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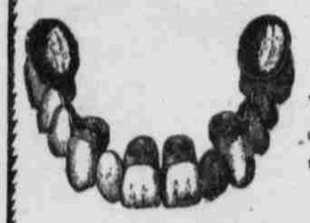

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OFFICIAL IGNORANCE REVEALED

The London Times Roasts the Ordnance Department

Bombardment of Mafeking Continues -- Humorous Message Sent in a Five Pound Shell -- New Zeland Regiment Scores a Victory -- What General Buller Wants -- England at Last Decides to Send Cavalry to South Africa Now Mobilizing the Yeomanry --- Ten Thousand Mounted Infantry to Be Dispatched to the Seat of War -- Enthusiasm of Volunteers

By Associated Press to the Journal.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—It is rumored here that the bank of Russia has advanced the bank of England eight million pounds.

Costly Ignorance.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

LONDON, Dec. 20 —Further accounts of the Tugela River battle emphasize the ignorance of the British intelligence department in regard to the disposition of the Boer forces. The British were not aware that the Boers were entrenched along a series of low-lying hills, immediately northward of the Colenso bridge, until a staggering fire compelled them to retreat when the attack seemed about to succeed. The Boers were also in greater numbers than was anticipated.

It becomes clear also that the British guns were lost in the attempting to get within effective range of the Boer artillery, showing that the latter outranged the British ordinance. The British war office comes in for scathing denunciaton from the Times today, for not providing proper artillery. There was no news this morning to enlighten the general situation.

The British Advance

December 18, after shelling Jasfontein farm three miles eastward of the Boer position, the New Zealanders occupied the farm.

From Mafeking.

By Associated Press to the Journal

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The last news from Mafeking is dated the sixth and says: Desultory bombardment continued and sharpshooters engage in smart duels mornings and evenings. The dispatch describes a novel method of sending messages adopted by some Boers. A five-pounder shell was fired into the town and did not explode. It was opended and found to contain as letter as follows:

"Dear Powell: Excuse iron messenger. No other means of communication. Please tell Mrs.—her mother and family are all well. Don't drink all the whiskey. Leave some for us when we get in."

A Rumor About Guns.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Durban dated Saturday says it is rumored that General Buller called for volunteers to recover the abandoned guns and the party brought in the guns which were uninjured.

A Boer Estimate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Charles D. Pierce, consul in this city from the Orange Free State, was asked what he thought about the way things were going in South Africa. He said:

"The British can send 1,800,000 troops down there instead of 180,000 if they want to, and still they won't get the upper hand for a year or two."

Pray As They Shoot.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Antwerp says: Two great prayer meetings were held tonight at Rotterdam by the Dutch pastors gathered from all Holland. The Transvaal hymn was sung and 60,000 florins collected for the Boer wounded.

Menelik's Attitude.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—London papers display much anxiety over the attitude of Menelik, the emperor of Abyssinia, toward England. There is a dispute as to the boundary between Egypt and Abyssinia, and it is feared Menelik may consider the present an excellent time to make a demonstration against the British.

After Midnight News.

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 essential to 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 Yoemanry," to be recruited from yeomanry, volunteers and civilians possessing the requisite qualifications Enlistment will be for one year, or during the continuance of the war.

The men must be between 20 and 25 years of age, and of equal physique to the ordinary cavalry soldier. Officers and men are to provide their own horses and to wear neutral tint cloth shooting jackets, not necessarily uniform, felt hats, breeches and gaiters. All must be good riders and marksmen.

The same order invites every volunteer regiment that is linked with regular batallion serving at the front to supply a full company, which will take the place of the mounted infantry of the regiment.

These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force. The enrolled strength of the yeomanry forces, which originated in the troublesome periods of the French revolution, is now 10,433. Their services have never before been called for in war.

Raising of Volunteers.

The lord mayor of London, Alfred Newton, is raising and equipping a force of 1000 volunteers among the city corps. The large city firms are contributing the necessary expenses.

Colonel Sir Charles Howard Vincent, commandant of the Queen's Westminster volunteers has also offered to raise a regiment of 1000 picked men.

Ninety per cent of the members of the Honorable artillery company, of London have volunteered for service in South Africa.

Twothirds of the Inns of Court volunteers, composed of barristers and solicitors, have likewise tendered their services.

The enthusiasm of volunteer enlistments 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, December 26, 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 a Christmas tree 25 feet high will hang with gifts.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

Further Evidence of a Secret Understanding Between Them.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 25.—Additional indications of a secret understanding between China and Japan is seen in the honors conferrol on Yamo Fumio, who resigned the position of Japanese minister at Pekin, it is said, to take the post of foreign adviser to the Imperial Chinese government. The empress Dowager conferred on him the double dragon of the first-class. He has left for Tokio for special instructions from the Japanese government.

