Has Run Away With Her Own Son.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—A sensational kidnapping, involving the family of ex-Senator W. H. Miller, occurred this afternoon and led to a hot chase a few minutes later across the state to overtake the wife of Samuel D. Miller, son of W. H. Miller, who was supposed to be flying to New York with her stolen son.

Miller and his wife have lived in New York for several years, and last summer he came west to go into his father's office. His wife stayed in New York. Last Friday she came here to demand possession of her seven-year-old son, whom the father had brought west with him a few days before he was taken to the grandfather's house. The husband and wife had a consultation at the wife's apartments in the Denison and she agreed that if the boy was allowed to be sent to her daily with the nurse, she would not attempt to kidnap him.

"This afternoon the boy and the nurse called on Mrs. Miller at the Denison. She sent the nurse out to get a check cashed, and while the governess was gone, ordered a carriage and made arrangements to leave with her. The governess returned Mrs. Miller announced that they were going for a drive, and they started in a closed carriage toward the depot. The German governess suspected something was afoot, and the carriage ran to a telephone to notify the father.

Mrs. Miller immediately ordered the carriage driven to Brightwood, and when the two Millers arrived at the Union station, she was met by her husband and son. Two hours later they received information which led them to believe that Mrs. Miller intended to take the Big Four accommodation train at Brightwood, and they immediately telephoned the Knickerbocker to overtake Mrs. Miller before she got out of the state.

Mrs. Miller was Miss Helen Gray, of Pottstown, Pa. Samuel Miller first met her nine years ago at Washington, when his father was President Harrison's attorney-general. They married a year later.

ATROCIOUS MURDER. Filipinos Kill a Woman They Think a Witch.

Washington, Dec. 26.—News has been received at the war department, of a Filipina atrocious murder in the Philippines, the circumstances of which were developed at the trial of six natives, before a military commission, at Capiz, Panay, P. I.

It appeared from the testimony that two of the prisoners were responsible for the death of the wife of one of their neighbors. With seven or eight other men, they went to the house of a native, named Victor Pere, and forcibly took him and his wife to the Panay river, where they bound their hands behind their backs, and laid them on their backs, and then they threw a large stone into the river. Her husband witnessed her murder and anticipated similar treatment. Notwithstanding, his arms were pinioned, he managed to reach the opposite shore.

According to the witnesses the motive for the crime was a superstitious belief that the murdered woman was a witch, possessed of occult powers, whereby she had, in some mysterious way, brought about the death of a neighbor's child.

The two men were sentenced to be hanged, but General MacArthur mitigated the sentence in each case to confinement at hard labor, for 20 years, out of consideration for the exceedingly low order of intelligence, and blind superstition of the accused.

FOUR YEARS FOR SWINDLING. Paris, Dec. 26.—The appeal court has confirmed the sentence of four years' imprisonment imposed on a swindler named Goffray, who posed in clerical robes here in April last as the "Cardinal of Washington," soliciting funds to convert the young Indians of New Mexico.

Several times Goffray succeeded in celebrating mass at Strasburg. Finally he appeared at the trial, in the department of Drome, where he lectured to the trappist monks on his terrible adventures in the Rockies, where he said he had been scalped by the Indians while preaching the gospel to them.

The fraud was discovered by Goffray pretending that the Indians of the Rocky Mountains were Esquimaux.

ARBITRATORS' DECISION. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 26.—The board of arbitration, consisting of T. D. Nichols, representing the miners; Cornelius Cronin, representing the company; and Prof. Griffith, superintendent of public schools of Nanticoke, have arbitrated the differences existing between the Coal Company and the miners, 1,500 employees, and both sides have signed a paper to abide by the result.

The arbitrators decided that in future each car of coal mined should consist of 108 cubic feet of coal. The petition of the men that Thomas Morgan, one of the foremen, be discharged, will be arbitrated to-morrow.

THE CUP RAOES. New York Yacht Club Will Invite Prince of Wales and the Kaiser.

London, Dec. 26.—The New York Yacht Club, says the Daily Express, will invite Emperor William and the Prince of Wales to witness the Cup races, and President McKinley will send notes expressing the pleasure their visits would give.

Sir Thomas Lipton, who has been interviewed on the subject by the Daily Express, writes: "It is possible that the Prince of Wales would accept such an invitation."

POLAR EXPEDITIONS. London, Dec. 23.—Mr. Evelyn Baldwin, the Arctic explorer who is arranging for the Baldwin-Ziegler expedition, has purchased the Esquimaux, the largest and staunchest of the whaleback fleet fitted her with modern appliances, and named her the America. The rival bidder was the British Antarctic expedition, whose organizers desired to secure the Esquimaux as a substitute ship.

Outrages On Christians

Villagers East of Peking Are Plotting to Exterminate Native Converts.

Sheng Has Been Appointed to Assist in the Peace Negotiations.

