

IS METHUEN ISOLATED?

Belief in London Yesterday that Such was the Case.

Lt. Col. McLean has Offered to Pay the Expenses of Organizing a Company of Scouts.

Gen. Hutton's Friends Anxious that he Should go With the Second Contingent—Ladysmith All Right for Some Time Yet.

GENERAL REVIEW.

No Press Despatches Have Been Received for Some Days—Corrected Casualty List.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The military authorities here, it is clear, forbade all present use of the South African cables so far as the newspapers are concerned. The date of the latest press despatches, these consist chiefly of accounts of the Colenso engagement, and are of somewhat monotonous similarity.

The war office last night issued Gen. Buller's casualty list, showing 702 wounded and 203 missing, bringing the total casualties at Tugela river up to 1,108. There is not a word, however, indicating his present position. The dates of all despatches relating to the respective corps are suppressed. The despatch of Gen. Methuen regarding a ruder reply made by Commander Cronje in response to representations made by Gen. Methuen concerning a British prisoner held by the Boers is dated Dec. 20 by the papers here, but is assumed that this date is not correct.

Preparations for reinforcing the army in South Africa continue at top speed. The admiral has arranged for another naval brigade of seven hundred men. Among the officers who will embark Saturday is the youngest son of Baron Russell of Killowen, lord chief justice of England. Young Russell is a lieutenant of artillery.

LORD ROBERTS' NEPHEWS. LONDON, Dec. 22, 4.45 a. m.—Interest centres for the moment in the preparations to send out reinforcements. The latest notable volunteers include two nephews of Lord Roberts, Major Charles and Major Maxwell Sherston. Their brother was killed at Glencoe.

SECOND CONTINGENT.

Selection of Officers Still Undecided—General Hutton Wants to go.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The work of preparation for sending a second contingent is going ahead with the utmost despatch. The department issued today complete instructions for organization.

The question of selection of officers is undecided, and it is announced that the minister will not intimate what choice he has made until the list is complete. Aspirants for commissions have been simply tumbling over themselves in the department today.

In well informed circles it is stated that the general is desirous of commanding a second contingent. The only difficulty in the way is in reference to filling his position while absent from Canada. It is unknown how long he would be away, hence if he went the government might find it necessary to secure another general officer commanding, at least temporarily. The general impression tonight is that the general will not go. The department has not given up hopes of being able to secure the services of Lieut. Colonel Tom Evans for the cavalry command. A telegram was sent to him today to Dawson, informing him that the position is his if he can get to Ottawa by the 15th of January. It is doubtful whether he can do this. Capt. Howard of galling gun fame has secured a position as one of the officers of the machine gun detachment.

Up to tonight applications have been received from over 100 nurses and 75 doctors. Cable messages in today's papers say that the government had chartered transports for the Canadian contingent is not correct. The matter will be settled by Hon. Dr. Borden. It is pointed out in connection with the mounted police contingent that it will be a serious matter for some of the men. It is only for the first year the constables are receiving fifty cents per day. The others draw as high as seventy-five cents. If the latter volunteer for active service they will have to drop to the pay provided in the regulations, namely, fifty cents per day. It is felt under the circumstances that parliament might well recognize the patriotic conduct of these men by making up the difference.

continent, will be well represented in the second contingent.

Each squadron of mounted rifles will consist of four troops. The four troops of "A" squadron will be enrolled at Quebec, Canning, Sussex and St. John, N. B., and drawn from the 8th Hussars, Q. O. Canadian Hussars and Kings Canadian Hussars, all to concentrate at Halifax. The other squadrons are from Ontario and the west. Men will be enrolled subject to a strict medical examination from units allotted to each corps. Each troop of a squadron will accordingly represent the corps allotted to it. Men who have served either in the militia, cavalry or Northwest mounted police are also eligible.

Under special circumstances volunteers other than those above may be accepted. Military training are good horsemen, good shots, and are in other respects qualified.

QUALIFICATIONS.

Qualifications—Standard height, 5 feet 8 inches, with 34 inches chest measurement.

Age—not less than 22 years nor more than 35 years. The following are the terms of service: (a)—Services under army act for 6 months, with liability of extension to one year.

(b)—Rations, clothing and equipment including saddlery, free. (c)—At rates set down for Northwest Mounted Police up to time of disembarkation in South Africa, after that the date pay will be issued by the imperial government. Under this heading are listed the names of other than those belonging to Royal Canadian Dragoons and Northwest Mounted Police, and are accepted, are invited to offer their own horses, in case of these being accepted, price, after valuation, will be paid to them, and the horses will become the property of the government.

Standards: Age, between five and ten years; height, 15 to 18-2 hands, and practically sound. In special cases very stout and well built horses of 14-3 may be purchased. Police pattern for remainder. Regimental staff will be formed at Stanley barracks, Toronto. Col. Kitson will be temporarily in command, and Capt. Nellis, R. E. F., will be in command of the artillery battery. "e" will be enrolled at Quebec, Montreal, Granby, Woodstock, Newcastle and Sydney, all to concentrate at St. John, N. B.

Drivers: 5 feet 3 inches, with 33 inch chest measurement, and not less than 22 years of age. They must have performed at least one annual training as a field artilleryman in the active militia, or have served in the Royal Canadian Artillery. Other than the above may be accepted, especially in the case of drivers. Men to be eligible for appointment as non-commissioned officers will be paid to them on a possession of a certificate from a royal school of artillery.

has arranged to come to Montreal today to consult with Col. McLean regarding the matter, but the latter received a communication from Hon. Dr. Borden stating that he was unable to leave Ottawa at present owing to pressing official duties.

Major General Hutton has expressed himself as favorably disposed towards Col. McLean's proposal.

COL. McLEAN'S GENEROUS OFFER. OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Lt. Col. McLean of St. John arrived here tonight. He has offered to enroll at his own expense on tomorrow New Brunswickers as scouts. His idea was to take hunters and trappers who are thoroughly familiar with wood craft. As infantry are to go with this contingent, the offer will not be accepted.

PARISIAN WILL NOT BE USED. OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—A change was made today regarding the transport of the troops. Instead of sending the men on the Parisian and Pomeranian, the minister has decided that men and horses shall go together. The Parisian cannot carry horses, and therefore they will not be used, and the men will be transported on the Pomeranian and the latter will carry the artillery and horses and the latter will carry the artillery and horses.

DRAGOONS ANXIOUS TO GO.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Sixty troopers of the R. C. D. passed the examination today and applied for enlistment in the second contingent. Of these, however, only a limited number, probably about twenty, have been listed.

Captains Pierce and Nelles and Lieuts. Sutton and Elmley are likely to go to the front. Major General Hutton should command the contingent. They say his specialty being mounted infantry his presence would inspire confidence in the men, and Reg. G. A. Rix of the church of the Redeemer, Toronto, chaplain of the 34th battalion, offers his services as chaplain in the contingent.

KITCHENER HAS SAILED. ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Dec. 21.—Gen. Lord Kitchener, who has been appointed chief of staff to Gen. Lord Roberts, embarked today on the British warship Isis, which will convey him to Cape Town.

SCARCITY OF GRAIN. CAPE TOWN, Dec. 15 (delayed in transmission). There is great distress in the Orange Free State owing to a scarcity of grain. Many families are reported to be starving.

WANT THE UMBRIA. LONDON, Dec. 21.—The admiralty has made a requisition for the Cunard line steamship Umbria for use as a transport. Therefore the Umbria will not sail for New York on Saturday.

LOCAL WAR NOTES. The Sun's Chatham correspondent writes: "Everything is at fever heat regarding South Africa and many young men are handing in their names to Capt. Mackenzie, with a view to going to the scene of operations with the second or some other contingent."

W. H. Willis, formerly of St. John, is very anxious for a place in the second contingent. In fact, as soon as he heard that it was likely to go he left his position in Kentucky and hurried to St. John. Mr. Willis was formerly an employee of S. McDiarmid and a corporal in No. 1 company, 3rd R. C. A. Miss Bertie Curran of Moncton, has volunteered to go to South Africa with the second contingent as nurse. Miss Curran is a professional nurse and has made application to Col. Baird of Sackville, commanding the 74th Bt.

Yesterday Capt. B. R. Armstrong received from Waverly, Mass., the application of Alex. G. Howard for a place on the 2nd Canadian contingent.

FROM THE BOER STANDPOINT. MODDER RIVER, Dec. 16 (delayed in transmission).—While the British are burying their dead at Magersfontein, some of the Boers were inclined to be communicative. The gist of their statements was that while the fighting was outside of their own boundaries they were entirely satisfied. They said they knew their own farms were safe, and furthermore, even if the British were victorious, the Boers felt that their farms would not be confiscated. Therefore they had descended on Kimberley and Aliwal North and marched through Laing's Nek into Natal.

