Canadian Contingent Deny Stories of

British Brutality in South Africa.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

The Canadian contingent attended service yesterday in two detachments, one going to St. Paul's and the other to Brompton Oratory. "God Save the Queen" was sung in the cathedral with impressive effect, the voices of the soldiers ringing out high above the organ and choir. Chelsea Hospital was visited during the afternoon and there were last words with Canadian friends during the evening. The regiment will take a special train for Liverpool this morning and will have an official reception there, with glimpses of docks and town shows. The Canadians will sleep on their steamship and will sail for home early on Tuesday.

The reception of the heroes of Paardsburg has not been marred by a single unpleasant episode and the appearance and bearing of the officers and men have been greatly admired. The good feeling existing between them and the British regulars is noticeable. They have fought side by side with the best regiments of the British army and a spirit of good fellowship has been created which will be a bond of the queen's dominions.

Many men resent the idea that there has been ruthless destruction of property by the British army in South Africa. They assert that Lord Roberts and General Buller's orders were stringent on this subject and that discipline has been maintained by heavy penalties. Pole-Carew was the first general to order the burning of a farm house and this was done in consequence of the Boer treachery and a flagrant white flag outrage. The precedent was sanctioned by Lord Roberts and the destruction of farms has been restricted to incidents of similar treachery. Private property has been scrupulously respected whenever there has been no justification for punitive action.

An illustration was cited of a penalty exacted from British officers under General Rundle's command. They had entered a deserted farm house in the Orange River Colony and not finding wood with which to kindle a fire for having their dinner cooked had torn down and split up a door and had replenished the fire with a wooden stand of a sewing machine. General Rundle, when complaint was made by the owner of the house, investigated the case and assessed the damage at $40, which the officers were forced to pay.

CANAL CANNOT BE FORTIFIED.

England Will Not Consent Despite Senator Lodge's Assertion to the Contrary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The London correspondent of the Tribune writes:

Senator Lodge is credited with having expressed the opinion that the British government will accept the amendment to the canal treaty and allow the United States to fortify the ends of the Nicaragua waterway.

The grounds on which he bases that opinion are not explained. The foreign office has not committed itself on the subject and cannot be expected to do so until the question is brought forward in a diplomatic way. All the inferences of the case are against the additional concessions which Senator Lodge considers necessary.

Lord Salisbury, Arthur Balfour, Mr. Chamberlain and other members of the ministry are known in diplomatic circles to have expressed themselves without equivocation. They have said that England would not consent to the fortification of the entrances to the canal.

Only one English journal has intimated that it would be a matter of indifference to England whether the entrances were fortified or not. This is the Spectator, a journal exceptionally favorable to America on all international questions. Senator Lodge has regarded apparently the Spectator as an organ of diplomatic opinions, whereas it represents English optimism and idealism and is not in close touch with the foreign office.

It is safe to infer that Secretary Hay while he was in London discussed the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and the principles of canal diplomacy with Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour and knows how far they are prepared to go in the revision of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

STATEMENT FROM BOOZ.

Father of the Dead Cadet Prepares a Document for the War Department.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—William B. Booz, father of Oscar L. Booz, whose death is attributed to hazing by fellow cadets at the West Point Military Academy, is preparing a statement which is to be presented to congress and the war department, says a Bristol, Pa., dispatch to the World. The statement will be turned over to Congressman Wanger and he will be asked to bring about a thorough investigation of the charge that young Booz was cruelly treated.

In the document will be the details of the hazing told by the dead cadet, extracts of letters received from him by his family and also names uttered by him in his delirium.

MOSQUITO FLEET'S LONG TRIP.

Five Tiny Vessels Will Leave the Atlantic Coast for Manila.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Five little cockle shells from the navy are to travel more than 12,000 miles to the Philippines. The flagship of this mosquito fleet will be the gunboat Annapolis, and her consorts will be the gunboat Vicksburg, the converted yacht Frolic and the tugboats Wompatuck and Piscataqua.

