

WAR OFFICE REFORM

General Colville's Resignation is Demanded.

THE SENSATION IN ENGLAND

Decisions of Lord Lansdowne and Lord Wolseley Reversed—He Refuses to Quit and Will Demand Trial by Court-Martial.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The War Office has begun the promised reform of the army in a sensational manner. It has demanded the resignation of Major-General Sir Henry Colville, commanding an infantry brigade at Gibraltar...

The news is all the more startling as the question of General Colville's responsibility for the Yeomanry disaster, at Lindley, last May, was fully investigated by the authorities...

The attitude of the War Office indicates that a new regime in Pall Mall will reverse the decisions of Lord Lansdowne and Lord Wolseley in regard to some of the recent commanders in South Africa.

General Colville, like General Methuen, has always been a great social personage in London, and a prominent clubman.

He has had a most distinguished military career; has been mentioned in despatches, and is familiarly known as "Oggers."

On the occasion of his marriage he treated a sensation by going on his honeymoon in a balloon.

The Times, dealing editorially with the announcement, says that Mr. Broderick has felt constrained to reverse the judgment of Lord Lansdowne.

He may have unanswerable reasons, but their force will have to be fully established by the justification of his refusal to be bound by the action of his predecessors.

The Daily Chronicle comments less severely, but in a similar tone. The other papers make no reference editorially to the matter, although the incident has made a sensation.

It is understood that General Colville will demand a trial by court-martial.

FROM THE SOUTH SEAS

Australian Prospector Killed and Eaten by Blacks.

VICTORIA, B. C. Dec. 22.—From Queensland the news was received by the Mowera that a prospector named P. Killane had been killed and eaten by the blacks who he engaged to pick for him.

He was missed, and after some search, his remains were found by the police, and from their disfigurement it was believed the blacks had killed and eaten him.

The evidence which afterwards came to light this was proved. He had evidently been camped with his party on a hillside probably made stony in the vicinity of the mine.

Gold is reported having been found in Samoa, near Apia, and a company has been formed there to develop the mines.

Chief Mataafa is becoming unpopular. He recently gave an invitation to the chiefs of the native government in Samoa and invited them to meet him at Mulu.

The object of the gathering was not known. Governor Tilley and Judge Gurra, after a tour of the islands, left Pango Pango for New Zealand.

The Mowera has been the scene of a raid on British possessions by the Tugeri tribe, from Dutch New Guinea.

A squad of police met the pirates at the mouth of the Mowera river, and a fight ensued, in which the police captured and sunk five junks.

No prisoners were taken, but it is estimated that over 50 were shot or wounded. There are no casualties among the government forces.

Afterwards the Tugeri made another raid on the Mowera River villages, killing 15 persons. The Tugeri, six months ago, had given a great deal of trouble.

Six months ago they concluded terms of peace with the British, a most elaborate ceremony being carried out on the occasion of the viceregal visit to the islands of the Straits.

DEMANDS AN INQUIRY.

Dreyfus' Letter to Premier Waldeck-Rousseau.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Dreyfus has written to the Premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, classifying his position and the receipt of statement of M. Henri Rochefort, in the intriguant, that he (Dreyfus) had sent to Emperor William, of Germany, in 1894, a letter stolen from the German embassy at Paris, and which, annotated by the Emperor, constituted formal proof of the crime for which I have been twice unjustly condemned, and adding: "My innocence is absolute and local. I am not the author of the bordereau annotated by the Emperor, which is a forgery, nor of the original authentic bordereau, written by Esterhazy, which is a forgery. All the principles of my iniquitous condemnation are still alive. I am not despoiled of all my rights. I still retain that right of truth proclaimed by order of the Controller of the Currency on receipt of telegrams from National Bank Examiner J. W. Seldon that the board of directors of the bank had passed a resolution requesting the Controller to take charge. Examiner Seldon has been appointed receiver. The bank was last examined September 25, at which time its resources amounted to \$26,000, and its liabilities \$16,000.

