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## SITUATION IS NOT CHANGED

The Week's Minor Operations Have Accomplished Nothing.

### SIGNALING FROM LADYSMITH

Report is All Well Up to December 28—No Movement Probable Till Gen. Roberts' Arrival.

LONDON, Dec. 31, 1:30 a. m.—The war office when communicating about midnight copies of the message exchanged between the general and the inhabitants of Kimberley, stated that no further news had been received up to that hour and nothing of importance has come from other sources during the night.

The week's action, skirmishes, reconnaissance and bombardments at various points where the British and Boers confront each other, so far as can be judged, have had no effect upon the general situation at the seat of war, which is practically the same as it was a week ago.

During the night of December 28 Ladysmith and Chieveley camp were in full communication, the former replying all well. While signaling was in progress the Boers attempted to intercept the messages with flashlights from each extremity of their long entrenched line.

The naval brigade took advantage of the opportunity to shell the Boer positions, which were plainly revealed by their own lights.

The naval battery resumed the shelling of Boer trenches on the morning of December 29, but their fire failed to elicit any signs of life.

### ANOTHER DISASTROUS SORTIE

Detachment From Mafeking Goes Up Against a Boer Fort With Heavy Loss.

LOUENZO MARQUEZ, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Pretoria under date of Wednesday, December 27, says an official dispatch from Mafeking announces that in a sortie which the British made from that place December 25, they attacked one of the Boer forts with cannon, Maxim and an armored train so persistently that the fighting raged up to the walls of the fort. The British lost 109 killed and wounded, while the Boers only lost two men killed and seven wounded.

The dispatch adds that Captain Kirkwood and Grenfell were captured by Boer scouts near Colomo, and were being sent to Pretoria. Ten unladen shells, inscribed "The Season's Greetings," have been fired at Ladysmith.

Ten South African medical students from Edinburgh have arrived at Pretoria, from Delagoa bay, with five tons of medical stores.

A dispatch from the Boer camp at Middel river, dated December 25, reports an artillery duel lasting an hour on December 27. A British reconnoitering party made a sortie, but did not come within Boer range. The British, on December 28, commenced a steady bombardment of the Boer position.

### BOER BUTTONS IN CANADA.

Customs Officers at Toronto Stop a Seizure Scheme at the Threshold.

OTAWA, Ont., Dec. 30.—A large number of buttons on which was inscribed the words "Victory to the Boers," both in French and English were recently seized by the customs officials in Toronto. All importations of the character mentioned are debarred and are therefore prohibited. The buttons were made in New Jersey.

### STILL FURTHER LOSSES.

PRETORIA, Friday, Dec. 29.—Three British prisoners from Malapo report that Captains Vernon and Sandford of Colonel Baden-Powell's staff were killed during an engagement in which Lord Edward Cecil and Cavendish Bentinck were wounded. The losses of the British were very severe.

### FENIANS NOT FEARED.

In Spite of Terrible Threats Canada Continues to Send Troops to South Africa.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A special to the Times from Montreal says: Within the course of another two weeks the second contingent of 1,000 troops which Canada is sending to South Africa will sail from Halifax for Cape Town. It will be composed of cavalry or mounted infantry and field artillery. The first Canadian contingent, which sailed about eight weeks ago and now

forms a part of General Lord Methuen's column, consisted entirely of Infantry and was made up of volunteers.

The second contingent will be different. The mounted rifles will be composed of four detachments. Two will be recruited from the Northwest mounted police and from the cowboys of the west. These will be genuine "rough riders," and Lieutenant Colonel Lessard, who will be the superior officer in command, has seen long and active service in the west and in Africa. The second officer will be Lieutenant Colonel T. D. B. Evans, R. C. D., who has a reputation as a fighter.

The other two detachments will be made up from various cavalry corps, the recruits not being necessarily required to be members of the regular corps, if they can qualify otherwise in accordance with the imperial army regulations.

The artillery arm of the contingent will be recruited from the several batteries after artillery in the Dominion regular and militia, "A" and "B" batteries, stationed respectively at Kingston and Quebec, which constitute virtually the only regular artillery service in Canada will contribute largely to this branch of the contingent. Lieutenant Colonel Deury, P. C. A., will have command of the brigade division. In addition to the cavalry and field artillery, with their complements of horses, guns and other accoutrements, Captain Howard, of Gatling gun fame will accompany the contingent in charge of a machine gun of the Maxim pattern used by the cavalry and known as the gliding gun. It takes 300 ammunition and a great deal is being said about it being the most deadly weapon invented.