They are to be sent in response to the request of Rear-Admiral Remey for small vessels to do patrol duty in the Philippines. They will be examined this week by a board of inspection and, if their condition is satisfactory, orders to sail will be issued at once.

Commander Carl Rohrer will be the senior officer. He and his ship are at Hampton Roads, which is the rendezvous, and the other vessels will join the Annapolis in a week. The cruise will be one of the most interesting in the history of the naval service. Vessels of the size of the Wompatuck, the Piscataqua and the Frolic have never made so long a journey.

The Annapolis and the Vicksburg are of 1000 tons displacement. They use sail as well as steam. The Piscataqua, formerly the W. H. Brown, is an ocean going tug of 531 tons, for which the government paid $150,000 at the outbreak of the recent war. She carries a battery of six rapid-fire guns.

The Wompatuck is also an ocean going tug, of 462 tons, and was known as the Atlas before the government paid $64,000 for her in 1898. She carries two rapid-fire guns, and made a name for herself during the war by her work in the cable cutting expeditions off Santiago and Guantanamo.

The Frolic is a craft of 607 tons and was formerly the pleasure yacht Comanche, owned by H. M. Hanna, a brother of Senator Hanna. When the government bought her she was in Lake Erie and she was brought down and fitted with a battery of four rapid-fire guns.

With the exception of the Wompatuck these vessels are at the rendezvous or on their way there. The Wompatuck was to have sailed yesterday from the Brooklyn navy yard, but it was discovered that her rigging needed slight repairs, which will be made this morning.

Lieutenant-Commander F. H. Sherman, who is to command her, will probably take her to sea this afternoon. Lieutenant-Commander Sherman and Ensign Louis Shane will be the only officers on board the Wompatuck, and it will mean twelve hours' work a day for each of them while the vessel is at sea.

The limited coal capacity of these vessels presented a difficulty, but this was overcome by taking the southern route, where frequent stops for coal could be made. The itinerary marked out is from Hampton roads to the Bermudas; to San Juan, Porto Rico; to the Barbadoes; then across the Atlantic to the Azores; to Gibraltar and then through the Mediterranean, stopping at small ports along the European coast; through the Suez canal and to Manila. There Commander Rohrer will report to Admiral Remey.

It is understood that the gunboat Topeka, which is now at Naples, will join the mosquito fleet in the Mediterranean.

SULTAN DINES U. S. OFFICERS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 10.—A dinner was given at the Yildiz palace tonight in honor of the officers of the United States battleship Kentucky, now at Smyrna. The officers were introduced to the sultan.

MINISTERS RECALLED.

Rupture of Amicable Relations Between Holland and Portugal.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 10.—The Portuguese minister to The Netherlands, Count De Selir, has started for Lisbon, and the Dutch minister to Portugal, Baron Von Meicker, is expected here from Lisbon this evening.

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CONFUCIANISM EXPLAINED.

Interesting Lecture by Minister Wu Ting Fang in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to the United States, speaking before the Society of Ethical Culture at Carnegie hall on "The Teachings of Confucius," said in part:

"In the strictest sense of the word, Confucianism is not a religion. It is not a system of doctrine and worship. It is easier to say what Confucianism is not than what it is.

"The immortality of the soul is a beautiful doctrine, I admit. I wish it were true, but all the reasoning of Plato cannot make it more than a strong probability and all the light of modern science has not brought us one step further. Now Confucius would be called an agnostic if he were alive today. There were four things that he would not talk about—extraordinary things, feats of strength, disorder and spiritual being.

"'How are we to serve spiritual beings,' he was asked.

"'When you do not know how to serve men, how can you serve spirits?' he replied.

"Horace Greeley said those who discharge promptly and faithfully their duty to those who linger in the flesh have but little time to peer into the affairs of those who have passed away. Confucius was intensely practical and human. He did not spend time speculating as to what will happen after death."