Michigan Bank Closed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The First National Bank of Whitefish, Mich., was closed tonight by order of the Controller of the Currency on receipt of telegrams from National Bank Examiner J. W. Seldon that the board of directors of the bank had passed a resolution requesting the Controller to take charge. Examiner Seldon has been appointed receiver. The bank was last examined September 25, at which time its resources amounted to \$26,000, and its liabilities \$16,000.

Grand Rapids Merchant Falls. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 22.—Frederick W. Wurgub, one of the oldest and most prominent of the local merchants, today filed a trust mortgage for a total of \$80,000, covering his entire stock of dry goods in his big building on Canal street.

The Columbian War. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—United States Charge Beguerra, at Bogota, has cabled the State Department that he has been informed by the Colombian Government that the invading troops were overtaken by the government forces at Rosario; also that their leader, General Uribe, was defeated at Corozal, in the department of Bolivar. He was retreating with a few remaining followers through the Department of Magdalena, toward the Venezuelan border. The Minister is said to be progressing favorably for the Colombian Government.

Bryan's Candidacy. CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Charles A. Walsh, National Committee member, who arrived here today to assist in arranging for the meeting of the National executive committee in January, makes denial of the report that the present organization of the Democratic party is planning to make Bryan the Presidential candidate in 1904.

London Dock Fire. LONDON, Dec. 22.—One of the most serious fires which have occurred in the East End of London during the last 19 years, broke out today at the East India Docks. Five immense sheds, filled with goods, including 1000 bales of hemp and quantities of jute, were consumed. The shipping in the neighborhood and other warehouses were only saved by the great exertions of the firemen.

Development of Damara Land. CAPE TOWN, Dec. 22.—A strong international syndicate has been formed for the development of the mineral resources of Damara Land. The bulk of the capital will be held jointly in London, Paris, Berlin and New York. The German Government, which was formerly extremely discouraging toward the efforts of foreign capitalists to develop the country, is now offering every facility. The scheme includes colonization, mining, irrigation and the construction of a railway from Swakopmund to Ekimablague.

THE EMPEROR OBJECTS

KWANG HSU THINKS THE POWERS DEMAND TOO MUCH.

Firing Column Sent Out by Von Waldsee to Scour the Country—Boxers Are Without Arms.

PEKIN, Dec. 22.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese peace commissioners, have heard from the Emperor, Prince Ching called on the Emperor for consultation, remaining over an hour. The court objects strenuously to reducing the forts, and also to allowing permanent legation guards, which it seems to think could be made sufficiently large at any time it was desired to menace the court itself.

The British have increased their garrison at Yang Tsung by 100 men, with horses and three guns. A firing column of 1000 cavalry will scour the country between

Railroads of Manchuria. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—The Novoe Vremya's Vladivostok correspondent stands by the story that the Russian Government is about to take over the Manchurian railroads. He says Commander Keller has left Vladivostok formally to deliver the road to the government's representatives. The correspondent also says the Chinese caused losses amounting to only 4,000,000 roubles.

The arrival of larger or smaller bodies of soldiers from China is announced daily from Southern ports.

To Block Wu Sang Chinese. SHANGHAI, Dec. 22.—Many Chinese were

SEVEN SOCIETIES MET

CONVENTION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND PHILOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Chemists in Session in Chicago Discuss the Possibility of Arsenical Poisoning in Beer.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Learned men and women from every educational center of the United States gathered at the University of Pennsylvania today to attend the opening session of the Congress of Archaeological and Philological Societies of America.

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COLONEL ASA BIRD GARDINER

EX-DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF NEW YORK CITY, WHO WAS REMOVED BY GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT.

CRUSADE IN HAWAII

HONOLULU, H. I., Dec. 22.—Honolulu is about to have a temperance crusade led by the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The United States training ship Adams, which is one of the vessels which trained her boys on the city of Honolulu during the days of the provisional government.

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THE DUTCH RAID

Little Has Been Accomplished by the Boers in Cape Colony.

THE DEATH ROLL

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