There is nothing like adversity to test the value of our friends, and the sympathy of the United States and the magnificent devotion of our colonies stand out in strong contrast with the cold carping and envy of some continental nations.

RECEIVED HARD USAGE. LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily News' Cape Town correspondent says that the Boers treated the British prisoners taken at Stormberg to Bergsdorp, the march occupying forty-eight hours, during which time the prisoners were without food or water. The wounded were at first placed in a school house by the English residents, but the women in the town re-narrated, declaring that the Boers ought to be shot. The blankets were

taken from the wounded men and their beds were given to the Boers.

SERVICE OF SUPPLICATION. LONDON, Dec. 21.—There has been arranged for Dec. 29 at St. Paul's cathedral a "solemn service of humble supplication to Almighty God for His blessing on our arms in South Africa."

CERTIFICATE SUSPENDED. LONDON, Dec. 21.—A despatch from Cape Town states that the certificate of the captain of the transport Ismore, which was wrecked in St. Helena bay, has been suspended for six months.

LADYSMITH ALL RIGHT. LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Daily Mail says: We understand that news has arrived from Gen. White to the effect that Ladysmith is well supplied with food and ammunition and can hold out longer than has been estimated. Troops are described as in good spirits and anxious to fight.

BOERS ARE CONFIDENT.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail prints a despatch from Chieveley Camp, dated Saturday, which says: There is an armistice till midnight in order to bury the dead and remove the wounded. Meanwhile the enemy is placing fresh guns so that they may cover our ambulance parties. They express themselves as satisfied with yesterday's battle and boast that they cannot be turned out of their present positions. The Dutch stripped our dead. During the fighting some heroic deeds were performed, the irregulars vying with the regulars for distinction. Lieut. Ponsomby, of Thompson's mounted infantry, and Private Farmer, of the Carbineers, attempted to save some of their comrades at imminent peril to their own lives. An injured man carried by Lieut. Ponsomby was mortally wounded while in the arms of the officer.

GEN. ROBERTS' FAREWELL. LONDON, Dec. 21.—Gen. Roberts bid farewell to the Prince of Wales at Marlborough house today. The staff of the new British commanded-in-chief in South Africa includes Major General Pryor and Major General Dowse, besides his present staff.

BIG GOLD SHIPMENT. LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Chronicle's financial expert says he understands that the Bank of England has made advances against £2,000,000 gold to arrive from New York, including Saturday's shipment.

INCREASE MILITIA FORCES. KINGSTON, J. A., Dec. 21.—Owing to the growing seriousness of South African war prospects, and particularly the probable withdrawal of the imperial garrisons from the colonies, coincident with the unprecedented drafting of French troops to the West Indies, a proposal is floated to augment the British West Indian militia forces to the fullest possible strength, if necessary under special concentration. It is proposed to increase Jamaica's force from one regiment of eight hundred to possibly twenty-four regiments, as in 1836, the exigencies of the present situation being regarded as of an exceptionally grave character.

THE FLOUR SEIZURE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In the absence of a formal complaint, the state department officials do not care to express a specific opinion in the case of the reported seizure of American flour by British cruisers off the South African coast under suspicion that it was intended for the Transvaal. But under the general rule adopted by our government and adhered to by most of the other civilized governments, merchandise of this description sent by one neutral nation to another, as in the case of the United States and Portugal, is absolutely exempt from seizure.

TO HELP THE BOERS. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The steamer of the French liner L'Asudane, which sailed for Havre yesterday, were 25 men who, it is supposed, are going to enlist in the Boer army. The men came to the pier in a body, under the evident leadership of one man, and all were non-combatants as their plans. One of them, a young Irishman, said he was ready for anything that came along. Most of the men appeared to be Dutch.

LORD ROBERTS INTERVIEWED. LONDON, Dec. 22.—The morning papers give prominence to Lord Roberts' message and most of them comment editorially upon it. The Times says: "In an admirable message to America and Canada, Lord Roberts has given an adequate and welcome expression to our national sentiments."

"We feel sure the message will be welcomed in both the United States and Canada. Lord Roberts describes in appropriate words what all Englishmen feel. There is nothing like adversity to test the value of our friends, and the sympathy of the United States and the magnificent devotion of our colonies stand out in strong contrast with the cold carping and envy of some continental nations."

The Standard says: "The British empire is on its mettle and is giving the world a hint as to the extent of its latest resources in fighting material. Nowhere is the demonstration watched with more interest, and we believe with more satisfaction, than among our kinsmen in the United States, whose sympathy will be still further aroused by Lord Roberts' admirable message."

THE BOSTON FUND. BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The British and colonial born residents of Boston, formed a fund in aid of the British troops in Africa tonight, and the first pledges made a total of \$2,000.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Belated stories from Chieveley Camp concern in saying the British did marvels in an impossible situation. The oldest war correspondents say they never saw anything comparable with the bravery of the men and officers. The British contingent created an immense furor, engaging the Boers single-handed and halting shrapnel and lyddite shells on the fortifications north of the town in a vain effort to silence the murderous fire of the Boers while the British forced the passage of the river. The advance of the second brigade along the road leading to the bridge in the face of a deadly fusade is described as magnificent. The British forced their way across the fire zone under a perfect storm of bullets from the invisible Boers. The patter of the bullets on the dry plain raised the dust like heavy rain drops of water. The heat throughout was intense. There are many stories of special acts of bravery.

4.30 p. m.—The war office has received the following from Gen. Foster-Walker, the British commander at Cape Town: "CAPE TOWN, Wednesday, Dec. 20.—Methuen wires that he has received a ruder reply from Gen. Cronje respecting his representation as to Lieut. Chandos-Pole-Gall, saying that this officer is regarded as a spy. Gen. Cronje states he will hold no further communication with Methuen."

IN THE NORTH. TULI, Dec. 11, via Lourenco Marques, Dec. 15.—Col. Plumer, with a strong reconnoitering party of horsemen, has returned here after a week's expedition into Transvaal territory. He reached a point near the Orange River, in the South African republic, but found no Boers, the country being seemingly empty of men. (Pieternaburg is a considerable distance north of Pretoria.)

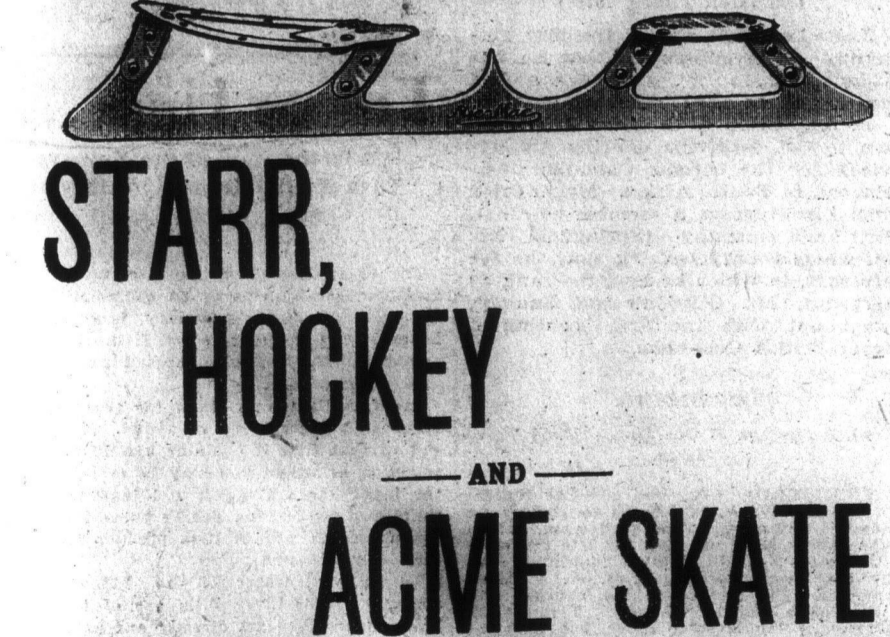
MONTREAL. MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The annual meeting of the Standard Paper and Printing Co. was held today and the following board of directors elected: A. F. Gault, Robert Mackay, J. O. Crathern, R. Wilson Smith, Montreal; Charles Barrill, Weymouth, N. S. S. P. Smith, York, Pa.; George E. Faulkner, Halifax. The officers will be elected tomorrow.

