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## DISAFFECTION AMONG TROOPS

Complain of the Overbearing Conduct of Cronje's Men.

## THEY DO NOT EXPECT VICTORY

Transvaalers Are Suspicious and the Situation is Grave—Joubert Has Recovered.

MOORE RIVER, Cape Colony, Dec. 20.—The British naval guns command the whole Boers' position, and possess the exact range of every stone and bush. They frequently plant shells with good advantage in the midst of the group of Boers. The Boers are reported to be returning home for Christmas.

Recent arrivals from Jacobsdal report that notwithstanding the Boer success, the Free Staters do not expect ultimate victory. They complain of the overbearing conduct of General Cronje's men, who are alleged to be better fed and posted in the safest positions. The Transvaalers do not conceal their suspicions of possible defection of Free Staters and threaten to shoot them at the least sign of wavering. The Free Staters are said to regard subjection to the Transvaal as more to be feared than subjection to Great Britain.

PRETORIA, Dec. 18.—General Joubert has recovered, and returned to the front today.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The latest cable dispatches from South Africa show the situation at the front is practically unchanged. With the exception of desultory artillery practice, to which the Boers did not reply, the British continue to mark time. The Boers heavily bombarded Ladysmith for a couple of hours December 16, the day after the battle of Tugela river, but little damage was done. They killed one man and wounded two men of the garrison.

Advices from Cape Town say the New Zealanders, with General French at Nauwpoort, were in a tight corner December 18. They were nearly surrounded by Boers, and retired under a hail of bullets fired at short range, but sustained only little loss. Among the Boers killed at Stormberg were many of that locality who had joined the Free State forces.

Several newspaper correspondents have returned to Cape Town from Modder river, apparently confirming the belief that an immediate advance of the British is not projected.

## STILL GET INTO SKIRMISHES

They Are Not Usually Serious, Excepting for Rebels—Funeral of General Lawton Took Place Saturday.

MANILA, Dec. 26.—Colonel Franklin Bell, of the Thirty-sixth infantry, encountered 150 Filipinos Thursday, near Alaminos, province of Zamboanga, and killed, wounded or captured twenty-eight of them. The troops also obtained possession of rifles and a quantity of ammunition. One American was wounded.

A detachment of the Thirty-fourth infantry encountered a band of the enemy Saturday at Artao, province of New Vizcaya, and routed them, killing two and wounding or capturing thirteen. The Americans also seized a quantity of ammunition.

The Twenty-first regiment attacked the Filipino outpost Sunday near Camaba, scattering them and killing five of the enemy.

The Thirty-second regiment Sunday had a brush with the enemy from the mountains northwest of Dinalupjan. One American was wounded. The troops captured 125 head of cattle, and brought them to Granki, Bataan province.

In the island of Panay, Captain Brownell's company of the Twenty-sixth infantry fought the enemy near Sala. The rebels lost heavily and the Americans captured a number of rifles. The rebels who fled from Panay to

Romblon island are surrendering to an American garrison from Panay.

The funeral of General Lawton will take place December 30. The remains will be embarked on the transport Thomas.

## Bad Fire at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 25.—The large two-story warehouse opposite the depot, formerly known as the Grangers' warehouse, burned at 10 o'clock tonight. The owner was Mrs. Josephine, and the lessees Miller & Aikens. The warehouse is a total loss, together with much valuable machinery, 50 tons of grain and fifteen tons of flour. The loss is about \$4,000, fully covered by insurance.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but it was evidently incendiary. It originated in the back part of the upper story. Energetic work by the fire department saved the adjoining warehouses. By prompt work the railway employes removed many cars that were exposed.

## Six Indian Women Killed.

SAN JACINTO, Cal., Dec. 25.—It is estimated that the damage here caused by the earthquake will aggregate over \$50,000. The main shock was preceded by a loud roaring and awakened many just in time to escape from the doomed buildings.

