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Canadians Wanted

Mr. Chamberlain Asks for One Thousand Recruits for Baden-Powell's Force.

The Men Will Receive Free Transportation From Canada to Capetown.

Returned Soldiers Were Warmly Welcomed by the Citizens of Halifax.

RECRUITS WANTED.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Lord Minto has received a cable from Mr. Chamberlain asking for one thousand recruits from Canada for Baden-Powell's Transvaal force at five shillings per day.

If this number is recruited in the Dominion, then ten captains and fifteen lieutenants in the Imperial army will go to the Dominion militia.

(Associated Press.)

Halifax, Dec. 23.—The Lake Champlain arrived at 3 o'clock this morning, all well. The men received hearty greetings. There was a lot of delay in disembarking and unloading, and it was not until 2 o'clock that the train got under way. It is expected to reach Montreal about 2 o'clock to-morrow.

The Western Section.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—The western section of the first contingent who arrived on the Lake Champlain early yesterday morning left for Montreal last night, and will go direct from there by the Canadian Pacific to their destination.

Will Government Send Money?

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The Star's London cable says: "London, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener has evidently made earnest appeals to the British government to dispatch immediately large drafts of mounted infantry to hasten the end of guerilla warfare. Some say he has asked for 40,000 men. "New Zealand is sending another contingent, and the Canadians are wondering whether, as Canada has no national force in South Africa, Strathcona's being the result of private munificence, Canadians may not wish to send a second force of five hundred mounted men from the Northwest, to be raised and equipped by the Canadian government."

Transportation From Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The militia department will shortly cause notices to be posted up throughout the country calling for recruits for General Baden-Powell's Transvaal constabulary force. The pay for the men will be five shillings per day from the date of landing at Capetown, with free transportation from Canada to South Africa.

Churchill's Opinion.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Mr. Winston Spencer Churchill, M. P., arrived in the city from Boston yesterday and is staying with His Excellency the Governor-General, Mr. Churchill, in an interview, says the Boers will be troublesome for a long time yet, because many of them are the finest natural fighters extant, and they are too prejudiced and ignorant of outside affairs to see beyond immediate results, while only the quieter ones have gone back to their farms. Those now in the field are the most daring and reckless of the army, and the strictest measures possible will be the only way of bringing them into subjection. Mr. Churchill expressed himself in very high terms of the work done by the Canadians.

London, Dec. 23.—Nothing official concerning events in Africa has reached the public since Lord Kitchener's dispatch of Wednesday last, reporting the crossing of the Orange river into Cape Colony of two bands of Boers. Last night the news was most eagerly reported. Reports were received from Capetown that the railway had been torn up three miles north of De Aar.

A column of 500 of all arms, under command of Major Shute, left Capetown on December 18th by the Philippstown road to relieve a post of 20 Yeomanry who were invested on a farm at Hamelstein. The Boers had been beaten off by the Yeomanry before the relieving column arrived. Two mounted Boers were captured. They stated that their party had lost two killed and twelve wounded.

A Standard's dispatch, dated December 18th, says a sharp encounter took place with two parties of Boers near Kamekopp, ten miles south of the railway. The Boer party numbered 300. Both were routed after obstinate resistance. One retired in the direction of "Hobbesaar's Drift" and the other towards Willersdorp. It is supposed that they met severely. The British force lost two wounded, and captured a quantity of live stock and baggage.

Many people of all classes gathered about the war office last evening, anxious for the welfare of friends engaged in the war, and especially for that of those connected with the regiments which were engaged in the Noodledacht battle. At a late hour a list of casualties was posted, showing that 60 had been killed and 162 wounded.

Did Welcome Home to-night. The Manitoba and British Columbia members stop on the car to-night and spend to-morrow in the city as the guests of the citizens' committee, and leave for home at 1.25 p.m.

Winnipeg on Thursday. Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—It is said that the western soldiers will arrive in Winnipeg on Thursday. The day will be observed as a public holiday.

Kitchener's Dispatches. London, Dec. 23.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, December 22nd:

"As far as it is possible for me to form an opinion from reports of officers on the spot, I think that the Boer movement into Cape Colony has been checked. Of the two forces that entered the Colony, the eastern is still north of the Zoutpansburg range, while the one that entered west appears to have been turned in the direction of Breitsdorp and Prieska.

"Our troops are getting around both bodies, and a special column is also being organized which will be dispatched immediately when I know where its services are most wanted.

"The Boers have not received much assistance in Cape Colony, as far as my information goes. We have armed some of the colonists, who are assisting our forces. Railway and telegraphic communication has been interrupted by the very bad weather.