The trial of F. Lemieux, accountant of the defunct Banque Ville Marie, on a charge of making a false statement to the government, was continued today. The feature of the day was the discovery of another shortage. The judge Comte, after deposing that in 1897 he went away on his holidays, and when he returned the cash was ten thousand dollars short. He told Lemieux, and after repeated explanations the latter insisted upon him that the teller who replaced him had taken the money to speculate with, and not to say anything about it. Comte held his tongue until after the failure of the bank, when he told President Weir, which was the first intimation the latter had that the money was missing. The shortage had been kept from him for nearly two years. A. W. J. Connors, treasurer of the syndicate bearing his name, which proposes to erect grain elevators in Montreal harbor, had an interview with the harbor board today. Since their last interview, the board, pressed by local interests, has been adding protective clauses to the agreement. At today's meeting Mr. Connors stated bluntly that this had got to stop. They had reached a business agreement, and if the harbor board proposed to go on changing it and making the provisions more severe, they could get somebody else to build their elevators.

The board then entered on a clause by clause discussion of the agreement, which was not concluded when the meeting adjourned.

SCHOOL GIRLS' NERVES. Many a pale, weak school girl suffering the evil effects of an exhausted nervous system, and thin, watery blood, has been fully restored to the vigor and buoyancy of robust health by using Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food. The healthy glow on the cheeks and the brightness in the eyes tell of the building up process which is taking place in the body.

A meeting was recently held at Embassy by Indian Christians, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, for the purpose of protesting against the imposition of the heavy property and heirship duties of England which the British government is disposed to apply to Indian Christians.



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IS STILL AT CHIEVELEY.

War Office Contradicts the Report That Buller Got Across the Tugela River.

Tarte Wants the Imperial Government to Pay the Expenses of Organizing a Second Contingent.

Late Accounts of Last Week's Reverse, Say that the Boer Position Was Too Strong and Their Forces Too Large for a Front Attack.

MORE PARTICULARS

of General Buller's Repulse at Tugela River, Last Week.

The Boer Position Was Too Strong and Their Forces Too Large for an Attack from the Front.

CHIEVELEY CAMP, Dec. 15, 7.45 p. m. (delayed in transmission.)—A battle was fought on Colenso plain today between the Boers and the British forces under Gen. Buller.

Two Boer camps had been located, and Gen. Buller's brigade was sent westward from Doornkop to Bridle Drift and ordered to cross the Tugela river and follow its north bank to the bridge.

Gen. Buller's brigade was ordered to advance and cross the bridge, with the object of capturing the kopjes on the north side of the river.

A cavalry brigade, one thousand strong, with one battery of artillery, was sent to the extreme right flank for the purpose of enfilading the bridge.

The naval guns opened fire at 5.45 a. m. There was no reply at first. A heavy musketry fire opened from behind Fort Wyke. The 7th and 14th batteries, under Col. Long, were within 300 yards of the Boer rifle pits. The Boers also opened a shell fire from Grooters Kloof. The British artillery horses were killed and ten guns were left on the ground. Col. Long, Col. Hunt and all the other officers of the artillery were wounded.

Gen. Buller's brigade, led by a guide, advanced on the left toward the drift. It was met by a shell fire from the two guns and a heavy fire from the musketry and compelled to retire.

At 7 o'clock firing commenced on the extreme right. Thornycroft's mounted infantry losing forty-two in killed and wounded. A composite regiment of the King's Rifles, mounted, the Imperial Horse and the Natal Carbineers, under command of Col. Watters, covered their retreat. The South African Light Horse, which was also engaged, suffered at heavy losses.

Gen. Buller's brigade, supported by Gen. Lyttelton's, made a second advance, but retired again after a strong reconnaissance, in which the Boers were compelled to show their positions in the hills, where they were entrenched in tiers.

The entire force then retired to Chieveley. There were comparatively few men killed. A rough estimate places the number of wounded at 400. All branches of the British force behaved well and showed rare coolness. The whole story can be summarized by saying that the Boers' position was too strong and their force too large for an attack from the front.

Wherever the bullets and shells were thickest there Gen. Buller was to be found. Capt. Boyce, of Gen. Buller's staff, had his horse killed, but escaped injury himself. Major Ellison's horse was shot in the hind leg. Capt. McNamara, an aide-de-camp to Gen. Buller, had his horse killed, and a bullet went through his chest.

Dr. Hughes, General Buller's staff surgeon, was killed. Capt. Roberts, son of Gen. Lord Roberts, was wounded. The Connaught Rangers, with the Dublin Fusiliers and the East Yorks, suffered heavily. Major Stuart Wortley's stretcher bearers behaved excellently during today's fighting and collected 350 of the wounded. While they were working under the Red Cross flag the Boers fired a number of volleys at them and several of the bearers were killed. The Boers state that their loss was heavy and that they wish they had never seen Colenso.

The Border regiment had three killed and 42 wounded.

CHIEVELEY CAMP, Natal, Dec. 15.

The relief column continued its advance from Chieveley early this morning, intending to assault the Boer positions, which were thought to be very strong to the westward and north-westward of Colenso. During the two preceding days the Boers had allowed themselves to be bombarded without condescending to reply with a single shot. They further gave half an hour's opening this morning with an exchange, when suddenly they belched out a stream of fire from all their entrenchments, besides opening a fearful cannonade with all their quick-firing, field and siege guns, which were posted from end to end of their position. When their presence and actual position had been determined, the British naval brigade commenced shelling all the ridges north of the town with marvellous accuracy. At this time the artillery attached to General Buller's division was busy among the entrenchments on the hills, on the British left, under cover of which the Irish infantry brigade marched out in extended order to cross the river and attack. Undoubtedly aiming at this battery, the Boers sent several shells near the ambulance train, which was forced to change its position.

While this was occurring the field artillery on the right was busy shelling the ridges of the Boers' left flank.

their excellent practice attracting the attention of the Boers, who retaliated with a scathing fire, almost demolishing all the guns and stampeding the gun carriage and limber horses.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A despatch to the Times from Chieveley camp adds little to what is already known about Gen. Buller's fight at the Tugela river. It says: "The Boer position was an exceedingly strong one. There was a line of kopjes elaborately fortified with entrenchments and emplacements while our advance was without cover."

"The bombardment began at 5 a. m. and was repeated until 4.30. At 7 o'clock Gen. Buller and his staff opened fire. Hart's attack lasted till 10 o'clock.

"The men advanced in the most gallant manner across the open ground, facing a terrific fire from the enemy's masked batteries and rifle pits.

"The Dublin Fusiliers crossed the river, but retreated. The Connaught Rangers and the Dublin Fusiliers lost heavily.

"Gen. Buller made directly for Colenso. He reached the Tugela by a series of brilliant rushes, but was unable to hold the position against the awful fire poured in by the enemy, and eventually retired with heavy loss.

"Lord Dundonald with the mounted men gallantly attacked Blangawan Hill, but was repulsed.

"The naval battery made excellent practice."

ENROLLMENT OF VOLUNTEERS.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The war office has issued the particulars of the enrollment of volunteers. The mounted infantry will be named the imperial yeomanry. The term of enlistment will be a year, or not less than the duration of the war. The men will be drawn from the existing yeomanry, into which others possessing riding and shooting qualifications may be drafted for the occasion. Each man will provide his own horse, clothing, saddle and accoutrements, the government making a capitation grant therefor and supplying arms and camp equipment. The pay will be at cavalry rates.

Regarding the infantry, volunteer companies will be raised for attachment to each battalion of regulars serving in or ordered to South Africa, with a corresponding reserve company at home. The terms of enlistment will be the same of yeomanry.

The volunteering enthusiasm continues everywhere. It is remarkably strong in Scotland. A colonel in Edinburgh says he could lead a thousand men out of that city in a week. Among the prominent volunteers are the Earl of Dudley and Lord Arthur Grosvenor, son of the Duke of Westminster.

COMPLETE DEAD LOCK.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A despatch to the Times from Modder River, under date of Dec. 16, says: "A full moon prevented the use of the searchlight tonight, but Kimberly availed itself of its release to send through important messages." The present situation is a complete dead lock. The Boers are increasing and extending their fortifications on both flanks, but are unable to make an attack. It is equally impossible for the British to turn the Boers' flank, which rests on the river on the east and rapidly approaches the river on the west.

"The Boers have a continual line of entrenchments capable of rapid construction at any point. Their only disadvantage is the scarcity of water and food."

BEFORE BULLER'S REVERSE.

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 19.—The London correspondent of the Post says it was known on Dec. 13 that Gen. Lord Roberts was going to the campaign. He spent the forenoon of that day at the war office, and announced his coming departure for the Cape to his fellow directors of a shipping company in the afternoon.

GENERAL REVIEW.

Government Has at Last Consented to Mobilize a Force of Mounted Infantry.