London, Dec. 23.—"Mr. Conger takes a hopeful view of the situation," says the Peking correspondent of the Morning Post writing Monday, "and thinks that a settlement will be effected, but he declares that no one of the envoys will recognize the Empress Dowager officially, although all are aware that she has long exercised the supreme power. He believes that the crisis will result in the initiation of the reforms in China."

"Senior Decologan, the Spanish minister, fears that the discussion of the joint note after general acceptance will extend for a year or more."

"It is rumored that numerous villagers east of Peking are combining to exterminate native Christians, several of whom have been burned in a local temple, Li Hung Chang is a trifle better."

It is asserted in Shanghai, according to a dispatch to the Times, that Sheng is going to Peking, having been appointed to assist in the negotiations.

Troops Will Investigate. Peking, Dec. 26.—Rev. Mr. Kelly, the Presbyterian minister, who, as cabled to the Associated Press, has reported the burning of nineteen Catholic Christians, now says the number burned is 24, and adds that thousands of armed Chinese have been seen in the San Ho country. Mr. Conger has sent a copy of the communication to Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, and Japanese and German troops have been sent to investigate the reports.

The troops of the various nations celebrated Christmas in their own fashion, each force being interested in the doings of the others.

The Germans to-day were reviewed on the occasion of the presentation of flags to two regiments.

No answer has been received to the joint note of the powers.

Peking, Dec. 27.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, Chinese peace commissioners, have heard from the Emperor, Kwang Hsu.

Prince Ching called on the former for consultation, remaining over an hour. The court objects strenuously to reducing the forts, and also to allowing permanent legation guards, which it seems to think could be made sufficiently large at any time it was desired to menace the court itself.

After the conference it was decided to hold further communication with the court before leaving the ministers.

To Take Over Railway. St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The Novos Vremya's Vladivostok correspondents stand by the story that the Russian government is about to take over the Manchurian railway. He says Commander Keller has left Vladivostok to deliver the bonds to the government's representatives.

The correspondent also says the Chinese caused losses amounting to only four million roubles.

The arrival of larger or smaller bodies of soldiers from China is announced almost daily from southern ports.

INDIAN FIGHTER'S SUICIDE. Honolulu, Dec. 17, via San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Frank P. Bennett, the well-known United States scout, committed suicide here by shooting himself in the head last Thursday, his suicide following the death by poisoning of Miss Clara Schneider, an Indian friend.

Bennett was an Indian fighter of national reputation, having been one of three survivors of the famous party of which Buffalo Bill is the best known, and having taken a prominent part in running the Apache, Geronimo, to earth.

Miss Schneider was a domestic in the family of Paul Neumann. A post-mortem examination showed that her death had been due to morphine poisoning. Bennett shot himself the day after the girl's death, but his body was not found until three days later.

THE FEDERAL MINISTRY. Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 24.—Sir William John Lyne, premier of New South Wales, who was recently requested by the Earl of Hopetoun, governor-general of the commonwealth of Australia, to form the first Federal ministry, has declined the task. He has advised Lord Hopetoun to summon Mr. Edmund Barton, who was leader of the Federal convention during its sessions in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne in 1897 and 1898.

Mr. Barton was formerly attorney-general of New South Wales.

KILLED GOING TO DANCE. Bryan, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Wayne Corwell, aged 45, and Charles Conan, aged 21, left here last night for Lakeside, where they were to attend a Christmas dance. In crossing the Wahash railway track near that place they were struck by a passenger train, and both instantly killed. The shock caused the death of Mrs. Conan.

CAZAR'S HEALTH. St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The Russian minister of the interior, M. Sipiagin, who arrived to-day from Lerdia, where Emperor Nicholas is convalescing, asserts that the Czar is now completely restored.

STRIKE STILL ON. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 26.—The fourth day of the strike of the motorman and conductors of the Scranton Railway Company shows the tie-up just as complete as the first day. There is not a car in operation carrying passengers.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

The Pope Officiated at Closing of Holy Door at St. Peter's Cathedral.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Pope performed to-day the ceremony of closing the Holy Door of St. Peter's Cathedral, with the gorgeous ceremonial usual to great functions of this kind.

His Holiness descended to St. Peter's Cathedral at 11 a.m., and the ceremonies lasted until 1 p.m. The Pope then returned to his apartments, apparently not fatigued. He intoned the Te Deum in congratulatory applause throughout gave evidence of being in excellent health and spirits. He used the artistic golden trowel subscribed for by the Roman Catholics of the world in mortaring the three golden bricks which he placed as a first layer on the threshold of St. Peter's Door. The entire Pontifical court participated in the ceremonies.

The spectacle inside the vast Basilica was superb. On the left of the Holy Door was erected the Pontifical throne, covered with red and gold. On the right hand side of the door stood tribunes for royal personages, princes, Knights of Malta, prelates, representatives of the Roman nobility, and other distinguished persons. Inside the church every inch of space was occupied by a throng, which gathered early in the morning.

