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ENGLAND NEEDS MORE SOLDIERS

Churchill says It Will Take 300,000 Men to Whip the Boers.

TWO VICTORIES REPORTED

General French and Colonel Pitcher, With Australian and Canadian Troops, Defeat the Enemy.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Standard remarks: "Until the Tugela has been crossed and Ladysmith relieved it would be idle to deny that the present situation in Cape Colony is one of very great danger and if, unhappily, General Buller is again defeated, it will be necessary to dispatch 100,000 additional men to keep the Dutch in order."
Winston Churchill's estimate that 250,000 men will be required to defeat the forces of the two republics has been ridiculed in many quarters, but, as a matter of fact, this number is already almost reached, without the extra 100,000 which the Standard foresees might be required.
Yesterday the admiral chartered eight more large transports. When all the troops destined for South Africa join those already there, Lord Roberts will be in command of about 200,000 men. Thirty thousand are now adrift or ready to embark. Military observers in view of what these figures mean, cannot see how the British can fail to crush the Boers by mere force of numbers.

FRENCH'S REPORT.
Defeated Boer Force Estimated at Over 5,000.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The success of General French's column is at length confirmed officially at the war office this afternoon in a dispatch from Cape Town, Monday, January 1, as follows: French reports at 2 p. m. today from Soleskop by helicopter as follows: "Leaving at Rensburg, holding the enemy in front, half of the First Suffolks and a section of the Royal Horse artillery, I started thence at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, December 31, taking with me five squadrons of cavalry, half of the Second Berks and 80 mounted infantry, infantry carried in wagons, and ten guns. I halted for four hours at Mador's farm, and at 8.30 this morning occupied the kopje overlooking and westward of Colesberg. The enemy's outposts were taken completely by surprise.
"Some thousands of Boers, with two guns are reported to be retreating toward Norvalspont. All of Remington's scouts proceeded toward Achterland yesterday morning. Slight casualties, about three killed and a few wounded. Details later."
Brief independent messages from Rensburg filed the eve of January 1 supplement General French's dispatch but slightly. According to them, the British were still shelling the Boer position at 5 o'clock Monday evening and expected to enter Colesberg today. The British losses were three men killed and seven wounded. The Boer strength in the engagement with General French was estimated at from 5,000 to 7,000 men.
While the afternoon papers were disposed to overrate the brilliancy of French's success, it will doubtless have a good moral effect, and if promptly followed up, as seems likely from the fact that Remington's guides are already advancing on Achterland, it may result in capturing the Norvalspont bridge, thus gaining an important strategic advantage, as then French will probably be able to threaten the Bethulle bridge, which is the main line of retreat for the Boers facing General Buller.

ANOTHER BRITISH VICTORY.
LONDON, Jan. 2.—The war office has received the following from Cape Town, under today's date: Colonel Pitcher reports through the office commanding at Orange river: "I have completely defeated a hostile command at the Sunnyside laager this day, January 1, taking the laager and forty prisoners, besides the killed and wounded. Our casualties are two privates killed and Lieutenant Adie wounded. Am camped at Dover farm, 20 miles northwest of Belmont and 10 miles from Sunnyside."

TALKED SENSE.

Booker Washington on the Liberia Scheme.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 2.—Booker T. Washington spoke on emancipation here today, opposing the emancipation schemes of Bishop Turner. In part he said: "The North does not contain all the white people, nor are they any better

BROTHERHOODS IN THE ISLANDS

Native Opposition to Some of the Catholic Societies.

THE MISSION OF CHAPPELLE

Father McKinnon May Be Recommended for Appointment as Archbishop of the Philippines.