LONDON, Dec. 20, 4.45 a. m.—The government has at last consented to mobilize a force which General Buller is credited with having demanded all along as an essential of success in South Africa, namely 10,000 mounted infantry. This morning the war office issued an order to the effect that the government had decided to raise for South Africa a mounted infantry force, to be called Imperial Yeomanry, and to be recruited from yeomanry, volunteers and civilians possessing the requisite qualifications.

The lord mayor of London, Alfred Newton, is raising and equipping a force of a thousand volunteers among

the city corps. The large city firms are contributing the necessary expenses. Col. Sir Charles Howard Vincent, commander of the Queen's Westminster volunteers, has also offered to raise a regiment of a thousand picked marksmen.

Such enthusiasm of volunteer enlistment continues, and promises to give the government ample material.

Rudyard Kipling addressed a meeting at Rottingdean last evening called for the purpose of forming a volunteer company.

The Queen has announced her intention of entertaining at Windsor Castle on Dec. 26th the wives and children of soldiers serving in South Africa who reside in the neighborhood. Tea will be served, her majesty probably presiding in person, and there will be a Christmas tree 25 feet high, laden with gifts.

The British second-class cruiser Isis will convey General Lord Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam at 16 knots.

Special reports regarding the fighting at the Tugela river are still filling the stretchers, but all the newspapers complain that these are severely censored, and it is still impossible to get an accurate idea of the battle. From the latest accounts, however, it appears that Gen. Buller is in personal command.

A correspondent of the Associated Press at Chieveley Camp says the Boers excuse themselves for firing on the stretchers by asserting that two squads of the Connaught Rangers took over under civilians bearers of the Red Cross, and that this act drew the Boer fire, three being killed and several wounded.

Much anxiety is caused by the fact that the war office has not yet received a full list of the casualties at Tugela river.

Statements are published from Boer sources in Berlin and Berlin that President Kruger is willing to conclude peace on the basis of the status quo, but that otherwise he will call upon the Boers in Cape Colony to join in proclaiming the independence of the Cape Territories of Great Britain.

CENSORSHIP FRIGHTENED.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—With the exception of incomplete censorship accounts of the Colenso action and a few belated items from Modder river, there is no news of the British forces in South Africa. This probably will be the prevailing condition for some time to come, everything at present tending to corroborate the information conveyed in the Sun's despatches regarding the making of the peace by some means, or until a new plan of campaign is inaugurated. Moreover, the censorship has clearly further tightened during the last few days.

GUIDES FIDELITY DOUBTED.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A despatch from Queenstown, Cape Colony, dated Dec. 18, says that despite Gen. Buller's official statement the fidelity of his guides was doubted. Both of the guides were found shot during the retreat to Stormkroon.

At Queenstown, Cape Colony, dated Dec. 18, says that Gen. Buller has issued a proclamation which forbids the inhabitants to move above the district or visit Stormkroon except on Saturdays, and then only with a pass.

SEIGE OF LADYSMITH.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Chronicle's Ladysmith correspondent telegraphed to Batouat on Dec. 13 as follows: "The bombardment continues. Six inch guns and thirty smaller ones are now firing on the town. The Boers are extending themselves and concentrating north and south."

ARRESTING BOER SYMPATHIZERS.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The latest mails from Natal describe the Dutch residents of Umvoto country as thoroughly disloyal to the British. The government are arresting and imprisoning those who actively display sympathy with the Boers.

IN KITCHENER'S ABSENCE.

CAIRO, Dec. 18.—Gen. Wingate will act as Sirdar of the Egyptian army during the absence of Gen. Lord Kitchener.

DID NOT GET ACROSS.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The war office definitely denies the report that Gen. Buller got to the north side of the Tugela river.

THE SECOND CONTINGENT.

Hon. Mr. Tarte Wants the Imperial Government to Pay All Expenses—Plenty Men Available.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—It would appear that the composition of the artillery division has been decided upon, and that the militia authorities contemplated the despatch of three field batteries, constituting a brigade division composed of 18 guns, 21 wagons, 513 officers and men and 300 horses. The scheme, as foreshadowed yesterday, was to utilize "A" and "B" batteries as the nucleus of the volunteer batteries of the contingent. The mobilization would be carried out as follows: "C" battery at Kingston, "D" battery at Ottawa and "A" battery at Quebec. Thus one section of a battery would be the nucleus of the Kingston corps, the other section being brought to Ottawa for similar purpose. "B" battery would be made the nucleus of the Quebec corps. How far this plan will be adhered to, however, remains a matter of conjecture, since the authorization of the cabinet is withheld. As for the cavalry division of four squadrons, it would appear that the scheme of the militia department for its enrollment is also in abeyance. That the framework of each squadron will be Northwest mounted police and Royal Can-

adian Dragoons is taken for granted. But no orders appear to have been sent out either to Toronto or Regina, looking to the release and re-enlistment of these two mounted bodies for service in South Africa.

Hugh Allan of the Allan Steamship company was in the city today in connection with the subject of the transportation of the troops to Cape Town. He has offered the steamer Parisian as a transport. Another offer is said to have come from the Elder-Dempster company, the large freighter Montezuma, the steamer which carried the large consignment of army mules from the United States to South Africa. It is said the Montezuma has sufficient capacity to transport a contingent in its entirety.

Rev. J. E. Starr of Stanstead, Que., formerly of Toronto, has offered his services as chaplain of the contingent.

Col. T. B. P. Evans, who has been in command of the troops in the Yukon, is spoken of as a likely man for the command of the cavalry, but it is feared he cannot reach Ottawa in time owing to the condition of the Yukon river, and therefore Col. Lessard will be given command.

Major Drury, who is with the Canadians in South Africa, will take command of the artillery on its arrival in Cape Town.

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BRITISH RESIDENTS IN BOSTON MEET.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—A meeting of the representative British residents in Boston was held this afternoon for the purpose of organizing for the relief of those seriously affected by the war in South Africa. Mr. Herbert Windeler occupied the chair, and after stating the object of the meeting asked for an expression of opinion. A unanimity of sentiment was manifested that a fund similar to that which has been started in other parts of the country should be begun in New England.

The meeting finally organized under the title of the "British South African patriotic fund." Mr. Windeler was elected president and R. E. Burnett secretary and Fred Warren treasurer. Plans will be devised for the speedy and most effective way of raising money and to enter into cooperation with the officers and members of the other British patriotic and fraternal societies. After the meeting closed more than \$1,000 had been subscribed. It is believed that over \$100,000 can easily be raised in New England alone.

BRITISH CRUISEERS ACTIVE.

MADRID, Dec. 19.—The Spanish steamer Ciudad de Cadix, which has just arrived at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, from Cadix, reports that she was pursued and overhauled last Saturday by a British cruiser, which fired guns, compelling her to heave to, interrogated her as to her name and route, and then allowed her to proceed.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

LESSON XIV—December 31.

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.—Psa. 103: 2.

REVIEW OF OURSELVES.

On this the last day of the year it may be well to review ourselves as well as the lessons for the sake of its influence on the year to come.

1. Have we been as faithful as we might have been? Note down definitely the particulars wherein we might do better.

2. Have we studied our lessons faithfully during the past year and learned as much of the Bible as we might? 3. Have we learned some of the Bible each year by heart? 4. Has our behaviour been perfect in the class?

"Reckoner is said to have an Ignorance Club, the principle plank in the platform of which is: 'We know nothing, but seek knowledge.' One reason why there is not better work done in the average school is because many workers think they 'know it all.' If there was a more general confession of ignorance and a seeking for knowledge, a vast improvement would be noted in many directions, because there never was a time when so much was done to instruct all grades of workers as is now being done. 'We seek knowledge.' Let this be our motto.—The Church Economist.

REVIEW BY PERSONS.

The events of the half century covered by our studies are associated with four leading persons.—Bethel. Other persons.—Xerxes, Vashti, Haman, Mordecai.

Events.—The feast (the invasion of Greece), Haman's plan for destroying the Jews, Mordecai's experiences, Esther's heroism, the deliverance, Ezra's work as a scribe, the Scriptures, Nehemiah.—Persons.—Matachi, Artaxerxes, Sanballat, Gashm, Tobiah, Events.—Goes to Jerusalem, takes large treasure, rebuilds the walls; institutes religious services; a great Bible meeting; reforms, especially of social life and the Sabbath.

Matachi.—The last prophet associated with Nehemiah; preaches reform, helps establish the law.

REVIEW BY PLACES.

The events and the persons cluster around two great cities:—1. Shushan (or Susa). Note all the transactions recorded in the lessons which took place here, with their bearing on the course of history.

2. Jerusalem. The changes that took place in this city. Note all the events studied during this quarter which centered around Jerusalem, and their bearing upon the progress of the kingdom of God.