A strong detachment of troops was stationed in the square in front of the cathedral, to keep the crowds in check.

The Pope left his apartments at 10.45 a.m., borne in the sacred chair, and preceded by the clergy with lighted candles, bishops, archbishops and cardinals, and escorted by the Pontifical Noble Guards.

On his arrival at the portal of St. Peter's, he alighted and entered the church through the Holy Door. As he appeared on the threshold, the solemn and silver tones of the trumpet echoed through the edifice. The Chapter of the Vatican met him, and presented to him holy water, which he sprinkled upon the congregation. Applause being forbidden, a religious silence was observed, which heightened the grandeur and impressiveness of the moment. Borne now on the Sedia Gestatoria, to the high altar, His Holiness stepped to the ground, and knelt before the most precious relics of the Roman Catholic church, which were displayed on the altar. Then the procession reformed, and proceeded to the Chapel of the Sacrament, where the Pontiff again knelt for some time, while the choir of the Sistine chapel chanted psalms.

The Pope was then borne to the Holy throne, Cardinal-Bishop Serafino Vandoni, where he alighted from the Sedia Gestatoria, and waited until the entire procession had passed out through the door, he leaving the church last and walking to the throne, where the Papal choir was, after which Leo rose, and blessed all the material employed in closing the door. Then he descended from the throne, knelt before the door, and laid with the golden trowel a layer of cement on which he placed three gilt bricks, bearing commemorative inscriptions. Beside the bricks, he placed a casket, containing gold, silver and bronze medals, and bearing the head of Leo, and inscriptions recording the opening and closing of the Holy Door.

The Pope having re-ascended the antelli, Great Plenipotentiary, and four other Cardinals, performed a similar ceremony of laying cement and three bricks, after which the masons employed by the Vatican closed the door-way with a canvas screen, painted to represent marble, with a cross in the centre. The candles borne by the clergy were extinguished, the Te Deum was sung, and the Pontiff, having given the solemn benediction, was immediately carried back to his apartments.

It is estimated that 80,000 persons were spectators of the ceremony.

AMBUSHED BY INDIANS.

Four Mexican Officers and About Thirty Men Killed by a Band of Yaquis.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—Mexican troops in Sonora Mexico were recently attacked from ambush by a band of Yaqui Indians and four officers and about thirty men were killed outright.

Colonel Francis Poinado, one of the most popular officers in the army, was among the killed.

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Dominion News Notes

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You... (Special to Vancouver, Dec. 26.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—The Manitoba cabinet, M. P. P., has been in the Manitoba cabinet.

Belleville, Dec. 22.—Henry Corby, M. P. (Con.), in a letter published this evening announces that in consequence of ill-health he will retire from political life and will place his resignation in the hands of the Speaker as soon as the house has been organized.

Port William, Dec. 22.—The family of Mr. Daniel Campbell, five in number, living on May street, were all overthrown in a critical condition as a result.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 22.—On the last day of December the Anglo-French modus vivendi respecting the Newfoundland land treaty ceased to exist, and this, it is expected, will create serious complications between the two powers. It is highly unlikely that the Newfoundland legislature will consent to re-legislate the arrangements, in which case grave friction will ensue, unless Great Britain makes another agreement with the French. The colony's position, however, is so strong with the British public that such an arrangement must be decidedly favorable to the colony.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—The building occupied by the Daily Chronicle was badly damaged by fire and a considerable part of the plant destroyed this morning. The loss, roughly estimated, is between \$9,000 and \$12,000, and is covered by insurance.

Charlottetown, Dec. 24.—Dr. James McLeod, one of the foremost physicians of Prince Edward Island, died on Saturday night after a long illness.

Kingston, Dec. 24.—Three Japanese robbers, who had left leg amputated above the knee. A running score made the operation necessary.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Fire did \$10,000 damages to the branch furniture store of H. A. Willet, at St. Catharines street. The loss is covered by insurance.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Three hundred and forty-five persons have passed the lower grade civil examinations during the past month, of whom 19 are from Vancouver and four from Victoria. In the higher grade, of which there are 214, ten are from Vancouver and two from Victoria.

A noticeable feature of the lists is the large number of ladies, the number of whom has increased in the last year. In 1900, there were 13, in higher 49, and as optional subjects 13.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—The big deal for the consolidation of the stove foundry business in Hamilton and Western Ontario is likely to be closed this week. Dr. McCaulay, of Chicago, is the prime mover for the American syndicate. The amount required to take over the concern is \$7,000,000. The centre of operations will be in this city, with John H. Tilden, of Gurney, Tilden & Co., as general manager.

Windsor, Dec. 26.—Hector Finnie, a Webash railway conductor, was probably fatally injured by the caboose in which he was sleeping while on duty being run into by the engine of another train. Finnie's train being stalled in a siding awaiting orders.

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