

DUTCH SYMPATHIZERS MAY BE TROUBLESOME

They Can Render the Boers Great Assistance
by Tearing up Railroad Track.

WHITE IS A POOR DISPATCH WRITER

The English War Department Declares That it Gives Out All Important News as Soon as it is Received—Kimberly Is the Weakest Point.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London, says:

News from South Africa has been so meager that suspicions were excited that the war office was holding back important intelligence of an unfavorable nature. There were several long bulletins yesterday.

I have the highest authority for stating that the war office is neither misleading the public nor keeping back anything of serious report, nor revising and curtailing bulletins. The dispatches from General Buller and White are published in the precise form in which they are received and there is no ground for the suspicion that there is bad news in reserve when the war office has nothing to announce.

Lady Smith is the center of interest and anxiety, but the British command there is not a good dispatch writer and evidently finds it difficult to express his meaning clearly and forcibly. On this account the bulletins from him seem broken and disjointed and are suspected without reason of being roughly condensed at the war office. General Buller is a clearer dispatch writer, as is proved by his second lucid account of the skirmish at Belmont given out last night.

Rumors that attempts had been made by Dutch sympathizers with the Boers to tear up railway lines south of De Aar and other districts in Cape Colony are not fully confirmed, but serve to emphasize one of the chief difficulties which will confront General Buller when his army corps, reinforced from England, is ready to advance. This will be the protection of the long line of communications from Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, through disaffected districts.

Boer raiders will be formidable enough without assistance from train-wreckers in Cape Colony.

Those who know Sir Alfred Milner's stern, unflinching nature have expected him to make an example of the earliest traitors in order to enforce the warnings of his proclamations, and men caught in the act of tearing up rails would seem capital subjects for discipline.

Sir Alfred Milner is forced by circumstances to consult Premier Schröder, whose information in regard to the Dutch colony has been useful in some ways and embarrassing in others. It is easier to keep the Dutch in Cape Colony quiet with Mr. Schröder in power, but more difficult to render treason odious, just as it was embarrassing to prevent the trans-shipment of arms and ammunition to the Dutch republics and to promote enthusiasm for enlistments in the volunteer army.

News from the western border, the southern frontier of the Free State and Ladysmith remains satisfactory, but such skirmishing as is officially reported is ineffective and the conjecture is a natural one that the Dutch allies will make desperate attempts this week to take advantage of their superior strength before it is offset by the British reinforcements now arriving daily.

Kimberley is the weakest point, for while a battalion of the North Lancashire regiment is stationed there, the garrison is made up of irregular forces and is surrounded by a strong body of Boers under General Cronje, whose capacity as a wily, resourceful general cannot be questioned. Kimberley was indeed neglected until De Beers company undertook to defend it from its own resources, and forced the military and colonial authorities of the Cape to cooperate with the feeble garrison. Yesterday's official budget was reassuring and the garrison is making a spirited defence.

A BUDDHIST TEMPLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—Several Buddhist missionaries, now here, are taking steps to establish a temple of their faith in this city.

DEWEY'S BOUNTY MONEY.

His Share Nearly Twenty Thousand Dollars.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says: On behalf of Admiral Dewey and his officers and men, Washington attorneys have asked the court of claims to find that the amount of bounty money due them is \$382,800.

The decision of the court will establish a precedent which will affect the amount of bounty to be distributed among the officers and men of the North Atlantic squadron, which destroyed the squadron of Admiral Cervera. If the finding of the court is in accordance with the request the admiral's share of the bounty will be \$19,394.

ON OUR CONTINENT.

Wars and Rumors of War in the Uncertain South.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—A dispatch to the Herald from Panama says: Official advices from Buena Ventura state that there have been several engagements in the interior department between the government and revolutionary forces, in which the insurgents were defeated.

Battles were fought in Lerida and Tocama. It is reported that in the latter place General Zino Figueredo was killed and several prisoners were taken.

In Piedracuesta and Bucaramanga Generals Ramirez Melendez and Villanar, leading the government troops are said to have defeated the insurgents under Generals Parilla and Frazer. The latter was killed in action.

Governor Matias Duran, who is now both military and civil chief of Panama has received official dispatches from General Santos, minister of war, at Bogota, recognizing his efficient services under the present circumstances and approving all the measures taken by the local government under the governor's direction.

CIVIL GOVERNORS TO BE APPOINTED

IN CUBA AND PORTO RICO

Governor Roosevelt Strongly Urges
the Appointment of General Wood
for Cuba.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: President McKinley will tell congress of his intentions to appoint civil governors of Cuba and Porto Rico, and may even wait for congressional action before announcing the appointments. This statement is made in the authority of a member of the committee on foreign relations who had just talked with the president on the subject.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear on the president for the immediate appointment of these governors. Governor Roosevelt is particularly urgent in his championship of General Wood for the Cuban billet. He wants the appointment made at once, believing that the time is ripe for civil government and that General Wood is just the man to effect the change with the best results for all concerned.

The president is inclined to agree with Governor Roosevelt on all points except the immediate appointment. With congress only a few weeks off, he is considering whether it would not be advisable to allow that branch of the government to have a voice in the matter. A comprehensive plan for the government of Porto Rico is now being worked into shape by Secretary Root, which will be presented in the form of a bill similar to the one now pending for the government of Hawaii.

A WOMAN AMBASSADOR.

Studying the Financial Question for South American Countries.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—The Chronicle says: Mrs. Antonio Zaldivar de Blanco, who is here on a mission of considerable importance to the governments of Guatemala and Nicaragua, has several important commissions to fulfill. Among other things she will make a study of financial conditions in Mexico and the financial methods of the Mexican government to enable President Estrada Cabrera to re-organize the treasury system of Guatemala on a

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GENERAL MILES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—Major General Miles will review the troops at the Presidio this morning and will leave for the south in the afternoon. He said to a reporter:

"I shall visit Los Angeles and San Diego inspecting the fortifications there. In all probability I shall stop off at Tucson, Ariz., Galveston and New Orleans on my way east."

ABOUT CAPERS.

Washington Star.
"About eight thousand logs and barrels of capers, a small, sour berry resembling in color and shape a green pea, are annually imported into the United States from Spain and France," said a wholesale dealer in all sorts of foreign condiments in New York to the writer recently. "Capers grow on a bush, and are extensively used by all classes of cooks in this country for garnishing salads and making a sauce which is usually served with boiled mutton and other meats. There are four sizes of capers. The smallest are commercially known as nonpareils and the three other sizes are called capucines, capotes and surfines. The small capers are the most desirable and bring the most money. Very few capers are imported in glass. They are shipped to American buyers in kegs and barrels holding from fifteen to forty gallons of the berries in brine or vinegar. The work of bottling the capers is done by the wholesale dealer."

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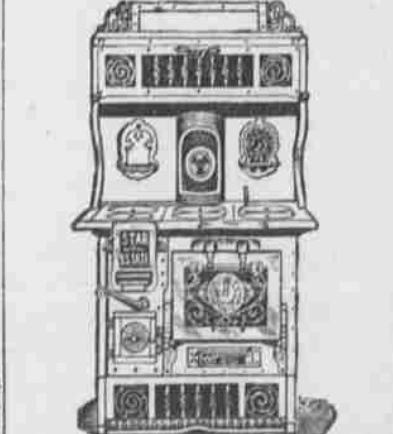
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