# POOR DOCUMENT

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# NO ACTION YET.

## French Apparently Has Not Yet Taken Colesburg.

Pilcher's Reconnoissance Part of Methuen's Plan-An Ominous Silence in Natal- Second Cana dian Contingent is Rapidly Assuming Shape.

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Selmont, Cape Colony, Jan. 1.—Anders ther despatch from Dover Farm, dated
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order to pevent this, Col. Picher in
making his forced march from Belmont,
left a British trooper at every farm house
with instructions not to allow the natives
to leave their integers that the temps are usually comprevent their escape.

In the manoeuvres at Cook's Farm, Col.
Picher seat mounted patrols east. One
of these, consisting of four men, commanded by Lieut. Adie, suddenly encountered 14 Boers, who opened fire. The
lieutenant was severely wounded and
Private Butler gave up his horse in order
to carry the lieutenant out of range,
Another private whose horse had bolted,
pluckily returned to render assistance.

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Meanwhile Lieut. Ryan, who had worked magnificently reported that the veldt on the right of the enemy was clear, whereupon Major DeRougemont ordered the guns to a trot. They arived within 1,500 yards of the laager, unlimbered and planted five shells, in as many minutes, within the laager.

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Meanwhile Col. Pilcher, with the Queenslanders, taking advantage of every cover, made a direct attack, the Australians moving slowly, but surely, and only shooting when they saw the enemy re-tiring under their steady fire. The Queenslanders behaved with great cool-ness, laughing and chaffing even at the

noment of realest peril

During the advance the Boer fire suc During the advance the Boer fire suddenly ceased. Thirty-five Boers hoisted a white flag and surrendered. A portion of the Toronto's moved across the front of the guns and entered the laager. The Boers had fled. Fourteen tents, three wagons, a great store of rifles, ammunition, forage, saddles and camp equipment,

Pilcher has occupied Dougless without op-position, and has been received with en-thusiasm by the loyalists.

BOER INVASION CHECKED.

Frere Camp, Dec. 30.-Mr. Bennet Bu leigh, the veteran war correspondent cables the following to the London Tel egraph and the New York Herald:

Ladysmith, a though on account of its situation a place difficult to defend, continues easily to hold out and is repelling the Boer attacks, for the enemy have never relished coming to close quarters, nor have they shown any capacity for assaulting the British positions. Their one method is to catch our troops in the open from cover and overwhelm them with fire. For not many days more will I edysmith's

sion by the republics' forces be terminated and the end of the war certainly be

SKIRMISHING ABOUT BELMONT.

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A representative of the Associated Press had the privilege of carrying an order to the Toronto Company to double-quick into action. The order was received with great satisfaction. The company rushed forward until within a thousand yards of the enemy's position, when it opened a hot fire upon the kopje and completely subdued the Boer fire.

The British artillery shelled the position with wonderful accuracy, while Lieut. Ryan, with mounted infantry, worked round and completely uncovered the fire of the Boers, who had been ensconced in the bushes.

Modder River, Jan. 2.—Yesterday's cavalry expedition under Gen. Babington, commanding the 9th and 12th Lancers, proves to have been in co-operation with a similar movement from Belmont. This force moved into the territory between the Orange and Riet rivers. At Sunnyside, northwest of Douglass, it encountered a considerable commando, believed to be wholly composed of disloyal British subjects.

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Gen. Babington's force proceeded in the same direction but on the north side of Riet river. The result of this reconnaissance has not yet been reported. Modder River, Jan. 2.—Yesterday's cav

BULLER READY TO CROSS THE TUGELA. London, Jan. 3.-The Daily Telegraph

has received the following, dated Jan. 2, from Frere Camp: "The weather is fine. The Tugela river is now fordable. Gen. Buller's army is in fine form, ready and confident for the work before it."

## HEAVIER ARTILLERY.

the following statement this morning:of the empire, particularly with regard to artillery, will shortly call for the ex-penditure of £5,000,000 to make good de-ficiencies and to place the nation on a par

with other great powers.

"The new equipment will be provided as speedily as possible; and, while sufficiently mobile for use in the field, it is intended to be adaptable to the necessities of what are known as guns of position."

## CASUALTIES OF A MAFEKING

Pretoria, Jan. 1.-Three British prisoners, who were taken at Malagre, say that Captain Gordon Chesney Wilson, husband of Lady Sarah Wilson, and five other officers, whose names they refuse to give, were wounded in a recent sortie from Maleking.

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Hamburg, Jan. 2.-The Hamburger Cor-For not many days more will I adysmith's gallant garrison be required to lie low behind their works. The relief column will surely free their lands from guarding the town and camps and enable them to cut up the retreating commandees.

ing through such incidents and this increases the anti-British sentiment there.

MANAGER OF THE GERMAN LINE

Hamburg, Jan. 2.—The papers here announce that the German foreign office has summoned the managing director of the German-East African line, Herr Woerrmann, to Berlin, in connection with the seizure of the company's steamer Bundesrath, by the British cruiser Magicienne, December 29, off Delagoa bay, on the ground that she had contraband of war on board.

GERMAN PRESS ON THE SEIZURE.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The press continues to discuss the capture of the Bundesrath with some show of irritation. In a semi-offi-cial note the Press remarks that in consequence of the seizure Germany has taken steps and Great Britain is expected to deal in the matter in a spirit of "good official relations."

is every reason to believe the incident will speedily be closed."

Official circles considered it imperative that Great Britain adopt some definite attitude regarding the whole question of contraband of war, and are surprised shear not adopted a firmer policy on the has not adopted a firmer policy on the subject from the beginning,

RIGHT OF SEIZURE DENIED.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The state department received today, from United States Ambassador Choate at London, by cable, a statement of the facts he had developed in connection with the seizure by British warships of American goods on the three merchant vessels, Beatrice, Mashona and Maria. The goods compris-

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COLORED TROOPS FROM JAMAICA.