The minister then compared the practical teachings of Confucius with those of Christ. He read a passage from the New Testament, declaring that evil should not be resisted with evil and if a man smite you upon one cheek, you should turn the other cheek. Of this doctrine Mr. Wu said:

"This it seems to me is meekness with a vengeance. I am inclined to think no sensible man has ever followed this injunction faithfully. A man who will smite you on the cheek is a dangerous man and needs no second invitation. A man who will take your coat is a thief and would doubtless take your cloak, too, if he could lay his hands on it.

"'Love your enemies.' Such a standard of excellence is too high for humanity. There is no likelihood that many people follow it. At this very moment Christian missionaries are calling for bloodshed and vengeance in China, and Christian armies are devastating land, sparing neither age nor sex.

"There is indeed a vast gulf between doctrine and performance. Could you love one who had killed your father and brother or destroyed your home? Confucianism does not require such a thing. It enjoins that kindness be requited with kindness and an injury with justice. It does not sanction retaliation in a vindictive spirit, such as I regret to say is shown by some persons professing to be governed by the tenets of Christianity.

"The most striking instance in which the teachings of Confucius and of Christ meet is in the golden rule. Confucius puts it negatively to be sure—'Do not do to others what you would not wish them to do to you'—any one who will follow that rule either way it is phrased, will be a thoroughly good man.

"A good Christian is a good Confucian and a good Confucian is a good Christian. I do not believe that heaven is an exclusive place. The advocates of various religions are all trying to make a private park of it for their own adherents. Whatever heaven may be I believe it is a place for all good men, irrespective of dogma. Confucius did not run away from the world, but did his duty in it. He teaches men to be good for the sake of good and not for any promise of reward or through any threat of punishment.

"The world is gradually coming to Confucius. One of the signs is the growth of agnosticism. I will not say whether people are growing more callous or more civilized, but they are no more terrified when the terrors of the next world are proclaimed from the pulpit."

TRANSCONTINENTAL RATES.

Commercial Interests Are Working for a Graded System.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Representatives from commercial interests of various sections of the country, principally from the Pacific coast, western and eastern states, will appear before the interstate commerce commission at a hearing to consider the matter of transcontinental rates and the concessions in such rates now being sought by middle western jobbers, chiefly grocery and hardware firms.

For some time past strong efforts have been made by these interests and several conferences with the railroads have been held to have the latter adopt a system of graded rates. If these efforts are successful, Pacific coast rates under the plan proposed would always be higher from New York to San Francisco than to San Francisco from any point west of New York.

Eastern jobbing interests are naturally working hard to prevent the establishment of such a system. They will be represented at the hearing today, and J. M. Langley of the Merchants Association will appear in behalf of the New York shipping interests, represented by the members of that organization.

The Western people are advocating graded rates. That is if a rate from New York to San Francisco happens to be $1 per 100 pounds they contend that the rate from Pittsburg on, the same goods should be approximately 90 cents, from Chicago 80 cents, from the Mississippi river 75 cents, and from the Missouri river 70 cents per 100 pounds, notwithstanding the fact that the rate from New York is a forced rate and not a rate that is the result of normal conditions voluntarily established.

WOODWORKERS' STRIKE.

Peaceful and Satisfactory Settlement Is Now Assured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—A settlement of the woodworkers' strike that culminated in the murder of Foreman Harry Farres is said to be assured as the outcome of conciliatory measures submitted by a member of one of the firms whose men are out. These plans were favorably considered by the meeting of the building material trades council last night.

It was left to the board of business agents of the council to arrange and ratify the terms of the peace pact at a meeting to be held with the firm's representatives today.

If the settlement expected is made, it is declared that the sequel will be a similar adjustment with all the other firms that held out after the thirty-three of the forty mills originally included in the strike had signed the union agreements, when the strike was in force only a few weeks.

For nearly fifteen weeks the strike of the union woodworkers has been in force against these firms. It has been an exciting struggle, marked on a few occasions by scenes of violence and bloodshed.