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THREE MEN ON FOUR WHEELS. Three Men on Four Wheels is Jerome K. Jerome's rather serious for the series of humorous stories which he has just completed for The Saturday Evening Post.

Frequently. "Is what is a drawn battle?" (Judge.) "The best of it, which the enemy has rather."

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# SECOND CONTINGENT

## Will Consist of Ten Hundred and Forty-four Men and Eighteen Guns.

### Expected the Contingent Will Sail from Halifax Before the Middle of January.

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**THE SECOND CANADIAN CONTINGENT WILL CONSIST OF:**  
1,044 MEN.  
139 HORSES.  
18 GUNS.  
265 MOUNTED POLICE AND OTHER WESTERN MEN.  
265 FROM THE ROYAL DRAGOONS AND MILITIA CAVALRY REGIMENTS.  
613 FROM PERMANENT ARTILLERY CORPS AND MILITIA FIELD ARTILLERY.

**OTTAWA, Dec. 20.**—The composition of the second Canadian contingent for service in South Africa has at last been decided upon. Hon. Dr. Borden informed your correspondent this evening that it would consist of three squadrons of mounted rifles, totaling 831 of all ranks, and 338 horse. The artillery section will consist of three batteries of field-artillery, 171 men of all ranks for each battery, 513 altogether, 393 horses and 18 guns. The mounted rifles will have for its nucleus one and a half squadrons of Northwest mounted police, ex-police-men and others qualified as horsemen, scouts and crack shots. These men will be recruited throughout Manitoba and the Northwest at mounted police posts. The remaining one and a half squadron will be recruited at regiment headquarters of every cavalry regiment in Canada.

There will be no special draft from the Royal Canadian Dragoons, but it is intended to afford every opportunity to men of the regiment to enlist. Similarly, artillery will be recruited from all the field artillery in Canada. The offer of individual batteries is not to be accepted.

The minister stated that it was desirable to distribute the selection over the whole country. There are 17 cavalry regiments from which to draw a squadron and a half. The 8th P. L. Hussars will, it is expected, furnish the allotted quota. Similarly, out of the 17 field batteries, Wainstock, Newcastle and Sydney are to be called upon.

No particular number of men have been assigned to any one city, but, as already announced, the batteries will be designated C, D and E, with temporary headquarters at Kingston, Ottawa and Quebec. A and B batteries will, of course, be expected to furnish a substantial quota to the contingent. Recruiting officers will report to the department by wire from day to day, so that the enlistment rolls may be promptly closed as soon as the requisite number of men is secured. The minister hopes that the contingent will get away from Halifax not later than the middle of January. It is definitely settled that the Parisian will be one of the transports, and it is probable that the Laurantian will be the other. The Parisian leaves Liverpool for Halifax tomorrow, with the requisite material on board to make internal changes.

The mounted police will take their own horses. Horses for the other squadrons and a half of mounted rifles, as well as for the artillery, will have to be bought by the government. Mr. Beith, M. P., who is said to be one of the best judges of horse-flesh in Canada, will be asked to superintend the buying of horses. The depots for this purpose will be opened at points in Ontario and Quebec, and especially in the maritime provinces, in order to save a long railway journey. The minister states that authority has been secured from the Imperial government to send the necessary medical and nursing staff and equipment, so that Canadian trained nurses will get Red Cross work.

Fred White, controller of the Northwest mounted police, received his instructions late this afternoon, and at once sent telegrams to Commissioner Herchmer, instructing him to issue the necessary notices to the men of the force, and to call for offers for service from ex-police-men. One and a half squadrons, the number assigned to the Northwest, would represent about 260 men, but in view of the fact that there are only 600 mounted police in the territories, the government will have to restrict the number of volunteers to be drawn from the actual ranks to 150 or 130. Col. Pinault, deputy minister, was also instructed by the minister to notify all district officers commanding, so that the work of recruiting may commence without delay. The enlistment will cover a much wider area than was the case with the first contingent, and for this reason the second contingent is likely to be more representative, being drawn from more sections of the country. The wider distribution will, of course, necessitate the appointment of many more medical examiners than was the case two months ago.

The government has not been authorized to send any special service officers with this contingent, but if any of the officers already on special service in South Africa are assigned to duty with the second contingent their places may be filled by other special service officers from Canada.

be instructed to join the second contingent at Cape Town. As soon as the troops arrive in South Africa they will, as with the first contingent, come under the Imperial army regulations as regards discipline, pay, etc. The pay of a British cavalry soldier ranges in the different regiments from 1s. 2d. per day to 1s. 9d. for privates up to 4s. 6d. for non-commissioned officers of the household cavalry being paid better than the line regiments. The pay of a constable of the N. W. M. P. is for the first year fifty cents per day. It has been settled that all the mounted rifles shall be paid according to the rates allowed to the mounted police, or in other words, the dominion will make up to the men the difference between the Imperial army pay and what they would receive if they were in service in Canada. Dr. Borden threw out hints that this would be a matter for parliament to consider, but it is likely that the troops will be voted by parliament the difference between the two rates of pay.

**OTTAWA, Dec. 20.**—It is settled that all the men of the contingent will be transported on the Parisian, the horses going on a separate vessel, or possibly two. Mr. Beith has suggested that men skilled in handling horses on shipboard be engaged for the transport on voyage and this suggestion will be adopted. Capt. Howard, of gaiting gun fame, is again in the capital. He has been requested by the minister to draw up orders for service. Howard is an old cavalry man, and he desires to be allowed to take a "galloping gun," a maxim which is used by cavalry or light artillery. It is drawn by two horses and can be handled by two men.

**SCORES THE GOVERNMENT.**  
**TORONTO, Dec. 20.**—Hon. N. Clarke Wallace, speaking here today as to the second contingent, said: "This is Canada's imperial opportunity. Not only Britain's existence, but Canada's existence as a nation is at stake, and there should be unanimous and immediate action. It is deplorable to think that such a right arm should be paralyzed in the hour of need for the transport on voyage and this suggestion will be adopted. Capt. Howard, of gaiting gun fame, is again in the capital. He has been requested by the minister to draw up orders for service. Howard is an old cavalry man, and he desires to be allowed to take a "galloping gun," a maxim which is used by cavalry or light artillery. It is drawn by two horses and can be handled by two men."

**BOERS CAPTURED THE GUNS.**  
**LONDON, Dec. 21.**—The Morning Post's correspondent at Chieveley, in a despatch dated Dec. 16, says: "The Boers have placed their guns in positions which command this camp. They have captured ten of our guns." A Cape Town despatch from De Aar says that the Boers intend to make a determined stand at Stormberg. They are moving in great force for the abandoned British camp. One of their camps is occupied by 2,000 men, mainly colonial Afrikaners. A number of men have been sent to special constables to watch the Dutch residents on the border.

**A GLOOMY VIEW.**  
**LONDON, Dec. 21.**—The Times summarizes the military situation in gloomy terms. It says: "The Boers seem to have little prospect of relieving Ladysmith by a general advance along the railway. The probability increases that if Gen. Buller is pressed for supplies he must fight. His way lies at all costs, in combination with such movement as Gen. Buller's transport will permit. Viewing the situation as a whole, its extreme gravity is apparent. Our forces in the field are widely scattered, and for a time will be unable to assume the offensive. The members of Ladysmith and Kimberley still dominate the position. It is clear that the problem of organizing transport is yet unsolved."

**LONDON REVIEW.**  
**A Deep Silence Regarding Military Operations at the Different Centres.**  
**LONDON, Dec. 21, 4 a. m.**—The silence concerning the military operations in South Africa has not yet been broken. Gen. Buller has sent in a corrected list of the deaths of non-commissioned officers and privates at Colenso, placing the total at 137. Nothing has been heard from Gen. Methuen since Dec. 17, and the reports of the excellence of the Boer position and the skillful manner in which they are further strengthening it tend to increase the apprehension regarding the British at Modder River. The probability of Gen. Methuen's communications being cut grows, but nothing is certainly known.

Gen. Walker reported on Dec. 9, Nothing has been heard from Gen. Buller. Press reports indicate an increase in the Boer strength and activity in his neighborhood. It is many days since there was news from Ladysmith, Kimberley or Mafeking. The reports that the Boers were unable to capture the guns the British abandoned at Colenso do not come from a source encouraging belief in their truth. One correspondent at Chieveley says definitely that the guns were captured.

There is an increasing disposition in many quarters to upbraid the government for responsibility for the British disaster, owing to the lack of preparation. A speech made at Glasgow by Gerald Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, excites adverse comment. While disavowing any desire to criticize the generals, he said nevertheless that "our officers had had a sharp lesson," and he trusted that it would be salutary.

