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## FORCED CLEMENT TO RETIRE

Five British Officers Have Been Killed, and it is Feared That Four Companies of Northumberland Fusiliers Have Been Captured.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Lord Kitchener reports that after severe fighting at Noot Gedacht, General Clement's forces were compelled to retire by Commandant DeLarey, with a force of 2500 men. Five British officers were killed. The other casualties were not reported. Lord Kitchener's official dispatch to the war office is as follows:

"Pretoria, Dec. 13.—Clement's force, at Noot Gedacht, on the Magaliesburg, was attacked at dawn today by DeLarey, reinforced by Beyer's commando from Warmbath, making a force estimated at 2500. Though the first attack was repulsed, the Boers managed to get to the top of the Magaliesburg, which was held by four companies of the Northumberland fusiliers, and were thus able to command Clement's camp. He retired on Hekpoort, and took up a position on a hill in the center of the valley.

"The casualties have not been completely reported, but the fighting was very severe, and I deeply regret that Colonel Legge, of the Twentieth Hussars, and Captains Mellan, Murdoch and Atkinson were killed. Reinforcements have been sent."

Lord Kitchener also reports that the Boers have been repulsed and were repulsed at L. ... Attacks upon Bethlehem and Vryheid were also repulsed, the Boers losing ten killed and fourteen wounded. Vryheid was attacked December 11. Fighting continued when the message was dispatched.

The scenes at the war office today recall those witnessed in the early stages of the war. A constant stream of excited people filled the lobbies, all seeking details of the disaster. The absence of the names of any of the officers of the Northumberland fusiliers in General Kitchener's dispatch to the foreboding that the four companies of the fusiliers mentioned are in the hands of the Boers. The war office officials evidently expect a heavy casualty list, but they are hopeful from the fact that the dispatch does not mention the capture of the Northumberland that such a great catastrophe has been escaped.

Orders were issued at Aldershot, Malta and other military centers to dispatch all the available mounted infantry to South Africa.

It is reported that General Knox, cooperating with the British column at Reddersburg, has stopped General Dewet and that a battle is proceeding. The report adds that many of General Dewet's followers have been captured.

The scene of the fight is ominously close to Pretoria. Noot Gedacht is only 22 miles northwest of Pretoria.

### Opposition To Sugar Trust

New York, Dec. 14.—The Times prints the following: New opposition to the American Sugar Refining Company is now developing. It comes from two sources. The two-fold opposition comes first from the Arbuckle and the second from Philadelphia interests and is admitted by Herman Sliken, who is at the head of the American Company's coffee business, and who is generally credited as being closer to Havemeyer than any other man in the trade. Briefly outlined, it may be said that the plan of the Arbuckle is to build a new refinery equal in capacity and every other respect to and adjoining the present one in Brooklyn. So far as the Philadelphia opposition is concerned, not much of a definite nature is known. At the office of Arbuckle Brothers, James N. Jarvie said: "I refuse absolutely to talk on the matter."

President Havemeyer would not discuss the report.

### Escaped Missionary Speaks About China

New York, Dec. 14.—China is on the verge of partition. There is no way by which the integrity of the nation can be sustained. Such was the conclusion of the address given last night by Dr. Willis C. Noble before the People's Club. Dr. Noble was stationed at Pao Ting Fu by the American board of foreign missions, and made his escape shortly after the uprising of the Boxers. In the course of his remarks Dr. Noble also said:

"There is no telling how the negotiations with the Chinese officials are going to result. No document signed by the empress or stamped with the great seal has yet been received by the representative of the powers. Indeed, there is

nothing in the attitude of the great foreign nations involved in this trouble that shows they really purpose to reinstate the young emperor, although all acknowledge that he is the only hope of the nation's salvage. The reason is that the reinstatement of the young man would be impracticable. He is so under the influence of the empress dowager, and she is so hostile to foreign interests, that his reinstatement to the throne would bring ultimate discord and corruption. With the palace looted, with Peking divided and patrolled by different foreign nations, there is little likelihood that the court will ever be re-established there. In my mind, the only solution of the problem is the dismemberment of China among the powers. Whoever may have doubted this before will believe with me now on hearing that the anti-foreign sentiment has again issued in innuendoes threatening all foreigners."

