

The Sortie Was Unsuccessful

Baden-Powell's Report of the Affair at Mafeking.

Gallant Struggle in Which the British Lost 48 Men--The Enemy's Position Virtually Impregnable--Boers Used Explosive Bullets and Robbed the Dead--Effective Work of Enemy's Sharpshooters.

Gen. Buller's Army Eager to Advance--Bombardment of Ladysmith Continues--British Naval Guns Command the Boer Lines at Colenso--Boer Attack on Colenso Repulsed--The Canadians at Belmont--No Change in the Modder River Situation

London, Jan. 6. -- A Mafeking dispatch, just received, but dated Dec. 26, confirms the report of the British sortie from that place, as first announced from Pretoria, Dec. 30. The Mafeking dispatch says: There was a sortie today with the purpose of capturing the Boer outposts, but it was unsuccessful. The works were crowded with Boers, repelling the assault, and a hail of bullets forced the British to retire, killing and wounding a number.

OFFICIAL REPORT.
The war office has received through Gen. Forster-Walker at Cape Town the following dispatch from Col. Baden-Powell, dated Mafeking, Dec. 26:

"We attacked one of the enemy's works this morning, endeavoring to push back the cordon northward. Our force consisted of three guns, two squadrons of the Protectorate Regiment, one of the Bechuanaland Rifles, and armored train, etc. The enemy had strengthened their works during the night, and doubled the garrison since yesterday's reconnaissance."

A GALLANT STRUGGLE.
Nevertheless our attack was carried out and pressed home with the greatest gallantry and steadiness, under a very hot fire. But all efforts to gain the interior by escalade failed, the fort being practically impregnable. Our attack only withdrew after six of our officers had been hit and a large number of men. Nothing could have exceeded the courage and dash displayed."

The general situation remains unchanged, and the health and spirits of the garrison are very satisfactory."

LOST 48 MEN.
I regret to report the following casualties:

Killed--Capt. R. J. Vernon, Capt. H. C. Sanford, Lieut. H. C. Paton, 18 non-commissioned officers and 23 privates, 23 non-commissioned officers and men.

Prisoners--Three troopers.
Gen. Forster-Walker points out that, while the dispatch gives all the names, it fails to show that six officers were hit.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHT.
London, Saturday, Jan. 6. -- The Times publishes the following dispatch from Mafeking, dated Dec. 26: At dawn today Col. Baden-Powell organized an unsuccessful attack on a strong position of the enemy at Gametree, two miles from Mafeking, where the Boers have been maintaining a desultory but annoying shell and rifle fire for several weeks. The railway has recently been reconstructed between the town and Gametree, where the Boers have destroyed it, the final repairs being made in preparation for the sortie. During the night the armored train, with Maxims and Hotchkiss guns, under Capt. Williams and troops, took up positions for attack from two sides. Capt. Lord Charles Bentinck and a squadron were in reserve upon the left, while the extreme left was occupied by artillery under Major Panzera and a galling Maxim of the Cape police, the whole being under Col. Horro. Emplacements were thrown up during the night, the orders being to attack at dawn and the artillery fire to desist upon prolonged tooting from the armored train. At daybreak the guns opened fire, and rapidly drew the enemy's fire, our shells bursting within effective range. Capt. Vernon gave the signal to cease firing and

his squadron leading off. Gemetree is surrounded with scrub, which contained many sharpshooters, and their

The question of contraband seizures takes almost the paramount place in the thoughts of the public; the vague possibility that these may be made a pretext for continental intervention disturbing official and private observers. The government's undeviating purpose to enforce strictly the right to search has been set forth in detailed instructions, dispatched by the admiralty to the British naval commanders in South African waters, giving them weighty warnings, without exception to uphold the government's measures for the suppression of the importation of contraband by way of Delagoa Bay.

Lady Georgiana Curzon has received a dispatch from Lady Sarah Wilson at Mafeking, dated Dec. 25, saying: "Both well," referring to herself and to her husband, who had been reported as wounded.

The Daily Mail has the following dispatch from Rensburg, dated Jan. 4: Some Free Staters sent a petition to President Steyn, asking to return home. He replied that they had crossed the border without permission, and as they had no money to pay damage done, they must pay for it with their blood.