The newspapers devote much space to the volunteer movement. Reports indicate that the war office is still overwhelmed with offers. The Imperial yeomanry scheme seems to some extent to be modelled on Roosevelt's rough riders. Additional reports from Colenso continue to demonstrate the inferiority in range of the British artillery. The naval guns alone are able to reach the enemy's trench.

Dublin Fusiliers had four men drowned while attempting the passage.

**SITUATION REVIEW.**  
**LONDON, Dec. 21, 4.45 a. m.**—The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind, owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his communications have been cut. If this be so, his position is dangerous.

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**ON THE DEFENSIVE.**  
The latest despatches received seem to show that the British forces are standing on the defensive at all points. Gen. Buller is ordering the troops now arriving at Cape Town to proceed to Durban to reinforce the Natal column. Absence of news from him has led to a surmise that he is trying to join Gen. White by a flank movement. The appeals for yeomanry and volunteers are being responded to with the greatest enthusiasm in all parts of the country. Lord Wolseley proposes that the force being raised by the Lord Mayor of London shall be called the "London Imperial Volunteers." The government expects the total of yeomanry and volunteers to reach 8,000. Baron Chesham will command, with Lord Lansdale as adjutant general.

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**BERLIN, Dec. 20.**—Despite repeated British denials, it seems to be a fact that British agents are busy in many of the rural districts of Germany hiring veterans, saddlery and equipment. Several well authenticated cases have been reported this week; but the following incident seems conclusive. The district court of Hamburg has just issued an order for the arrest of a British agent named York for hiring a number of German peasants in the neighborhood for military service, which, under the Imperial laws, is a criminal offence.

**PROTEST AGAINST FLOUR SEIZURE.**  
**NEW YORK, Dec. 20.**—A protest was sent to Washington today from a number of the produce exchange against the seizure by the British of a large amount of flour sent to South Africa. The flour was seized at Delagoa Bay and sent to East London, it being suspected that it was for the Boers.

**SHOCK KILLED HIM.**  
**MONTREAL, Dec. 20.**—Baron Von Hugel, a prominent figure in Montreal society and on the streets, died today as the result of a stroke of paralysis. His son, Capt. Nortman Von Hugel, with the Royal Engineers, was wounded in the Modder River battle, and when this news was received by the baron he suffered a stroke of paralysis, which today ended in his death.

**ANXIOUS ABOUT SUPPLIES.**  
**LONDON, Dec. 21.**—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The Boer governments have recently intimated to their agents in Europe their readiness to be moderate in regard to peace conditions. The chief anxiety of the burghers is as to the question of receiving supplies by way of Lourenzo Marquez."

**CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ARRESTED.**  
**HAVANA, Dec. 20.**—An immense sensation was caused in Havana this afternoon by the arrest of nine of the chief appraisers of the custom house staff on the charge of being in collusion with many Havana merchants to swindle the government out of large sums. It is asserted that the fraud has been practiced in the past week at least and probably for a longer period, and it is believed that thousands of dollars have been corruptly diverted.

**REJECTED RECIPROCALITY.**  
**OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 19.**—The department of trade and commerce has been advised that the sister colony of Trinidad has rejected the offer of reciprocity with the United States on the ground of its one-sided character. The port of entry, however, as it leaves the door open for Canada making an arrangement with the colony.

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of the Associated Press. He was dressed in the deepest black, in vivid contrast with his snow white hair and moustache. His dapper little figure was as straight as ever, but his keen eyes that have so often scanned British victory were slightly dimmed by the great personal sorrow that has befallen him. But, in spite of this and the multitude of details that claimed his attention, Gen. Roberts willingly assented to send a message to the Associated Press a parting message to the American people, and gave the following statement:

"Circumstances naturally forbid my speaking about the campaign ahead of me in the British soldier, and that I believe the traditions of our army will be upheld in South Africa. "For the friendly interest and sympathy which I have seen in the press of the Anglo-Saxon race, I cannot too warmly express my appreciation for the spirit which prevails in our colonies. The action of Canada will always be a glorious page in the history of the sons of the empire. I look for great things from the men she has the honor to send to the front. "The reports which indicate that disloyalty exists in the Irish regiments are being responded to with the greatest enthusiasm in all parts of the country. Lord Wolseley proposes that the force being raised by the Lord Mayor of London shall be called the 'London Imperial Volunteers.' The government expects the total of yeomanry and volunteers to reach 8,000. Baron Chesham will command, with Lord Lansdale as adjutant general."

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**BERLIN, Dec. 20.**—Despite repeated British denials, it seems to be a fact that British agents are busy in many of the rural districts of Germany hiring veterans, saddlery and equipment. Several well authenticated cases have been reported this week; but the following incident seems conclusive. The district court of Hamburg has just issued an order for the arrest of a British agent named York for hiring a number of German peasants in the neighborhood for military service, which, under the Imperial laws, is a criminal offence.

**PROTEST AGAINST FLOUR SEIZURE.**  
**NEW YORK, Dec. 20.**—A protest was sent to Washington today from a number of the produce exchange against the seizure by the British of a large amount of flour sent to South Africa. The flour was seized at Delagoa Bay and sent to East London, it being suspected that it was for the Boers.

**SHOCK KILLED HIM.**  
**MONTREAL, Dec. 20.**—Baron Von Hugel, a prominent figure in Montreal society and on the streets, died today as the result of a stroke of paralysis. His son, Capt. Nortman Von Hugel, with the Royal Engineers, was wounded in the Modder River battle, and when this news was received by the baron he suffered a stroke of paralysis, which today ended in his death.

**ANXIOUS ABOUT SUPPLIES.**  
**LONDON, Dec. 21.**—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The Boer governments have recently intimated to their agents in Europe their readiness to be moderate in regard to peace conditions. The chief anxiety of the burghers is as to the question of receiving supplies by way of Lourenzo Marquez."

**CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ARRESTED.**  
**HAVANA, Dec. 20.**—An immense sensation was caused in Havana this afternoon by the arrest of nine of the chief appraisers of the custom house staff on the charge of being in collusion with many Havana merchants to swindle the government out of large sums. It is asserted that the fraud has been practiced in the past week at least and probably for a longer period, and it is believed that thousands of dollars have been corruptly diverted.

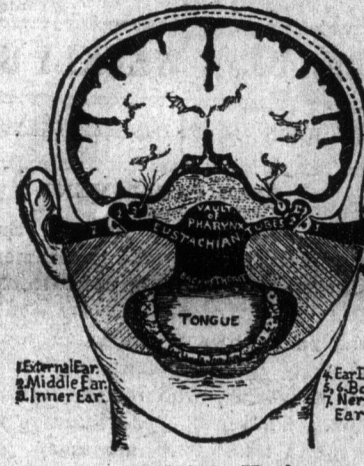
**REJECTED RECIPROCALITY.**  
**OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 19.**—The department of trade and commerce has been advised that the sister colony of Trinidad has rejected the offer of reciprocity with the United States on the ground of its one-sided character. The port of entry, however, as it leaves the door open for Canada making an arrangement with the colony.

**Children Cry for CASTORIA.**

## WELL KNOWN TORONTO MERCHANT-TAILOR PERMANENTLY CURED OF DEAFNESS!

Mr. Chas. C. Hughes is a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Toronto, where he had lived for twenty-four years, being engaged for nearly half of that time in the merchant tailoring business. He was for many years the victim of severe Chronic Catarrh, which greatly affected his hearing and produced constant buzzing and roaring sounds in his ears. The increasing deafness was so much of a hindrance in his business that Mr. Hughes tried everything he could learn of; but he met only with failure until he applied to Dr. Sproule. The eminent Specialist soon cured him, and although this was a year ago, there has been no return of the trouble. The gentleman's description of his case and the peculiarities of its cure will be of interest to all who are similarly afflicted.

Dear Doctor:—Your diagnosis of my case was absolutely correct and certainly your treatment was just the thing. Although I must say that its action was peculiar. The Catarrh and the noises in the head and ears soon disappeared. But the deafness was not apparently affected. I made up my mind to another disappointment; but took the medicine as directed up to the last dose. Two days afterwards, to my surprise and delight, my hearing returned suddenly and entirely. And the best of it is that the work has been permanent. I have since had a very severe attack of grippe and yet my hearing has not been in the least affected. I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude to you. I feel that I owe it to others to tell them of my cure and its thoroughness, so I shall be glad to have you consent to write a letter, and will answer any letters of inquiry. Wishing you continued success, Yours very truly, CHAS. C. HUGHES, 46 Sautter St., Toronto.