## THE BILL WAS NOT DEFEATED

There is Still Hope For Canal Legislation—The Treaty Was Unpopular. McBrides Position.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The canal bill is not yet defeated and it is evident that a large majority of the senate is still in favor of it. The treaty unamended is distinctly unpopular in many sections and in order to get the bill through, the friends of the canal are willing to make any kind of a concession regarding the treaty. Those most interested in the canal cannot locate the various interests that are working against it, but they are supposed to be trans-continental lines and the Panama concern.

Senator McBride, although quoted as opposing the Davis amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, says he is heartily in favor of that amendment and his vote yesterday was recorded in its support. The senator maintains his position as previously outlined that the adoption of the Davis amendment, as shown by the large vote of yesterday, was absolutely necessary to insure the ratification of the treaty, and that the ratification of the treaty is absolutely necessary to insure the passage of the canal bill. If the senate can avert the adoption of further amendments to the treaty he believes the canal bill will pass at this session.

As for himself, Senator McBride says he shall not support any amendment to the pending treaty which, in his judgment, would endanger the passage of the canal bill at this session.

### No Lives Were Lost

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—One of the severest storms which has ever visited San Francisco broke over the city at an early hour this morning and continued until noon in fitful gusts. Rain and wind sweeping over the city with unusual violence, and being accompanied by thunder and lightning, a rather unusual occurrence in this part of the country. At one time rain fell in such torrents that many thought a cloudburst was imminent.

During the height of the storm several houses were overturned by the wind, and one of the great receiving tanks of the San Francisco Gas & Electric Company was struck by lightning, the gas taking fire. No one was hurt in the explosion, but the tank was demolished.

During the storm the city was entirely cut off from telegraphic communication with the rest of the world, the telegraph companies losing every wire out of San Francisco. The damage to telegraph wires is being repaired rapidly, but this evening only partial service is being given. The bulk of the damage to the wires was caused by the blowing down of about 100 poles on the Oakland side of the bay. Some damage was done in the mountains, but nothing definite can be stated as to the extent. The telephone company also lost many of its long-distance wires.

### FRSHE BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The house today passed the war revenue reduction bill. The opposition sought to recommit the bill with instructions to report back a measure reducing the revenue at least \$70,000,000 and including a provision for an income tax, so drawn as to escape an adverse decision of the supreme court. The motion failed, 151 to 155. Thereupon the bill was passed without the concurrence of the minority, who refrained from voting. The amendments placed in the bill yesterday to tax express receipts was defeated on an aye and no vote in the house, 125 to 139. The pension appropriation bill, carrying \$145,145,230, was passed in exactly thirteen minutes.

## WAR FAR FROM BEING OVER

England Has Awakened to Fact in South Africa—Kitchener Wants More Men.

LONDON, Dec. 17, 4 a. m.—Lord Salisbury and his colleagues must today feel greatly relieved that parliament was prorogued Saturday. A grim irony now attaches to Lord Roberts' description of the war as "over." Yesterday the war office, for the first time in many months, remained open throughout Sunday, in response to the demand of public anxiety to learn the latest news.

Lord Kitchener is reported to have sent a fresh and urgent request to the government to send out every available mounted man. With General Dewet again escaped through the British cordon in the neighborhood of Thabachu, the serious affairs at Vryheid and Zastron and the Magalies Berg disaster confronting the British people, they will begin to ask, as they do, why Lord Roberts is allowed to come home.

The Colonial office announces its decision to enlist 5000 men, instead of 1000, previously asked, to be recruited in Great Britain for General Baden-Powell's constabulary, which shows that recruiting in South Africa is less active than has been anticipated. Dispatches from Laurence Marques assert that all the Boer forces are plentifully supplied with ammunition, but terribly in want of food and clothing.