"Dewet is in the neighborhood of Zeekeel. General French, in conjunction with General Clements, attacked a force under Beyer, south of Mageraberg. The Boers broke away in a northwesterly direction toward Potchefstroom, and were followed by General Gordon with a column of French's force.

"Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock Clements's force was engaged south of Oliphant's Nek, but I do not yet know the result."

A later dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, December 22nd, says: "The western column of Boers occupied Breitsdorp and cut the railway south of De Aar Junction. The enemy is being followed up.

"General Colville engaged two companies on December 21st, near Valdekfontein, with slight losses, the enemy retreating."

More Horses for Africa.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Captain Heygate, of the British army, is buying 30,000 cavalry horses and mules for the British army in South Africa. He came here more than a year ago to buy horses and mules for the British army, but he was ordered home a short time ago because he was thought to be a spy.

But the unexpected refusal of hostilities has made the purchase of more horses and mules absolutely necessary. As fast as the animals are inspected and bought they will be sent to New Orleans and shipped to Capetown, Durban and New London in British transport ships, some of which are now on their way to the United States. One ship load of the animals will be taken to South Africa by Lieut. David B. Moberly, leaving New Orleans soon after January 1st. Lieut. Moberly said:

"By the time the horses and mules are landed in South Africa they cost the British government \$300 a head. That is a large price for animals which will be fit for service only six weeks. Most of the animals die because of the change of climate. They must cross the Equator in going to South Africa, and the torrid heat of the tropics kills them rapidly. The average death rate on board ship is thirty-two to the 1,000.

"Forty days after a horse is purchased in Kansas City it is landed in South Africa. So great is the demand for horses at the front that it is impossible to give them the needed rest, after landing, before putting them into service. Consequently they go to the front in a weakened condition, and not getting a sufficient amount of food, they soon die."

"Since the beginning of the Boer war, England has purchased over 100,000 head of horses and mules. It will require sixty-five ships to carry them from New Orleans to South Africa. Government transports will be kept busy from now on carrying the horses which England will need in South Africa, and which have been ordered purchased in the United States. Baden-Powell has 25,000 mounted police, and it is proposed to mount 50,000 of the Imperial army. England has discovered that her soldiers must be mounted to be able to cope with the Boers, who gaze over the country with alarming rapidity."

TRIAL POSTPONED.

Hearing of Lavord Case Will Not Take Place Until January 9th.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 23.—The trial of Cornelius Lavord, jr., the defaulting note-teller of the National Bank, which was set down for to-day in the United States Circuit Court, was postponed until the January term, which will begin on January 9th, to suit Judge Thomson who is to preside.

STATES DECLINE

To Take Part in the Quarrel Between Bolivia and Chile.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 24.—A formal request from Bolivia that the United States use its influence to settle the boundary trouble between Bolivia and Chile, has been denied, says the Washington special to the Times. "The United States declines the request on the ground that it had no wish to interfere between the South American states in quarrels that concerned only themselves. If it had been asked to arbitrate the case it would have been different."

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Terrible Experiences

Steamer Charles D. Lane Was Within a Mile of the Rocks When Rescued.

Engineer and Assistants Worked Twenty-Nine Hours With Water Up to Waists.

Steering Gear Gone—Several Vessels Were Driven Ashore in Recent Gale.

(Associated Press.)

Tacoma, Dec. 24.—Details are coming in of a shipping disaster on the north Pacific coast during the recent storms. The storm played havoc at Astoria, where the French bark General Millenet was stranded on a sandy shore. The steamer Oswego was swamped at her moorings, and lies in ten feet of water; the bark Muskoka dragged her anchor and struck the shore stern on, and the government lightship at McKenzie Head was driven high on the beach.

The steamer Charles D. Lane was towed into Puget Sound last night after terrible experiences, which threatened several times to send her to the bottom. When rescued, her furnace fires were flooded, her steering apparatus gone and she was lying helpless within a mile of the rocks just outside Cape Flattery. The Lane sailed on Tuesday with a cargo of lumber for Gonzaguil. On Wednesday a terrific storm was encountered, and that evening the sea broke over the saloon and extinguished the lights. Chief Engineer Knox and his men worked 29 hours in water up to their knees and waists to keep the pumps working. The Lane sent up signals of distress, and was eventually rescued by tugs.

Seven Men Drowned.

London, Dec. 24.—Dense fogs on the coast are greatly interfering with navigation, and several wrecks have occurred. The British steamer Brunwick grounded in the channel, keeled over and sank. Seven of the crew were drowned.

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Christians Burned

According to the Chinese the Boxers Have Killed Nineteen Catholic Converts.

French Troops Disperse Large Force of Native Soldiers, Inflicting Heavy Losses.