From Frere.
EAGER TO ADVANCE.
London, Jan. 6. -- A dispatch to the

Daily Telegraph from Frere camp, dated Friday, Jan. 5, says: There has been fighting today at Ladysmith and at Colenso. A strong cavalry reconnaissance, under Lord Dundonald, proceeded westward this morning toward Springfield, where firing is proceeding. There is a revival of the report that the Boers are short of provisions. Gen. Buller's army is eager for the advance.

THE CANADIANS.
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AT BELMONT.
ARRIVAL OF THE CANADIANS.

London, Jan. 6. -- The Canadians, with Col. Picher, have arrived safe and well at Belmont, having marched 22 miles during the night.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent says that the Canadians at Cape Town are jubilant over the success of the Toronto company of the Canadian contingent with Col. Picher at the capture of the Sunnyside language. The penny stamp issued by Cape Colony bears no indication of imperial connection, contrasting badly in that respect with Canadian stamps. The London Telegraph has the following:

Modder River, Thursday, Jan. 4. -- I have just returned here with the cavalry brigade under Robinson. We left here Monday to act in conjunction with Col. Picher's column from Belmont. We moved out about sixteen miles to the west on the south side of the river in order to prevent the Boers from sending a force to attack the Belmont column. This we succeeded in doing. Six hundred Boers started out, but they were forced to beat a retreat to avoid us, and we never came in contact with them. There is no change in the situation here.

THE ZULUS.
London, Jan. 5. -- A dispatch to the Central News from Durban says that the Government of Natal, in response to repeated petitions made by the Zulus for permission to fight against the Boers, has given its consent to the arming of part of the Zulus. They are, however, only to act in the event of being attacked by the Boers.

IN SWAZILAND.
Lorenzo Marquaz, Jan. 6. -- There is trouble at Swaziland. The Zulus reported that King Bunu was dead, but refugees now assert that it was the queen who died. They say that Bunu's brother, Ncooco, has assumed power, and is killing the population of entire kraals. There is a reign of terror in the country.

UNFOUNDED REPORT.
London, Jan. 5. -- The British foreign office has no knowledge of any private message having been sent by Emperor William to Queen Victoria, supposed to be connected with the seizure of German ships or any other matter. The officials point out that even if dispatches have been sent by his majesty to Queen Victoria, and indications of their contents were purely supposititious.

SATISFACTORY.
Washington, Jan. 6. -- Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from Ambassador Choate at London, stating that he had an eminently satisfactory interview with Mr. Salisbury, relative to the seizure of American goods.

CANCER ATTACKS THE MIDDLE-AGED.
Men and Women Between 40 and 50 the Most Frequent Subjects of the Deadly Disease.

It has long been recognized by the medical profession that cancer is chiefly a disease of middle-life. Welch, the noted author, in his System of Medicine, says that in 2,038 autopsies of cases of cancer of the stomach, three-fourths occurred between the ages of 40 and 60. So, too, cancer of the breast, cancer of the bowels, and, in fact, all cancerous growths, in whatever part of the body they may be found, occur most frequently in middle-aged persons. This being the case, would it not be wise for persons getting up in years, to consider carefully any lumps or growth on any part of the body, however insignificant these may appear to be? They may not cause much trouble now. What may they develop into a year hence? At this early stage we would strongly advise every person to get the cancer removed by our remedy, and much subsequent suffering averted. If you have let things run on till the cancer is well pronounced, it will take a while longer, but still we can effect a perfect and permanent cure. If you are in the later stages of cancer we cannot positively promise a cure, although we have cured quite a number of cases. Yet we can always help you and give you a great deal of comfort and ease. Our treatment is a constitutional remedy that attacks cancer at its origin in the system, and as the cause is removed the cancer lumps or growth gradually fade away, till not a vestige remains. We have cured dozens of persons in Canada these last few years, and if you would like to know something about their cases and more about our treatment, send 4 cents in stamps and we will give you full information. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

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by British warships. Lord Salisbury listened intently to the representations on the subject made by Mr. Choate, by direction of the senate department, and took them under consideration, promising voluntarily to give the matter immediate attention and to return a speedy decision.

GERMAN GUNS FOR BOERS.
The Hanover Courier, concerning further reports regarding the shipments of arms and ammunition from Germany, asserts that German rifles have been sent to the Transvaal since the outbreak of the war. It says: "We know from a trustworthy source that 40,000 German rifles of the newest and best construction have arrived at Pretoria in good condition. They are ordered Lorenzo Marquez by way of China, having been deceptively packed, and declared as furniture, in which planos played the oblique."