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### LATE WAR NEWS

**Boers Say They Fired on the Ambulance Because They Were Employed in Bringing Up Troops.**

**Guns on Special Arranged Carriages Being Prepared at Woolwich Arsenal for Immediate Despatch to the Front.**

**LONDON, Dec. 20.**—The correspondent of the Daily News at Modder River telegraphing under date of Dec. 16th, says: "Yesterday Capt. Smythe conversed with a Boer who declared that the Boers fired on the British ambulances because they were employed to bring up troops. He admitted that soldiers who charged the Highlanders on Dec. 11 were not likely to walk behind an ambulance. Gen. Methuen, in an address to the Seaforth Highlanders, said that their formations in quarter column were as he desired. He was sure he could rely on them to repeat their heroic sacrifice if necessary."

Balloons and howitzers have only arrived. They ought to have been here to accompany the original advance. They would have proved of invaluable service.

**STERKSTROOM, Cape Colony, Dec. 15 (delayed in transmission).**—In consequence of the British reverse at Stormberg, the whole country to the north of this place is in a state of rebellion. The natives here and in Basutoland are losing confidence in the British.

**EXTENSIVE LOOTING.**  
**QUENSTOWN, Cape Colony, Dec. 15 (delayed in transmission).**—Natives are looting extensively in the territory in the north that has not been annexed by the Boers. That part of the colony is practically without any garrison. A town guard has been formed at Cula, the members supplying their own arms and ammunition. The railway between Sterkstroom and Indwe has been badly damaged by the Boers.

**CONVEYING NEWS TO THE BOERS.**  
**LONDON, Dec. 20.**—The Standard's correspondent at Modder River says: "The consequence of the persistent march in which news of our movements is conveyed to the Boers, all civilians residing within three miles of the camp have been ordered to report themselves to headquarters."

**RUNNING SHORT OF AMMUNITION.**  
**DURBAN, Dec. 15.**—Mr. Moss, proprietor of the Transvaal Critic, who was expelled from the Transvaal by the government, has arrived here. He says that the Boers are running short of ammunition for their crossbow guns. The government is manufacturing shells for the captured British artillery.

**DINGAAN'S DAY.**  
**CAPE TOWN, Dec. 20.**—The Boers yesterday celebrated Dingaan's day, the annual festival commemorating their victory over the Zulus. Their camps echoed with hymns and prayers.

**FROM THE TIMES CORRESPONDENT.**  
**LONDON, Dec. 20.**—The Times' information concerning Gen. Methuen's position, which is the latest news received, causes anxiety. It perhaps explains the reports that Gen. Warren's division is going to De Aar. It is stated, however, that one of the transports of fifth division will be sent to Durban, indicating more splitting of the troops.

The Times complains of the non-employment of the colonial irregular horse to harass the Boers and threaten their lines of communication at Mafeking. It says that if the force was used for this purpose it would probably relieve the pressure on Gen. Methuen with astonishing rapidity. Commenting on the superiority in range of the Boer artillery at Colenso, the Times says it hopes it will convince the British military authorities that there are guns in existence capable of being carried about

and making excellent practice at a range which our field artillery cannot command. It is not too much to say that our war office is the only one in Europe that ignores this important fact.

**SPECIAL GUNS BEING PREPARED.**  
**LONDON, Dec. 19.**—There are being prepared at Woolwich arsenal for shipment on Dec. 21, 8 1/2-inch guns of special arranged carriage. These guns are adapted for the use of a flying column, in view of facility of attack, pursuit and retreat. They are of long range and fire 50 pound shrapnel or hydride shells or common shells. The arsenal is also furnishing 18 more 6-inch howitzers.

**TARTE AND SIFTON.**  
**MONTREAL, Dec. 20.**—Hon. Mr. Tarte, minister of public works, speaking here tonight, denied the report that he intended to resign from the government because he differed from his colleagues on the question of sending a second contingent to South Africa. He evidently agreed with what the government had done, as the second contingent was sent under the same conditions as the first. When parliament met the new situation that had been created would be discussed in all its bearings.

Hon. Mr. Sifton, who also spoke, said the liberals had been defeated in Manitoba because the conservatives were better organized.

**A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY.**  
As is usual at the Christmas season, the large stall of S. Z. Dickson in the country market is a great centre of attraction. This year it has been elaborately decorated with wreaths and festoons of evergreen. Over the entrance to the stall is a lofty evergreen arch, from which are suspended pigeons, quail, prairie hens, and a monster turkey. Mr. Dickson's beef got nine animals, the pick of the herd imported by Kane & McGrath from Ontario for the Christmas trade. Prominent in the display is the carcass of the prize two year old steer General Bulter, the winner of nine first prizes in Ontario. The carcass dressed 1,215 lbs., and finer looking beef never hung in the market. The carcass of a yearling heifer that dressed 760 lbs. was also hung yesterday. Over the beef hang seven pairs of chickens from Kingston, Kings Co. They are beauties, blue picked only, and weigh 10 lbs. per pair. The mutation and lamb shown from 27 million of the pick of one thousand which five hundred were shipped to Winnipeg, as stated in yesterday's Sun. Mr. Dickson has the carcass of thirteen thoroughbred Turforth pigs from Sussex. In poultry his stock is a splendid one. Hams and bacon is his own curing, honey eggs, the choicest butter and hard cabbage, lettuce, horseradish and the like are also shown, and the whole display is one that compels admiration and praise from every market man and every visitor. It is plain from the display in all lines that Mr. Dickson's customers will get the best the market affords.

**MONTREAL AND TAX EXEMPTION.**  
(Montreal Witness.)  
A representative deputation of manufacturers yesterday waited upon the mayor to ask exemption from taxation and from assessment of the machinery plant and tools in the different industries of the city. This request excepted persons, companies and corporations having privileges or powers over or under the streets of any part of the city property. The deputation consisted of Ald. Sadler of the firm of Sadler & Hsworth, manufacturers of leather belting, W. W. Ogilvie, president of the Manufacturers' Association, the Hon. J. D. Rolland (J. B. Rolland at File), John A. Pihlow (the Pihlow & Harty Manufacturing Co.), Frank Paulsen (Belting, Paul & Co. Ltd., silk manufacturers), W. McMaster (Montreal Rolling Mills Co. Ltd.), and W. W. Watson (of the Canadian Sugar Refining Co.). Mr. Ogilvie acted as spokesman. A number of speeches were made, and the mayor promised to call a special meeting of the council to consider the matter next week.

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Newman H. Athos, organist of St. Luke's, Halifax, has accepted a more lucrative position at Augusta, Maine.

The death occurred at Nashua, N.H. Monday night of William Fraser, at the age of 89 years.

Donald McDougall, aged 95 years, cast a ballot for the liberal conservative candidate at Eldon, P. E. I., last week.

Elizabeth G., widow of the late Archibald Matthews, died at the residence of her brother, W. J. McBeath, Botsford street, Moncton.

J. W. Ruggles, teller in the Bank of Nova Scotia at Newcastle, has been transferred to Halifax. Gardiner Tory succeeds him at Newcastle.

George Prescott Baker, son of Hon. L. B. Baker of Yarmouth, has successfully passed his examinations in Balliol College, Oxford, England.

The return of traffic earnings of the C. P. R. for week ending Dec. 7th shows an increase of \$86,000 over the returns for the same week last year.

D. J. Cameron, aged 31 years, and a professor in St. Dunstan's college, Charlottetown, died on Saturday from a relapse after an attack of diphtheria.

Senator D. Ferguson has purchased from Fred G. Sawyer of Broadlands, Georgetown, P. E. I., 97 barrels of number one apples for the London market.

Robert Lockard of Millville, York Co., who was in charge of one of Hal's lumber camps on the Tobique, died last week of pneumonia, aged 62 and unmarried.

G. R. Jones, merchant of Lewisville, near Moncton, will visit a business party for 10 days to be finished in January. Mr. Jones will keep 60 cows on his own farm there.

J. Albert Hayden has received information from the old country to the effect that there is a fortune of \$50,000 awaiting proof of his paternal heirs.—Woodstock Press.

H. J. Brown is now operating ten portable saw mills, including one in New Brunswick, and expects to cut at least 10,000,000 feet of lumber this winter.—Bridgetown Monitor.

In 1892 there was but one co-operative cheese factory in operation in P. E. Island. Now there are upwards of 50, and the output of these factories for 1899 will total close to \$500,000.

The manager of the Sun will take it as a favor if any reader will send him a postal card stating that is unable to get the Sun at any news agency when such is found to be the case.

After hearing argument in habeas corpus, Judge Remington refused to release Theo. W. Peck of Albert, Albert Co., now serving a sentence of 85 days imprisonment for violation of the Scott act.

The steamer Maggie Miller has this year beaten her record in running late in the season. Heretofore the 18th of December was the record day, but this year the river bids fair to be open for some time yet.