STAGE ROBBERS ON TRIAL.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

POLTLAND Dec. 20.—In the federal court today Van C. Alexandor, the detective who secured the arrest of Barclay and Farrens the Malheur county Oregon stage robbers, was placed on trial. Alexander is charged by Barclay and Farrens with being their accomplice. E. D. Upshur, driver, was on the witness stand and described the hold up of the stage.

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For Lawton's Widow

By Associated Press to the Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Fairbanks introduced a bill granting a pension of $2,000 yearly to the widow of General Lawton.

House Empty.

By Associated Press to the Journal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. Three fourths of the seats in the house were empty today, a majority of the members having left for their homes to spend the holidays. After reading the journal Payne moved an adjournment, the motion was defeated on a rising vote. Mr. Payne demanded the ayes and noes.

Motion was defeated and Payne was subjected to some good-natured chaffing by Richardson. Grow secured the floor for a brief reply to the remarks of Gaines yesterday and after some routine business to the house adjourned until January 4, 1900.

Place for Olney.

By Associated Press to the Journal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The presiding officer laid before the senate a communication from the regents of the Smithsonian institute, suggesting in the form of a joint resolution the appointment of a former secretary of state, Richard Olney, to fill the vacancy on the board of regents. The resolution was left on the table.

Training Ships.

By Associated Press to the Journal

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

"The navy department purposes to ask congress for $1,000,000 to build two first-class training ships. Such ships are declared to be indispensible to maintain a force of skilled seamen to work the warships.

KILLED BY THE ENEMY.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 20.—A letter written by Lieutenant-Colonel Breerton was received by the widow of the late Major John A. Logan. It sets at rest the story that Logan was killed by his own men. Breerton states that Logan was shot by the enemy's bullets while assisting wounded soldiers.

LABOR LEADER IS RE-ELECTED

By Associated Press to the Journal

DETROIT, Dec. 20.—Samuel Gompers was unanimously re-elected president of the American federation of labor.

FARMERS REGULARS.

Great Britain No Match for the Little South African Republics.

John P. McManus in the Pendleton Republican.

The reverses with which the thoroughly trained and experienced soldiers of Great Britain have met at the hands of South African farmers is inexplicable. The British have met with a repulse in every battle of any consequence that has taken place up to date. The defeat at Laing's Nek was at first characterized as a stupid blunder on the part of General White, but the other repulses which have followed at Stormburg and Modder river emphasize the fact that the British are outgeneraled or else the officers in command are laboring under a woeful lack of knowledge of the topography of the country. It was to be expected that the British would find it difficult to cope with the superior numbers they would at first have to content against, but at present the Boers have no advantage over the British in numerical strength, as the latter have upwards of 80,000 troops engaged in the Transvaal war as compared with 50,000 or 60,000 farmers under Paul Kruger. When it is remembered that there were only 24,000 British soldiers engaged in the Battle of Waterloo it is all the more strange that with a force of 80,000 not one battle out of the nine engagements that have taken place up to date can be regarded as a victory for the British.

We cannot understand how it is possible for the farmers of the Transavaal to have from 12,000 to 15,000 men stationed at so many different places to meet the forces of the enemy. The British soldier has few equals as a daring fighter and the many unsuccessful sorties attempted must be attributable to a decaying leadership. Had this government been no more successful in putting down the insurrection in the Philippines than the British have been in the invasion of South Africa we would have been the laughing stock of all nations. While we were largely outnumbered to commence with the American troops suffered not even one discouraging defeat. But in this country our troops are led principally by young men who won their way from the lower ranks up to their present positions and not by men with a handle to their names.

While England is possessed of vast resources and is in a position to place in the field five men to every Boer in South Africa, it will be necessary for her to obtain a decisive victory very shortly over General Cronje if she hopes to be able to arrest the wide spread opinion that she is no match for the Boers, and in the interest of humanity should be made to give up the perilous task of carrying the white man's burden in South Africa. If the war were to be brought to a close tomorrow, in our opinion General Conje has already shown himself to be the greatest living general of Europe.

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LAST HONORS TO BRUMBY

By Associated Press to the Journal.

ATLANTA, Dec. 20.—The body of flag lieutenant Brumby arrived from Washington this morning. Funeral took place this afternoon.

CHINA-JAPAN JUNKET BILL

By Associated Press to the Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A bill authorizing the appointment by the president of a commission to visit China and Japan, and report upon the commercial and industrial conditions of these countries, was introduced in the house by Hepburn of Iowa.

Recovering.

J. R. Willard, who attempted suicide in the county jail yesterday morning, is reported as on the road to recovery.

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