The Leipzig Neueste Nachrichten asserts that Herr Krupp is making steel shells for Great Britain at Essen. Another newspaper makes a similar statement.

The Berliner Tageblatt has a dispatch from Popenburg, Hanover, the home of Capt. Muhlmann, of the 1st Hussars, which was seized by the British at Delagoa Bay on Dec. 21, saying that the bark had powder and dynamite in her cargo.

THE CANADIANS.
List for Postal Army Corps Completed.

London and Guelph Volunteers in Barracks at Ottawa--Changes in the Second Battalion.

[Special to The Advertiser per C.P.R.]
Ottawa, Jan. 6. -- Hon. Wm. Mulock has completed his list for the Canadian postal army corps for South Africa, and the minister of militia has ordered accommodation for them on the Montezuma, which sails from Halifax on the 15th. The names of the trained officials who have been appointed, and who will join the British army postal corps, are: Rowan Johnstone, of Winnipeg; F. B. Beuel, Perth; W. R. Macdonald, Hamilton; R. A. Murray, Woodstock; J. A. Macdonald, Quebec.

The London and Guelph detachments of D Battery, numbering 18 and 24, respectively, arrived here yesterday, and took up their quarters at the temporary barracks at the exhibition grounds. The guns have been painted khaki color.

CHANGES.
Major James Walker, Calgary, has been in the position of adjutant of the 2nd battalion. Supt. Sanders, who is captain, will be appointed major, and Inspector MacDonell, who was named as lieutenant, will be appointed captain. This vacancy will be filled by appointment of Inspector F. L. Cosby, Northwest Mounted Police.

AT QUEBEC.
Quebec, Jan. 6. -- In addition to the detachments from Montreal and Grandby for D Battery, some 20 men arrived from Montreal for No. 2 Troop, B Squadron, Mounted Rifles, and they are comfortably quartered in the citadel.

AT KINGSTON.
Kingston, Ont., Jan. 6. -- Not in a great many years has such activity witnessed at the barracks here. When the Pictou and Princeton contingents arrive today at Tete du Pont barracks, the establishment of C Battery will be complete. Since recruiting ceased upwards of 50 volunteers have applied at the battery for enlistment in the second contingent.

FOR THE RED CROSS.
Cobourg, Ont., Jan. 6. -- A rousing concert was held in the opera house here in aid of the Red Cross fund for the relief of our soldiers in South Africa. A good sum has been raised for the ladies. The concert was given by the ladies of the town, assisted by local talent.

WILL LEAVE IN A WEEK.
Montreal, Jan. 6. -- The Peterboro men and the Montreal section of the second contingent for South Africa will be here another week, and will leave direct for Halifax. They will hold a church parade next Sunday.

PORT DOVER'S ENTHUSIASM.
Port Dover, Ont., Jan. 6. -- When it became known that H. Leitch Stringer, a popular townsman, was on the Hamilton evening train, to say good-bye to parents and friends prior to leaving as a member of the second South African contingent, Reeve trustees called an impromptu meeting in the town hall, which was packed to its utmost capacity by the most enthusiastic and patriotic gathering ever assembled here. Tremendous cheering greeted the entry of the young volunteer, escorted by the band, the council and a host of citizens. A collection, amounting to \$75, was taken, as well as sufficient to pay the premium on a year's life policy.

OFF!
Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 6. -- The second draft of ten men for the artillery division for South Africa left for Kingston last night, and were given a big send-off by the military and civilians. Six more men were sworn in yesterday morning, and Hamilton will be represented by 28 men on the second contingent. Six Hamilton men, who could not get on here, went to Guelph to try and get on the contingent from that city. The Hamilton patriotic fund, for the relief of the men and their families, has now reached \$8,013, and will be up to the \$10,000 mark in a few days. Twenty-six fine horses have been purchased for the artillery brigade, the average price paid being \$128.

FUNDS FOR A HOSPITAL.
London, Jan. 6. -- The Duchess of Marlborough, the Countess of Essex, Lady Georgiana Curzon, Madame Von Audre and the leading members of the Imperial Teomany hospital fund, appeal to the people of the United States and Canada in behalf of their efforts to equip and maintain a hospital with a base at Cape Town. The Duchess of Marlborough said to a press representative: "The hospital scheme has the sanction of Lord Lansdowne and Lord Winterton. We have already secured \$50,000, and need \$150,000, to provide 150 beds for the station of the war. It has the ladies of the committee that we may properly count on the assistance of the American and Canadian people in our efforts to establish a hospital at Cape Town, and as the matter has not been presented to their notice, we believe they only need to know our wants to grant us generous aid."