Mr. Kruger, at The Hague, received William Stead yesterday. Mr. Stead urged him to continue his tour of Europe and go to America. The Boer statesman listened attentively, but declined to commit himself in any definite statement. It is understood he is about to remove from his hotel to a private residence, as though contemplating a prolonged stay at The Hague.

### Bryan's New Paper

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—William J. Bryan gave out the following interview today:

"I have for several years had in contemplation the establishment of a weekly newspaper, and this seems an opportune time for undertaking it. Intending to devote my life to the study and discussion of public questions, I have taken this method because it will best accomplish the purpose which I have in view. Through a paper, I will be able to keep in touch with social, economic and political problems. The paper will at the same time, if successful, provide an income sufficient for my pecuniary needs, and this kind of work will allow me more time with my family than I have been able to enjoy for several years past."

"I expect to lecture occasionally, especially in college towns, where I can speak to students, but my principal work will be done with the pen, or perhaps I should say, with the pencil. The paper will be called the Commoner and will defend the principles set forth in the Kansas City platform. I shall be publisher and editor and Lincoln will be the place of publication."

### Resemble Grain Aphids

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 15.—While plowing a summer fallow field that was cropped this season in fall wheat, Walter Yates yesterday afternoon found that he was turning up millions of little bugs that are in appearance identical with the grain aphid, the plowing is six inches deep, and the soil thrown out is permeated with the bugs. Joseph Yates, who owns the farm and has farmed it for thirty years, believes the bugs to be the regulation aphid, and he further believes their work at the roots of the wheat to have been largely responsible for the partial crop failure on the same field this season. Up to a late period in the season the prospect for a splendid crop was very bright, but at threshing time but fifteen bushels per acre was realized. The same field in the past has always returned from 25 to 30 or more bushels of wheat per acre.

Two weeks ago Lon Locke, plowing on the J. Fred Yates farm adjoining, discovered multitudes of bugs of the same kind, and all the farmers in the neighborhood declare them to be aphids. After an investigation of a similar discovery a couple of years ago, a member of the experiment station staff announced that the bugs were not grain aphids. The Yates farms are located in Linn county, three miles east of the Corvallis ferry.

### Bills Tangled Up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The ship subsidy bill has tangled up the Nicaragua canal bill, and the opponents of the subsidy are using the Hay-Pauncefote treaty

and the Nicaragua canal bill for the purpose of prolonging debate and staving off any possible vote on the shipping bill. It looks now as if some agreement would have to be reached that the shipping bill would not be pressed at this session in order to secure action on the treaty or on the Nicaragua canal bill. The friends of the canal believe that it is unwise to pass the bill until the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is superseded. It is doubtful whether the president would sign any bill unless the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is ratified or something else is done which will prevent complications that would ensue should the United States begin to build the canal with the Clayton-Bulwer treaty will recognized. While the friends of the canal still remain hopeful, it looks as if the whole matter were now shaping to defeat both canal and ship subsidy.

### Helen Keller is Learning to Speak

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Helen Keller, the deaf, blind and heretofore dumb student at Radcliff college, recently astonished and delighted the freshman class of which she is a vice-president by making a short address. It was at a class luncheon in Fay hall, and Helen, who has recently become able to make sounds, which can be understood by those familiar with her, responded when called upon by the chairman.

She spoke only a few words, in a low, immolated tone, which did not lack in strength and was even musical. Up to this point she had mumbled but a few words, but Miss Sullivan, her constant companion and guardian, can now understand her quite readily, as can others who have become accustomed to her.

Miss Keller, who is not yet 18 years old, shows a steady improvement in her new and wonderful accomplishment. Even those who know her and her remarkable mental capacity express astonishment at the headway she is making. The first public utterance to her fellow students at Fay hall was applauded rapturously. Every day she has long conversations in her own way with Miss Sullivan, who some time ago could understand her only from the movement of the lips. Now she takes up words and sentences and repeats them, until she improves in tone and modulation.