MANILA, Jan. 1.—Archbishop Chappelle, papal delegate to the Philippines, arrived here today on the United States transport Sherman. He will lodge in a house formerly occupied by Charles Deady, of the Philippine advisory commission.
This action on the part of Monsignor Chappelle settles the contest between the various friar brotherhoods in Manila who separately have been using their influence to obtain the privilege of entertaining the archbishop and Rev. Father McKinnon, late of the California volunteers, and now a regular army chaplain, who was also a passenger on the Sherman. It is said the friars are striving to secure Monsignor Chappelle's ear for the securing of better protection of individual interests.
The arrival of the papal delegate in the city attracts attention to the question of the church and brotherhoods in the Philippines, including matters of deciding brotherhood's claim to real estate and other property of the church for state support and for the re-establishment of Spanish curates in native parishes.
Inasmuch as the question of expulsion of the brotherhoods from the islands and the freedom of the people from the alleged injustice of members of the order has always been deemed to be the principal cause of the revolt of the Philippines against Spain's sovereignty, long time residents of the islands declare that if the friars are returned to their former parishes, the native feeling them return under the American administration, will surely attack and kill them and otherwise cause disorder.
Revolutionists have started the rumor that Monsignor Chappelle intends eventually to recommend the appointment of Father McKinnon as archbishop of the Philippines and the latter's defense of the brotherhoods in American newspapers has been translated and circulated among the natives for the purpose, it is declared, of showing the Father McKinnon will support the brotherhoods if he is selected.
Such statements as these create uneasiness among the natives which is increased by recent news received from Spain stating that Monsignor Chappelle will support the brotherhoods.
The Tagalos, it is declared, have become more embittered against the church since Archbishop Rosales excommunicated an insurgent priest, and it is said that the number of Protestant marriages among the natives continually increases.

THE LUMBER DEALERS.
Fail to Reach an Agreement at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Jan. 2.—Shingle and lumber dealers of the East and the Pacific Northwest failed to reach an agreement in regard to the differences between them and the manufacturers at a meeting held here today, and after two hours of fruitless discussion left the whole matter of equalizing the buying and selling rates to a committee to investigate.
The main trouble was the over-fixing of prices as some wanted to discriminate against certain manufacturers. The committee is expected to call another meeting and make a report in a few days.

A HAPPY CHANGE.
Big Surplus This Year—Big Deficit Last.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The comparative statement of the government receipts and expenses show that for the month of December, 1899, the receipts were \$46,759,104.
The expenses during the month were \$33,145,559, which leaves a surplus of \$13,613,545, as against a deficit of \$460,014 for December, 1898. During the last six months the surplus is \$21,025,934, as against a deficit for the corresponding period of last year of \$83,719,422.

IN DARKEST ST. LOUIS.
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—As prognosticated in these dispatches several days ago the incandescent lamps in use by the city were turned off at midnight last night owing to the expiration of the contract with the Missouri-Eaton

OPPOSES THE SEIZURES

Our Government Cables Objections to Ambassador Choate.

BRITAIN'S RIGHT DENIED

The Seized Cargoes Comprised Flour and Miscellaneous Articles of Common Trade.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The state department today received from Ambassador Choate at London, by cable, a statement of the facts he had developed in connection with the seizure by the British warships of American goods on three merchant vessels, the Beatrice, Mashona and Maria.
The goods comprised not only flour, but miscellaneous articles of common trade. They were shipped for Lorenzo Marquez in British and German ships, but our officials contend they were not subject to seizure.
They could not however lodge representations on the subject until they were possessed of knowledge of the facts and as soon as Mr. Choate's statement came to hand today instructions were cabled to him to inform the British government that we could not admit the right of seizures in these cases.
This is the preliminary step usually taken in such negotiations. Next in order will be the report from our consular representatives at Lorenzo Marquez respecting the present condition of seized or detained goods and the damage sustained.

ANOTHER SEIZURE.
HAMBURG, Jan. 2.—The Hamburg correspondent announces that the German bark Hans Wagner of Hamburg was seized by the British at Delagoa bay, December 21, and that her owners have lodged a complaint with the British foreign office.

WISCONSIN'S TRIAL TRIP.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Work has so far advanced on the battleship Wisconsin that she will make her trial trip within the next two weeks. Her main battery of four 13-inch guns will be the heaviest ever mounted on an American man-of-war. It is expected she will exceed the speed requirements of the navy department.

OUR MINTAGE.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The statement issued by the director of the mint shows the total coinage executed at the mints of the United States during the calendar year ended December 30, 1899, was \$129,248,191, as follows:
Gold, \$11,344,221; silver, \$26,061,519; minor coins, \$1,842,451.

LOST AT SEA.
ST. JOHNS, N. F., Jan. 2.—The schooner Puritan was driven ashore yesterday in the heavy gales of yesterday and eight out of her crew of nine were lost.

THE FUND GROWING.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Secretary Wilson, of the agricultural department, this morning contributed \$100 for the Lawton fund, remarking that "it was a farmer's contribution to a soldier's widow."

J. Pierpont Morgan of New York sent a check for \$1,000 today.

THE ADAMS ASHORE.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The training ship Adams was driven ashore during a gale on the bay today, near Goat Island. No serious damage was done.

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