Five Standards and Four Cannon Captured—Dispatch From Count von Waldersee.

(Associated Press.)

Pekin, Dec. 23.—The French report encountering twenty-five thousand Chinese and capturing five flags and a number of guns and inflicting a great loss, thirty-five miles south of here. The report is generally discredited.

According to the rumor the French did not suffer any losses themselves. It is believed, however, that the French probably met a roving band, which was dispersed, a number of the Chinese being butchered.

Li Hung Chang says that he is satisfied the story is false.

Rev. Mr. Kelly, a Presbyterian missionary, has reported to Minister Conger the burning by Boxers of nineteen Catholic Christians. He says, however, that this information has been derived chiefly from Chinese sources. The Japanese, who have jurisdiction over that territory, will investigate the report.

Official Confirmation.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Field Marshal Count von Waldersee says in a dispatch from Peking, dated Monday, December 24th:

"The French troops encountered on December 23rd, east of Chocai, between Peking and Pao Ping Fu, a Chinese force numbering 2,500 men with artillery. The Chinese fled in the direction of Kuah Hsien. They suffered losses and left behind them five standards and four cannon. The Chinese probably consisted of the united remnants of a body already dispersed."

China's Loss a Dispute.

Paris, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Peking dated December 23rd, says the detachment of French troops, commanded by Gen. Bailloud, was recently attacked by Chinese regulars and Boxers south of Pao Ping Fu. The punitive expedition took the village after a lively combat. Many cannon and a quantity of provisions and ammunition were secured.

On account of the hostile attitude of the population Gen. Bailloud burned the village and other villages in the neighborhood. The Chinese loss was 1,000 men. Gen. Bailloud's force sustained no loss. Christian Chinese families have been maltreated by the Chinese regulars.

Note Delivered.

Pekin, Dec. 24.—The preliminary joint note was delivered to-day to the Chinese.

Received by Prince Chung.

Paris, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Peking says: "The Associated Press has been informed that Senor E. J. de Colagon, the Spanish minister, and the doyen of the diplomatic corps, and received Prince Chung, to whom the Spanish minister handed the joint note of the powers. Li Hung Chang, who is still ill, asked to be excused."

Prince Chung said: "I have the honor to accept the note concerning the re-establishment of good relations and will transmit it immediately to the Emperor and communicate to you his reply as soon as received."

Another Story Denied.

London, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Peking, dated Monday, December 24th, says much irritation has been caused by the activity of the German troops in the districts under British protection. So acute has been the feeling that there has been a question of the British seceding from the allied command.

"The foreign office informed a representative of the Associated Press to-day that there was no truth in the Pall Mall Gazette Peking dispatch which said there had been a question of the British seceding from the allied command owing to the activity of the Germans in the districts under British protection."

REVIEWED EGYPTIAN TROOPS.

(Associated Press.)

Khartoum, Egyptian Sudan, Dec. 23.—Lord Cromer, the British diplomatic agent, reviewed to-day the Egyptian troops of the Sudan under the Sudan Major-General Sir Francis E. Wingate. He assured a deputation from the Great Dinka tribe, which formerly suffered severely from slave raids, that the British and Egyptian flags guaranteed them against a recurrence of such raids and insured respect for their ancient customs.

The chiefs departed expressing gratitude.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Washington, Dec. 22.—According to late reports Auditor Morcia, of the war department, who was shot to-day, received a bullet in the heart, and died almost instantly. McDonald, who did the shooting, then cut his own throat and shot himself.

Enterprise Damaged

Victory Steamer Put Into Port Angeles in a Badly Crippled Condition.

Schooner Enterprise, Capt. Gullis, is said to have returned to Port Angeles yesterday, having been still another of the victims of the tempestuous weather felt in all its severity off the Cape a week or so ago.

The vessel, it is stated, carried away her jib-boom, sprung her main-mast, lost her bowsprit, and was otherwise in a badly crippled condition. One of her crew, it is rumored, was also lost overboard during the big blow.

The news comes in a dispatch from Port Angeles, which, however, only gives the most meagre particulars. In response to the messages John Clark, the vessel's son, went over to Port Angeles on Sunday, and has not been heard from, therefore definite information regarding the vessel's troubles has to be awaited.

The Times, hearing of the Enterprise's ill-luck, wired to Angeles this afternoon for further news, but received a reply that the schooner was not in port. Instead, the schooner Yosemite was reported to have put back to port in a damaged condition, having lost part of her deck load of lumber.

The Yosemite left here for a cruise off the California coast a couple of weeks ago, and carried a full white crew. She was one of those in the sealing combine. Her owner just went east to where his family are residing in Nova Scotia last week.

Treaty Amendments