Miss Keller is an eager student, all of her time being taken up with her studies, which include French, English and history. Last week she spent several days in New York, and her friends say she was delighted with the trip.

### Original Manuscript Found

CARBONDALE, Ill., Dec. 15.—A special to the Salt Lake Tribune says:

Marshall Penrod, who lives on a farm close to the village of Dongola, Onion county, while digging a black oak stump out of a potato field close to his residence, found a stone a foot long and eight inches in diameter.

The peculiar shape of the stone, which which resembles a pocketbook, attracted his attention, and upon close examination he found carved on its face in the English language the following words:

"This stone contains the original manuscript of the Book of Mormon."

### Joseph Smith

The stone is hollow, with a hole drilled entirely through it, and at both ends red cedar plugs have been driven. When removing one of the plugs, several sheets of paper containing writing in hieroglyphics that could not be deciphered were found. The characters are very peculiar, following no known line of ancient writing.

At the bottom of the last page was found written in the English language: "The finder of this manuscript will deliver the same to the elder of the Mormon church."

The stone still remains with Mr. Penrod, and already communication has been made with the Salt Lake church, giving the incidents of the find.

### They Filled Gold Pieces

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Chief Wilkie, of the secret service, received a telegram today, announcing the arrest in San Francisco of William Benton Fritch and Emmett Benton Fritch, father and son, on a charge of counterfeiting. Last Tuesday a workman high up on the new post-office building at San Francisco noticed two men at work in a back room in a building some distance away. Occasionally one of the men came to the window and intently looked at an object in his hand. The workman grew suspicious, and came to the conclusion that the men were counterfeiters, and reported the facts to George Hazon, of the Western division of the secret service. Mr. Hazon procured a field glass, and on Wednesday went up on top of the postoffice building, where he watched the operations of the two men. His observations confirmed the conclusions of the workman, and with a search warrant he went to the place and found the two men engaged in "filling" ten dollar gold pieces. The men were arrested and \$3200 in coin captured.

## Bled Quarts at a Time

"I am a knife maker and worked for a number of years in the New York Knife Co.'s factory at Walden, N. Y. First thing I knew I commenced to bleed from the mouth. Sometimes as much as a quart of blood would come up from my lungs at a time. Every time I coughed the blood spurted out. It was in the fall I got so bad, and the church people told me I had better make my peace with the Lord and prepare to die, for I would not live till spring. My home doctor couldn't do me any good, but advised me to get to New York City for examination. They finally took me to a medical college, and a whole lot of physicians made what they called a diagnosis. There were several students looking on. One professor had a little ivory hammer, and with this he pounded my chest and held his ear close to listen. After a while the professor looked at me solemnly and declared: 'One of your lungs is about gone and the other is affected. There may be a slim chance for life if you quit working in that knife factory.' I went back home, but didn't improve. One day I saw an advertisement of free samples of Acker's English Remedy for Consumption, being given away by our home druggists, Walker & Eaton. I got one of these bottles, and it relieved me. Then I bought more of the regular size, and my improvement was continuous, although slow. My doctors were astonished and so was I. After dark I hated to spit, because I was afraid it might be blood, and I wanted to know for sure. I have no fear now, for at last I am a solid man again. Although one lung is gone, the other is as sound as a dollar, and answers as well as two lungs, so far as I can see. I want everyone to know the facts and that is why I tell them here." (Signed) A. H. SIMPSON.



Acker's English Remedy is sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee that your money will be refunded in case of failure. See and get a bottle in United States and Canada. In England, see ad. on p. 64. Write for the above literature. W. H. BOOKER & CO., Proprietors, New York.

For sale at Blakeley's Pharmacy.

## MONROE DOCTRINE TO BE ENFORCED

Trouble Looms Up Ahead Over Prospective Purchase by French Republic of a Portion of Guiana.