The business street was such a wreck that tons of debris had to be removed before buildings could be entered.

At Saboba Indian reservation, six squaws were killed by a falling wall, two fatally, and many seriously injured.

The shock caused dry artesian wells to flow larger streams than ever before. Considerable damage is reported in near-by villages.

## Queen's Christmas Tree.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The wives and families of the guards from Windsor, now serving in South Africa, assembled at St. George's hall, Windsor, this afternoon to participate in the queen's Christmas tree celebration. Queen Victoria, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Henry of Battenburg, the Duchess of Albany, and others of the royal family were present. The tree, which was 25 feet high, was illuminated with electric lights and covered with presents, which the members of the household distributed after tea. The queen evinced the greatest interest in the festivities.

## Storm in the Lake Region.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 25.—A 35-mile northwest gale is blowing on Lake Michigan off this port tonight, and steamers arriving are thickly coated with ice. The steamers Elphicke and Cumberland, coal-laden from Cleveland, arrived today. The Lyons and City of Rome, also carrying coal, en route from Cleveland for Milwaukee, are still out but no anxiety is felt as to their safety. The Chicago Milwaukee liners, plying across the lake, are running on time. The thermometer registers close to zero.

## Colored Children Cremated.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 26.—Three colored children named Dixon, aged 9, 7 and 3 years, were burned to death today during a fire, which destroyed the home of their parents. The mother of the children locked the little ones in an upstairs room while she went out to do some errands. In some unknown manner fire broke out in the lower part of the building. The three children were found in a corner of the room under a blanket.

## Roland Reed Ill.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Roland Reed, the actor, is seriously ill at St. Luke's hospital, suffering from appendicitis, and his road engagements for the holiday week have been canceled. Up to tonight no surgical operation had been performed, and the surgeons had not decided whether or not one would be necessary. They are hopeful of recovery.

## Oscar Wilde Challenged.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Oscar Wilde, who has for some time been living in Paris, may have to fight a duel. According to the Echo de Paris, he became involved in an altercation in a restaurant last evening with M. Richeb, the explorer, and as a result cards were exchanged.

## Little Damage at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—The most severe earthquake ever felt in Los Angeles came at 4:27 this morning. No great damage is reported. There were two shocks, the first being the most prolonged. The shock lasted about twelve seconds, the undulations being from north to south.

## S. E. Truesdell Dead.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Dec. 27.—S. E. Truesdell, one of the oldest newspaper men in the Northwest, died here tonight. For many years he was connected in various capacities with the Pioneer Press, in St. Paul.

## A SEVERE SHAKING UP

Disastrous Earthquake in Southern California.

## THE WORST IN MANY YEARS

Shock Caused Great Damage at San Jacinto and Hemet—Six Indian Women Killed.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—At 4:25 o'clock this morning a severe earthquake shock was felt over a large portion of Southern California. The undulations lasted twelve seconds. The entire center of the shock appears to have been at San Jacinto, a small town in Riverside county. The business portion of San Jacinto consists of two blocks of two-story buildings, some of which are built of brick. Ten or fifteen buildings were damaged, chimneys being toppled over and walls cracked and shaken. The total damage at San Jacinto and Hemet, a small town near by, is estimated at \$50,000. The large tourist hotel at Hemet was damaged and the hospital at San Jacinto also suffered. The shock was heavy at Santa Ana, Anaheim, San Bernardino, Riverside and other places, but no particular damage is reported, except from San Jacinto and Hemet.

## Where the Shock Was Heaviest.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 25.—Word received here today says that San Jacinto suffered severely from a shock of earthquake, which occurred there about 4:25 a. m. Every brick building in town is badly damaged. The county hospital, at Bowers, shared the fate of other buildings, but the greatest damage was sustained by the stores and business houses.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—THOMAS C. BOWER, Glencoe, O. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

## FIRST REPORTS ARE SUBSTANTIATED

Discovery Is Within 200 Feet of Stage Road to Granite—Gold is Visible to the Eye.