### THE BOER SYMPATHIZERS

Chicago Democrats Determined to Involve This Country in Trouble.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A special to the Tribune from Cincinnati, says: At a meeting of the Transvaal sympathizers held in Weimer's hall last night a toast to the "United States of South America" was proposed by the chairman, who mentioned the members of the future government: Natal, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal and Swaziland. Mr. Von Aitow, a cousin of President Kruger, arrived from New York in time to make a speech in the course of which he said:

"We have now 4,000 Americans well drilled in Pretoria with 2,000 more on the way. Funds are coming from all parts of this broad land. We may need \$9,000,000, but we are satisfied that we can have them in time, even with the English blockade."

Contributions to the amount of several thousand dollars were made in secret session. A badge was adopted with the motto, "United States of South Africa" in the shape of a maltese cross, the names of the different states inscribed in red, orange and blue.

### LABOR TROUBLES SETTLED.

Threat of Manufacturers to Remove From Chicago Has Its Effect.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A permanent arbitration board to settle all differences between labor unions and contractors and the averting of the chances of labor war practically were announced today. At the meeting of the building trades council and the building contractors council the report of the joint conference committee representing the two organizations was accepted.

The principal recommendation was the establishment of a permanent arbitration board. This board will consist of 11 members and adjudicate all difficulties that may arise.

The acceptance of the plan settles the question of sympathetic strikes, as if all troubles are arbitrated there will be no necessity for any kind of a strike except as a last resort.

### COAL FAMINE IN PRISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The coal famine in this city is becoming serious. The Roslyn company refuses to supply the local trade, as all the coal its boats can bring for the next two months will be needed to fill contracts already on hand, and the trade must do without. There is more coal to be had at the mines, but bottoms can not be found to bring it here. A few nights ago a line of coal carts over two blocks in length waited for coal on the water front. The drivers built huge fires to protect themselves from the bitter cold.

### A NEW DEPARTURE.

Cargo of Ore From the Orient to Be Smelted at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Dec. 30.—One hundred and seventy-one sacks of ore concentrated were brought here on the City of London from the mines near Singapore, in the straits settlement, for treatment in the Tacoma smelter. This is the first shipment of ore from the Orient to an American smelter. The product of these mines has been sent to England in the past, and this shipment is in the nature of a trial order.

## ALBIA'S HOPE IN AMERICA

All Europe Yelps at Her Heels; She Turns to Us For Sympathy.

### THE SITUATION DEPLORABLE

Bread and Coal Going to Famine—Prices and the Nation's Finances Declared Unstable.

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LONDON, Dec. 29.—It is strange to note that as the new year dawns for Great Britain, the greatest army she ever put in the field remains passive in South Africa, held at bay by two of the smallest republics on the face of the earth, while at home, in spite of the large volume of trade and apparent prosperity her financial interests are in a state of instability not seen since the Baring crash.

All Europe is yelping at her heels, and the necessity for America's friendship is recognized on all sides. The papers and the people that for years have been ready with a jibe for America's good will no longer make any attempt to belittle the desirability of securing their friendship.

"America," says the Globe, usually humorous at the expense of all things trans-Atlantic, "with a crop of 52,000,000 bushels is especially in a position to help us."

The fact that the government has chartered so many transports has resulted in a rise in the price of bread, while coal is rising by leaps and bounds to famine prices.

Unless the situation improves many industrial concerns depending on the coal supply may have to suspend business before February as their margin of profit is rapidly being wiped out. Wages have gone up, but labor is hard to find.

A dismal Christmas congestion of traffic aggravates the situation while the government need of fuel for the transports, war vessels and the depots on the way to the Cape has created an unprecedented demand.

That there will be a day of reckoning for some is a certainty that even the most guarded and conservative do not try to conceal. Whether it be Lord Lansdowne, Lord Worsley or General Buller it is impossible to tell, but all the information obtainable at the present and the gist of criticism point to Lord Lansdowne having to shoulder the onus for the terrible mismanagement.

While Great Britain feeds contentedly on long special cables showing American friendship, British agents in Europe believe the sentiment in the United States has been gradually turning backward until the time is now ripe to develop it into material effect.

### FUNERAL OF LAWTON.

The Body Taken to the Transport With Solemn Ceremonies yesterday.