New York, Dec. 17.—A special to the Times from Washington says: The territory until recently in dispute between Brazil and France and which has been decreed to belong to Brazil will shortly become an object of a dispute between France and the United States, should the Monroe Doctrine be violated. The territory lying south of French Guiana in the State of Para, and containing 100,000 square miles, was claimed by Brazil and France, and Switzerland was made arbitrator. Her decision was in favor of Brazil. It is now reported that some French financiers anticipating that the decision would be favorable to France had already invested their capital in this territory. They are now, it is said, trying to engineer a deal by which the French government will buy this land from Brazil.

The state department has absolutely no knowledge on the subject. Its attention, however, has been called to the matter, and the attempt of the French capitalists to secure government aid in getting their money back will be watched with interest. There is hardly any question, it is said at the department, that such action would be a violation of the Monroe Doctrine and would call forth a protest from the United States.

As long as the claim was in its original form, France might have maintained that she was simply rectifying her boundaries, and that the United States cannot object to that. Even in that case a reification of boundaries which involved an area of 100,000 square miles would be closely scrutinized. France has, however, forfeited the right to make that claim by submitting the matter to arbitration by Switzerland. The territory has been officially decreed by the Swiss tribunal to be outside the boundaries of French Guiana.

### Played Out

Dull Headache, Pains in various parts of the body, Sinking at the pit of the stomach, Loss of appetite, Feverishness, Pimples or Sores are all positive evidences of impure blood. No matter how it became so it must be purified in order to obtain good health. Acker's Blood Purifier has never failed to cure Scrofulous or Syphilitic poisons or any other blood diseases. It is certainly a wonderful remedy and we sell every bottle on a positive guarantee. Blakeley, the druggist.

### Subsidy Bill Prospects

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The subsidy bill is not dead, for it may be revived in the next congress, and there is every indication that it cannot pass at this session. Already there has been organized a determined minority which will defeat the bill and force an extra session if the friends of the subsidy insist on putting it through. With the army reorganization and revenue bills to be considered, together with the appropriation bill, the minority say there are enough things to talk about to kill the subsidy bill with-

out any effort. If the subsidy men will come to the conclusion that they cannot get this bill through, there will then perhaps be a possibility of getting the canal bill passed.

Representative Jones today introduced a bill extending the free homestead law to the opened half of the Colville reservation, so that settlers may be relieved of paying \$1.50 for their lands.

The secretary of the treasury submits an additional estimate of \$25,000 for purchasing more land for the water supply and its protection at the Puget Sound Naval Station.

### "Wipe Out Hoodlumism"

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The first issue of the London Sun, under the editorship of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, appears this afternoon. The column where the day's betting is usually published contained, under the caption "Latest News," the "wages of sin is death," and other familiar texts, followed up by vigorous protests against gambling. The article declares, "If a paper cannot live six days without pandering to the gambler, the drunkard and the sensualist, let it withdraw."

In another editorial Dr. Parker urges the magistrates to "apply the cat and wipe out Hoodlumism."

### A Life And Death Fight

Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, Ex., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in Consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5.00 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure Throat, Chest and Lung troubles." Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Blakeley Drug Store.

### Found With a Bullet Through His Head

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 17.—Coroner Via held an inquest today over the remains of Andrew Dahlberg, who was yesterday found dead in his cabin near Reedville. Dahlberg was an industrious farmer about forty years of age, and was reputed to have considerable money about his house. It is generally believed that robbery was the motive which prompted the killing. He had been shot through the head with a rifle or revolver fired through the window.

The jury has not yet returned its verdict, which will in all probability be that deceased came to his death by being struck with a club by parties unknown, as there seems to be no clue to the perpetrators of the fiendish act.

Details are meager, and cannot be fully obtained until the arrival of the coroner.

### He Fooled the Surgeons

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the World, 25 cents a box. Sold by Blakeley, Druggist.

For sprains, swellings and lameness there is nothing so good as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Try it. For sale by Blakeley, the druggist.