Kingston, Ja., Jan. 2.—A detachment of the West India regiment (colored) embarked today to reinforce the Bermuda garrison. It is expected that if the Imperial troops in Jamaica go to South Africa, Canadian militia will be sent here for garrison duty.

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN

London, Jan. 2.—The Standard remarks:

"Until the Tugela has been crossed and Ladysmith relieved, it would be idle to deny that the political position in Cape Colony is one of very great danger, and if, unhappily, General Buller is again defeated, it will be necessary to despatch to Mr. Choate was not a demand for the release of the goods are presentation of the case. Today's instructions of the goods nor yet for indemnity, but rather a precautionary notice to the

WANT THE UNITED STATES TO MEDIATE.

PROTEST AGAINST SWISS RECRUIT-

London, Jan. 3.—The Berlin corre-pondent of the Standard says: "The spondent of the Standard says: "The British representative at Berne has lodged a protest with the Swiss government, calling attention to the fact that recruiting for the Transvaal is in progress in Swiss territory. Many young men who had engaged to go to England for service were fold on arriving at Marseilles that England no longer needed them but that they could go to the Transvaal. It is said that many have accepted this suggestion and 100 are reported to have sailed for Delagoa Bay in a French vessel."

The Lisbon correspondent of the Standard says: "It is reported here that Great Britain officially acknowledged the correctness of the attitude of Portugal regarding Delagoa Bay. It is also asserted that inquiries instituted by the British consul at Lorenzo Marquez show that since hostilities began, nothing contrabant has been imported there except barbed wire and breadstuffs.

## ANOTHER TRANSPORT.

Boston, Jan. 2.—The Leyland Line steamship Armenian, Captain McConkey, which arrived here last week from South Africa will leave here Friday for Liver-

## RECRUITING AT SUSSEX.

Sussex, Jan. 2.—A recruiting office has been opened in the Masonic hall and Ad-jutant Kinnear, of the 8th Hussars, is on jutant Kinnear, of the 8th Hussars, is on hand from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., to receive applications. Thirty-five names have already been placed on the list and some of these men will be examined tomorrow, by Sergt.-Major L. R. Murray, 74th Batt., the medical examining efficer.

One hundred good men can be obtained here for the Montreal infantry if necessary. Lieut. Campbell, 8th Hussars, is recruiting officer.

TO PREPARE TRANSPORTS.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.-Capt. Maunsell, assistottawa, dan. 2.—capt. maunsem, assistant engineer of militia and defence, left Ottawa today, for Halifax, to assist in superintending the fitting up of transports for the contingent.

BRITISH PRESS PRAISES CANA-DIANS.

London, Jan. 3, 4.45 a. m.—The morning

bellion is thus being diminished it will be a matter of great relief for the British

AN ALLEGED SPECIAL.

these are assigned to South Africa.

The Earl of Albemarle will command the city of London infantry division in

TORONTO'S LARGE SHARE.

BRITISH SURGEONS RELEASED.

London, Jan. 2.—The Times publishes the following, dated Jan. 2, from Lorenzo Marquez:—
"It is asserted that Major Daly and 41 men of the British medical corps who were left at Dundee when the town was evacuated, are now on thir way from Pretoria to Delagoa Bay."

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WOOSTOCK HAS SUFFICIENT MEN.

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TO RECRUIT HERE.

An Office to be Opened up at Once—Officers Volunteer.

A recruiting office will be opened in the St. John this morning and volunteers for south Africa will be received. Major service in the second Canadian Hussars arrived here yesterday afternoon to confer with Lt. Col. H. H. MacLean relative to arangements for recruiting. Major Borden will be here again next week possibly with the idea of finally looking over the list of volunteers for the first Canadian contingent. Lt. Col. MacLean is recruiting officer at the Royal Hotel, and leave today for Canning, N. S. Major Borden will be here again next week possibly with the idea of finally looking over the list of volunteers for the first Canadian contingent were received. The affice will be opened at 10 o'clock and all will then be ready for applications. The effice hours are not yet arranged. Enrollment will not be started till the end of the week, it is expected, the interim being occupied in reception of applications and examination o

papers are unanimous in praising the gallantry of the Canadian and colonial troops. The Times says:—
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Beards of valuators have been appoints. to get in the contingent, and it will be found, as in the first call, that many more will apply than can be accepted.

Beards of valuators have been appointed as follows to pass upon the horses:—
St. John-Lieut. Colonel MacLean, president; Capt. Harrison and a veterinary to be named by Colonel MacLean. The veterinary has not yet been named.

Sumsex-Lieut. Colonel Campbell, president; Lieut. Kinnear, and Vet. Lieut.

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Newwestle-Major Maltby. president:

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Newsetle—Major Maltby, president;
Lieut. Lawlor, and Vet. Lieut. Morrison.

Woodstock—Capt. Carvell, president;
Lieut. Good, and Vet. Lieut. Domville.
Lieut. Col. MacLean has received a
letter from his son, Lieut. Weldon Mac-

KIMBERLEY SHELLING AND SHELLED.

River, will proceed to the rear of those intrenchments which now prevent Gen. Methuen from proceeding to Kimberley. Col. Pilcher has only about 40 miles travel before he achieves this end, and, if this

BRITAIN WILL NOT TAKE DELAGOA.

THIS SETTLES IT.

Berlin, Jan. 3.-Count Von Rethkirch

Washington, Jan. 3.—Captain Carl-Reichmann, of the 17th infantry, and assistant adjutant general of valunteers, has been detailed by the secretary of war to accompany the Boer army, in the war in South Africa.

LORD SALISBURY ON THE FLOUR