SUMPTER, Dec. 25.—A week ago The Oregonian gave the first report of a rich strike four miles from Granite. Since then fully two miles of the ledge from which the assay was made has been located. Mr. Murray, of Sumpter, has made fourteen assays from ore dug out by himself at as many different places along the ledge, the lowest one showing a value of \$4.13, and the highest \$29. These assays are of surface croppings, and, following the rule for this section, would indicate an exceptionally rich and extensive vein. The rock is of porphyry formation. The quartz is free milling, gold being visible to the eye.

The stage road runs just at the foot of the mountain, not 200 feet from the original discovery, and the tunnel will start just below and run under this road. Every man, woman and child that has ever gone from Sumpter to Granite has passed this way, and seen the spot where now stand the location stakes. All have passed on, many to find good property miles beyond; others have failed. They call it luck. One man passed there a month before this discovery was made, and in his ignorance remarked to an old prospector in that stage that there might be gold in that mountain. The prospector looked wise and said there was no ore there; the rock was not the right formation.

## No Change in the Situation.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Cape Town, dated December 26:

"There is no change in the situation. Methuen reports that the enemy's force has increased and is now engaged in in-

trenching  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles from his outlying pickets. Methuen reconnoitered with two squadrons and mounted infantry for two miles along the line, and drew the fire of four guns and two Vickers' machine guns. Four horses were hit.

"The queen's Christmas message was received with enthusiasm. Gaitzere is endeavoring to reopen communication with the Indwe colliers."

## N. P. WRECK A BAD ONE

Ten Days Have Past and Last Body Has Just Been Recovered.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 27.—Although ten days have passed since the tragic Northern Pacific wreck in Kendrick canyon, and the body of the fifth and last dead trainman has been taken out, the mass of railroad iron has not been cleared away. It is piled so high that it has turned the channel of Potlach creek.

Inquiry into the cause of the wreck, just concluded, shows that the trainmen were at fault. They had eighteen flat cars loaded with steel rails for the Clearwater cut-off and two locomotives. They should have divided the train before starting down the tremendous 2 per cent grade in the canyon, as the tracks were slippery with a light snow. The heavy load got beyond control, and although the conductor and one brakeman saved themselves by cutting off the cabooses, the train was wrecked, causing a loss of \$100,000, and the loss of five lives.

## Fire at La Grande.

LA GRANDE, Dec. 27.—A fire occurred here yesterday morning at 5:30, which completely destroyed the undertaking warehouses of J. C. Henry, valued at \$750, together with a stock valued at \$3000. Nothing was saved. The building was covered by \$500 insurance, and the stock by \$1500. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

## Mrs. Amelia Strang, of Salem.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Amelia Strang, mother of A. E. Strang, engineer at the insane asylum, and sister of Mrs. Thomas Reynolds and Mrs. Anna Miller, of Portland, died in this city today of dropsy. She was 62 years old.

## Oregon Chautauqua Assembles.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 27.—J. W. Gray, secretary of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association, has returned from San Francisco, where he attended a conference of delegates from the various assemblies. The meeting was held to select lecturers and entertainers for the summer assemblies. Theodore Roosevelt, Bishop Benson, Clara Barton, Jubilee singers, and Alton Packard, were the choices of the conference. In the event that satisfactory terms cannot be made with all these, selections will be made from a list consisting of Thomas Mc Cleary, Robert Burdette, George W. Bain, Dr. Gunsaulus and Booker T. Washington. The date for the Gladstone Park assembly was fixed for July 11-21, and the Ashland assembly July 11-20.

## Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised 'Electric Bitters'; and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c, guaranteed, at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

## O. R. & N. Boys Right of Way.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 27.—The O. R. & N. right-of-way agent, Captain Wanner, has completed the purchase of a right of way through Vineland, paying in cash the sum of \$15,000. The right of way includes about 15 acres of ground, and extends along the bank of the Snake river opposite Lewiston. There have been so many false motions made on the part of the railroads that nobody has a remnant of confidence left in their sincerity. There was a time when a purchase amounting to \$5,000 would have caused some interest to be manifested. Not one person in a hundred believes that the purchase was made, although the money was paid in cash.