MANILA, Dec. 30.—The funeral of General Lawton, who was killed at San Mateo, December 18, was held today, with impressive ceremonies. The remains were conveyed from Paco cemetery down the Luneta to the Pasig and thence to the transport Thomas, which sails this afternoon. As the body was removed from the vault Chaplain Marry read prayers. The personal staff of the late general was augmented by Color Sergeant Simon, Trumpeter Habakaim and Privates Oatun and Mohrusen. The latter who were closely connected with Lawton's recent campaigns, bore the casket from the vault to a six-horse caisson awaiting at the gate.

### CHRISTMAS TOYS GIVEN WITH SUITS, OVERCOATS OR REEFERS.

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Women from the same towns waited upon Mrs. Lawton yesterday and presented her with their condolences and flowers. Crowds of natives and Americans witnessed the procession, the band played dirges and the crowds uncovered. At Pasig the casket was transferred to a tug, taps were sounded and prayers were offered by Chaplain Pierce. Four enlisted pallbearers will accompany the remains to the United States.

### LOCKETT IN ANOTHER FIGHT.

Strikes Another Bunch of Rebels and Makes Some Important Captures.

MANILA, Dec. 31, 9:59 a. m.—Colonel Lockett has had a second engagement with the insurgents northwest of Montalban, and by a brilliant charge drove the enemy from their position.

Only one officer and five soldiers were wounded, but the loss of the prisoners was heavy.

Our troops captured a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition and provisions.

### TWO HUNDRED TO SIX

Philippines at Last Win a Battle From the American Troops.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila, says:

Six men of the signal corps were attacked Thursday at Talevera, east of Tarlac, by a force of 200 insurgents and four of them were either killed or captured.

A dispatch stating that the Philippines are harassing the entire Lingayen coast from Vigan to San Jacinto in small bands and that Lieutenant J. C. Gilmore and the members of the cruiser Yorktown's crew who are prisoners of the rebels had been separated and were with insurgent bands in the northern mountains was censured by General Otis on the ground that he had contrary information.

The strength of the insurgents at Malabon caused surprise to the Americans. Merchants here are anxious to have the campaign in Cavite province begun so that it may be the sooner finished and the ports be opened to trade.

General Otis recent decree authorizing civil marriages makes no provision for divorce. Only the Catholic reasons for separation are recognized in the order.

Girls 12 years old and boys of 14 are permitted to marry with the consent of their parents, but otherwise they must be 21 years old.

In order to remove any doubt of the status of Protestant marriages performed during the last year by army chaplains, whose one of the contracting parties was a Catholic, General Otis' order was made retroactive. Native women who have married natives without Catholic rites have been ostracized by their relatives.

Justice Arellano requested the omission of a divorce clause from the decree because of the belief of the Philippines that the marriage tie cannot be broken.

### AGENT APPOINTED.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 30.—George W. Helms has been appointed general passenger and ticket agent of the Rio Grande Western railroad, effective on January 1.

## AN OPEN DOOR NOW ASSURED

Favorable Replies From Great Powers to Hays' Proposals.

### A BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENT

Far Reaching Consequence of American Diplomacy Makes the United States a World Power.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The negotiations opened by Secretary Hay with the Great Powers of Europe and Japan towards securing a common understanding for a continued "open door" policy throughout China have met with the most gratifying results.

The state department is unwilling at present to make public the nature of the replies received, as this information will be embodied in a special message to congress. But in other quarters, thoroughly reliable, and in a position to have trustworthy information, it is learned that favorable responses have been made by Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia and Japan. There is no doubt, it is thought here, that Italy, the remaining country addressed, will make a favorable answer if, indeed, it has not already done so.

The importance of this unanimous verdict by all the first class powers of the world in conjunction with the United States can hardly be over estimated, as far as it relates to the future of China and the commerce of the world in that empire.

### GOLD AND SILVER PRODUCT

Statement of the Output for 1899 Shows a Big Increase.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The preliminary estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year of 1899 made by Mr. Roberts, director of the mint, shows a total gold production of \$78,694,170, an increase over the production of last year of \$1,256,470.

The production of silver during the year is estimated at \$4,424,696, an increase during the year of \$4,046,311. The gold production in three northwestern states for the years 1899 and 1898 is given as follows:

States	1899	1898
Washington	5,208,202	4,766,200
Oregon	1,550,235	1,177,600
Idaho	2,480,629	1,716,900

Colorado leads all the states with a gold production of \$25,000,000; California comes next with \$14,325,392; Alaska produced \$4,693,519 against \$2,564,900 in '98. The British Klondike product was \$18,114,170 in '99.

The estimate production of silver in 1899 in the following states was: Oregon, \$192,343; Washington, \$508,202; Idaho, \$3,111,717; Montana, \$20,040,403; Colorado, \$31,268,637.

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