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BRITISHERS DISSATISFIED

With the Management of the South African Campaign.

Speculation as to Who Will Be the Next Commander of the Army.

Supremacy of the Conservative Party Seriously Menaced.

Special Cable Letter to The Advertiser.

London, Jan. 6. -- The winter of discontent to which Great Britain has settled down has been somewhat mollified by the isolated successes which marked the past week, though the seizure of foreign shipping and unfounded rumors regarding Delagoa Bay threatened to bring out a crop of rumors of European interference. The doings of Gen. French and Col. Picher have been made the most of by the correspondents, and are rather magnified editorially by the British press; but anything is acceptable in these days.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S APPOINTMENT.
The appointment of the Duke of Connaught to command the British forces in Ireland has led to a lot of speculation as to whether he will succeed Lord Wolseley, whose term expires in November as commander-in-chief. Lord Roberts is his logical successor, but until he was chosen to command in South Africa the general impression was that he would be too old to be selected for the office when it became vacant. Gen. Buller was a hot favorite, but his defeat at Colenso seems to have irrevocably ruined his chances.

ROBERTS THE COMING MAN.
It is more than probable that Roberts, if successful in South Africa, will fill the office of commander-in-chief for a short period, and that he will then be succeeded by the Duke of Connaught, whose popularity and military knowledge are strong enough to overcome the prejudice against a member of the royal family holding the office. The abuse of the war office and Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, and Lord Wolseley continues unabated in the press and among the public. By the time Parliament re-assembles, it promises to have gathered such force that it is more than likely that

STORMY SCENES.
will mark the debates, while many people declare that unless Lord Lansdowne resigns or exculpates himself, the Conservative party will be seriously menaced. So far the criticism emanates from the patriotic Britisher, whose pride is hurt at the reverses, and from those whose heart-strings have been touched by death.

But when the solid British taxpayer

begins to be drained to support the war, then, truly, the criticism of the military officials will begin to reach its true volume.

The Times, which, with the rest of the British press, has been under the impression that America was unanimously supporting Great Britain, today prints a letter from Toronto saying the anti-English press in the United States is enjoying itself over the reverses the empire is at present enduring, and adding: "It screams its delight, and speaks sneeringly and tauntingly of Great Britain's decadence, and the uselessness of her colonial sons."

SPORTING GOSSIP.
The decision of Mr. Edward Corrigan to bring over a string of American horses is hailed here with interest and pleasure. One sporting authority writes that Mr. Corrigan never does things by halves, adding that it is safe betting that such a collection of racers as he will send has seldom, if ever, been gathered together by an American owner."

From Melbourne comes the news that Lord Brassey, on the eve of retiring from office as governor of Victoria, mounted an Episcopal pulpit, and preached a sermon to the congregation. Lord Brassey is coming home on the famous old yacht Sunbeam.

Both the theatrical and book worlds are in a bad way on account of the war. Not more than three theaters in London are making money, and the publishers are alarmed at the absolute stagnation of their business.

FIRST TIME IN THIRTEEN YEARS.
Queen Will Open Parliament in Person Feb. 14--Accident to Foxhall Keene.

New York, Jan. 6. -- A London dispatch is printed here to the effect that the Queen will open parliament on Feb. 14 in person. It is alleged that this is at the urgent request of Lord Salisbury. The last similar occasion was Jan. 22, 1856, when Mr. Gladstone presented the Irish home rule bill.

ORDERED TO SANTO DOMINGO.
Paris, Jan. 6. -- The French government has cabled the commandant of the naval squadron in the Atlantic to proceed immediately to Santo Domingo. This order is probably in connection with the recent demand upon the black republic to pay an indemnity to a French citizen in the matter of a local mouche claim.

ACCIDENT TO FOXHALL KEENE.
New York, Jan. 6. -- A London cable says that while hunting with the Quorn hounds, Foxhall Keene had his collar-bone broken. This is the third sporting accident to Mr. Keene since 1896. It is feared Mr. Keene has also sustained internal injuries.

SEARCH RENOUNCED.
Berlin, Jan. 6. -- A dispatch received here from Aden, the British fortified port on the southern entrance of the Red Sea, says the authorities of that place have renounced all further search of the Imperial German mail steamer General, detained there under suspicion of having contraband of war on board. The dispatch adds that the steamer will resume her voyage in a few days.

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