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The members of St. James' congregation met in the school room last evening, and Mr. Kenny, one of the vestrymen, on behalf of the company presented Rev. A. D. Dewdney with a well filled purse. Rev. Mr. Dewdney made a suitable reply.

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The steamer Lake Ontario, now due from England, has over 500 passengers, 150 of whom will be landed at Halifax, the balance proceeding to St. John on the steamer. These to be landed at Halifax are bound for western Canada and the United States.—Halifax Chronicle.

Lieut. Col. Markham has received advice from the mine owned and operated by the Pictou Charcoal Company at Bridgville, N. S., stating that a large body of ore has been struck in the new workings. The iron ore produced by this mine is of exceptionally fine quality.

CAUTION.—Beware of substitutes for Pain-Killer. There is nothing "just as good." Unequalled for cuts, sprains and bruises. Internally for all bowel disorders. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

Henry M. Clarke, a Frederickton tractor, is offering to compromise with his creditors. The offer is 20 per cent. to accommodation endorsers. His liabilities are between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

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St. Andrew's Society at the last meeting decided to contribute the surplus from their annual celebration this year to the Transvaal war fund, N. B. contingent.

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On Friday, Dec. 15, William Rhodes died after an illness of two weeks, aged 52 years. He was a native of Amherst, and removed to Kent Co. many years ago, carrying on the harness business.—Times.

Harold Crosskill, third son of F. Crosskill of the D. A. R., and for some time a stenographer in the Metropolitan Insurance office, New York, has accepted a position of the same nature on a wholesale business, in Chill, South America, and will leave for there immediately after Christmas.

General freight agent F. W. Peters of the C. P. R. at Nelson, B. C., was one of the speakers at a banquet lately given at Greenwood, B. C., in honor of the completion of the Columbia and Vancouver routes of the C. P. R. in the Boundary country. Mr. Peters is a brother to W. T. Peters, I. C. R. agent at Routhessay.

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SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF EVERY BOTTLE OF GASTORIA. Castoria is put up in one-size bottles only. It is not sold in bulk. Don't allow anyone to sell you anything else on the plea or promise that it is "just as good" and "will answer every purpose." See that you get O-A-S-T-O-R-I-A. The Fac-Simile Signature is in an envelope.

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WANTED. WANTED—A second class female teacher for school district No. 10, Kings Co. Apply, stating salary, to R. M. DUNDOP, Secy to Trustees, Passmore, Kings Co., N. B.

WANTED. WANTED—Energetic Agents. Our men are making from \$100 to \$350 per month. Exceptional opportunities offered to good men. Previous experience unnecessary. Apply, UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD, Toronto, Ont.

WANTED. WANTED—RELIABLE Good land, well situated, for farming, to introduce and advertise our goods taking up the case on fence along public roads and all conspicuous places. No experience needed. Salary of commission \$50 per month and expenses \$2.50 per day. Write at once for full particulars. THE EMPIRE MILLING CO., London, Ont.

NOTICE. All persons are hereby forbidden to cut lumber or in any wise trespass on a certain lot of land situated in the Parish of Saint Martin, in the Province of New Brunswick, and bounded as follows: North by the Rhoads Mill Brook, which lands formerly owned by Thomas Fowles, south by the Salmon River Road, and on the west by lands formerly owned by the late George Burgess. LYDIA ANN BISHOP, Harvey, Albert County, N. B., November 18th, 1899.

FIRE AT HALIFAX. HALIFAX, Dec. 20.—The works of the Carris Paterson Manufacturing Co. on the North West Arm, makers of tar products, was burned down this evening. The building was a fine wooden one, and the stock was completely destroyed. The loss, \$4,800, is covered by insurance in the office of the Union Assurance Company of London and in the Western Assurance Company. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was discovered by the foreman when about to lock up the factory. The same immediately burst out near the roof, and in half an hour the whole place was in ashes. The books were destroyed, but Superintendent Sanderson says that duplicates are in St. John, so that the loss will not be of much inconvenience. The works were rumbled with orders. Rebuilding will begin tomorrow, and orders have already been given for new machinery.

ONE OF MANY. The following, copied from a postal card received from a news agent today is one of many like notices that the Sun has received since the Box war started:

Dec. 19, 1899. We do not get nearly enough papers. Could have sold 25 more on Saturday. Today we got 50 and all were gone before an hour. Send 75 at least and up to 125, as the news warrants.

All news agents will please notify the Sun office when their supply of papers is not sufficient for the demand. The resources of the establishment are sufficient to supply the needs of all.

DEATH OF CAPT. A. COX. Captain Archibald Cox of Millbrook, N. B., who was well known











A DIVINE SYMBOL.

Pillars of Smoke Typify God's Power.

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The Rev. Dr. Talmage Speaks of the Truth and Its Trials.

The trials through which the truth here see forth under a Bible symbol of great suggestiveness and power; text, Solomon's Song III., 6, "Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke?"

Meet me at any depot the world over, and with my eyes closed take me by the hand and lead me so that my feet will not stumble, and with one eye only looking down or looking on the level take me to some high roof or tower and let me see the tops of the churches, and I will tell you the proportion of suicides, or persons of murdered and beheaded, according as the churches are numerous as the cranes few. According as the churches are few the crimes are numerous. The most beautiful organ ever will see is the much maligned church, the friend of all good, the foe of all evil, "fair as the moon and clear as the sun."

THE BEST INSTITUTION. You lying and hypocritical world, shut up those slanders about the church of Christ, an institution which, far from being what it ought to be, and never pretending to be perfect, is 500 times better than any other institution that the world ever saw or ever dreamed of. The highest honor I ever had, and the highest honor I mean to do, is to have my name on her records as a member. At her altars I repented. At her sacraments I believed. In her service let me die. From her doors let me be buried. In her arms let me be comforted. In her bosom let me be buried. In her arms let me be comforted. In her bosom let me be buried.

THE ARBITRATOR OF NATIONS. The church of God will yet become the arbitrator of nations. If the world would allow it, it could today step in between Germany and France and settle the trouble about Alsace and Lorraine, and between England and her antagonists, and between all the other nations that are trying at each other's throats and command peace and disband armies and harness for the plow, and armament wagons or saddled for cavalry charge. That time must come, or through the increased facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and whirling hosts to instant death, so that we can kill a regiment easier than we could once kill a company, and kill a brigade easier than we could once kill a regiment, the patent of the world more busy than ever in recognizing new engineering of destruction, the human race will after awhile go fighting with one arm, and hobbling with one foot, and stumbling along with one eye, and some ingenious inventor, inspired of the archangel of all mischief, will contrive a machine that will bore a hole to the earth's centre, and some desperate nation will throw into that hole enough dynamite to blow this hulk of a planet into fragments, dropping the meteoric stones on surrounding stellar habitations.

But this shall not be, for whatever I let go I hang on to my Bible, which tells me that the blacksmith's shop shall yet come to its grandest use when the warrior and the husbandman shall enter it side by side, and the soldier shall throw into its bank of fire his sword, and the farmer shall pick up a plowshare, and the straight spear shall be bent into a crook at each end and then cut in two, and what was once spear shall now be a pruning hook. Down with the sword, and what was once spear shall now be a pruning hook. Down with the sword, and what was once spear shall now be a pruning hook. Down with the sword, and what was once spear shall now be a pruning hook.

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It is demonstrated to all honest men that it is not so certain that William Cullen Bryant wrote "Thanatopsis" or Longfellow wrote "Hawthorn" as that God by the hand of prophecy and apostrophe, wrote the Bible. All the wise men in science and law and medicine and literature and merchandise are gradually coming to believe in Christianity, and soon there will be no people who are not conscious of lack of brain or men with two families, who do not believe in it because it rebukes their avish propensities.

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When wrapped in fire the realms of ether glow, And heaven's thunders shake the firmament below, Then, undismayed, shall o'er the ruins smile And light thy torch at Nature's funeral pile.

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gram from Poughkeepsie stating that I am in South Africa. I have no doubt the article was given by some thoughtful friend, and I am glad that it would annoy and possibly injure me. The oath of allegiance taken at West Point binds all officers not to take up arms with any foreign state. Moreover, my sympathies are wholly on the English side, and it surprises me to see how some mistaken persons are endeavoring to lead others to sympathize with the Transvaal. The fact that eminent Americans in the Transvaal have many interviews with the English press, will only produce in England a feeling of hostility and indignation for her sympathy in the Spanish war. The rumor started from a remark dropped by Haveras that an intention to go to South Africa in the near future is a mining, not military, expedition. I trust will deny this in any way you deem proper, and that your action will be followed by other papers which are published in the despatch.