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## DISGRACE TO THE NATION

Horrible Story of Condition of Cuban Prisons.

## ALL DARE NOT BE TOLD

Assassins, Brigands, Pickpockets and Young Men and Boys Even Suspected of Disorderly Conduct, Are All Huddled Together, Sleeping on Bare Stones Covered With Vermin and Disease Germs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Charlton T. Lewis, president of the New York Prison Association, who went to Cuba on behalf of the state and other organizations in the United States, has made a sensational report to the secretary of war in regard to the penal institutions of the island. He contends that this government is responsible, and says that a truthful description of the prisons "would arouse universal indignation, which would probably be misdirected." After urging this government, through the war department, to stop the "intolerable cruelty and injustice, which now constitute a national disgrace," Mr. Lewis adds:

"Great prisons are overcrowded with men and boys. Assassins, brigands, pickpockets and young men charged with disorderly conduct, or merely suspected of slight offenses, are herded together in absolute idleness and unrestricted intercourse. With no change of clothing, no blanket or semblance of bed, many hundreds sleep on bare stones, where filth and vermin are kept down only by constant sprinkling with disinfectants.

"In some prisons the only disinfectant known is insect powder, and cases of tuberculosis, some of them are far advanced, infect the rooms and doubtless spread the seeds of disease. Moral and physical contagion are promoted on a vast scale together. Most of these prisoners have been proved guilty of no offense.

"In this hell upon earth they are held indefinitely while the judges of first instance investigate the charges. Each of these judges has a secretary, who can often secure a dismissal, but the prisoner without money or influence must wait."

## WILL SHUT OFF SUPPLIES

The Report is Not Credited in Either France or Germany, but the Paper Publishing It Asserts That Its Source of Information is Infallible.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The announcement of the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger that under the secret stipulations of the treaty, Germany will take Portugal's African colonies and the

territory north of the Zambesi and England Delagoa bay, is the most startling news of the day. The authority is not official, and the statement of concerted action by the two powers against French and Russian occupation must be accepted with reserve until the foreign office confirms it. The alleged payment of 25,000,000 marks for Germany's share in this territorial trade also seems doubtful.

Some disclosure of this kind has been expected in diplomatic circles for several weeks, since the necessity for shutting off the supplies of arms and ammunition for the Transvaal has become apparent with prolongation of the war. While the Russian press forecasts the occupation of Herat as the first consequence of their occupation of Delagoa bay, the French journals are cautious to know what the Washington government will do regarding the seizure of American vessels by the British navy. Whatever that action may be, reports that Mr. Choate has intervened in the matter are premature and unfounded. The British prize courts will without doubt be allowed to do their work precisely as the American prize operated during the war with Spain, and questions of contraband of war and neutral rights will be argued in due course.

Russian and French rumors that all neutral powers will intervene if England takes effective measures for closing the back door against the entrance of contraband of war into the Transvaal are colored by the general belief that there is a secret agreement with Germany relating to any emergency which may arise on the east coast.

## Statements Inaccurate.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—So many alleged disclosures of secret Delagoa bay agreements have recently been submitted to the British foreign office that the officials have made it a rule neither to deny nor affirm them, and when questioned regarding the statements of the Lokal Anzeiger, the officials adhered to this ruling but a representative of the Associated Press gathered that the alleged disclosures were quite inaccurate. A dispatch to the Times from Berlin comments on the Lokal Anzeiger treaty statement as follows:

"When it is remembered that two of Portugal's Asiatic possessions, Goa and Damoa, form enclaves of the province of Bombay, the statements of the Lokal Anzeiger border on the fantastic."

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