More than 1499 members of the woodworkers' union were involved originally in the strike, when it was called September 1. A leading issue in the trouble was the eight-hour day, which had obtained in the union mills for one year but which the mill owners wanted to abrogate for the former work day of about nine hours.

PILGRIMAGE TO HONOLULU.

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Will Charter a Steamer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—A special to the Chronicle from Grand Rapids, Mich., says:

Imperial Potentate Louis B. Winsor, of the Mystic Shrine, is to go to Honolulu to institute a temple, and Saladin Temple, of Western Michigan Oasis, will furnish the escort for what promises to be one of the most notable pilgrimages on record. The Saladin Nobles, with their wives, will start from Grand Rapids, February 25, by special train for San Francisco, where California Nobles will join them, and they will embark on a specially chartered steamer for Hawaii.

Two weks will be spent in the islands. Saladin Nobles will be joined by Nobles of Chicago and other points and the party for the ocean voyage will number 350.

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SMALLPOX IN PERU.

Citizens of Lima Fear a Spread of the Disease.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 10.—Cases of smallpox have been found frequently in Lima and the public is alarmed, fearing a spread of the disease. The Austrian corvette Donau has arrived here, bringing Bela Bakeweghy, commissioner of the Austrian government, who is visiting the consulates of South America.

POPE MUST BE INDEPENDENT.

Archbishop Ireland Makes a Plea for Temporal Sovereignty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Archbishop Ireland, in a sermon preached at St. Patrick's church in this city, renewed the question of the independence of the pope and prophesied that at no remote day "the Italian people and Christendom at large would give back to the papacy its wonted dignity and liberty."

The discussion of that is known as the Roman question was especially significant, as the archbishop during the latter's recent visit to Rome talked at length with the pope. The archbishop referred to the pope as a prisoner in the vatican, voluntary in that no physical force prevents his leaving its precincts and involuntary in that he could not get beyond the vatican without impairing his dignity as pontiff and without seeming to accept the situation created for him by the entrance into Rome of troops of the Italian government.

He said the Catholic church is a "divinely created organization" deriving directly from Christ its mission and all the rights which are needed that it may live and work; its life and mission are expressed in its supreme chief, the successor of Peter, and to him belong all the rights inherent in the church and whose possession is needed for fulfillment of its mission and work willed by Christ. Hence the pontiff's right to independence and, as a consequence, to temporal sovereignty."

The archbishop said:

"If the pope is a civil subject of an authority outside of himself he has not the necessary freedom; the ruler or government would interfere, making laws impairing his freedom of action or strive to impose methods more serviceable to the state than the church. The pontiff's words must bear no possible suspicion that they were imposed by men who have no authority in things moral and spiritual.

"If the sovereign pontiff be the subject of the king of Italy, what guarantee is there for other peoples and other rulers that, whether through fear or favor, Italian influences have not penetrated into the vatican and that Italian interests are not to be served. The peril of national jealousies would be the greater were the foreign countries at the time warring with the king of Italy.

"We, in America, are willing indeed to hearken to the words of Peter but it must be plain that they are not the words of a foreign ruler whose sole purpose is the interest of a foreign nationality of the church. The sole effective guarantee of independence for the pontiff is temporal sovereignty, which marks for him sufficient space on earth upon which he may work, in fulfillment of his mission, with all the independence he needs."

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY.

Received With Enthusiasm by Citizens of Guayaquil, Ecuador.

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Dec. 10.—General Leonidas Pazas, a candidate for the presidency of Ecuador, has arrived here. He was welcomed here by the citizens with enthusiasm.

The United States minister to Ecuador, Archibald J. Sampson, is on his way to this city. So also is Dr. Felicisimo Lopez, formerly the Ecuadorian consul-general in New York, who went to Curacas as the special envoy of Ecuador.

LIPTON READY FOR ALL.

He Does Not Fear Any Boston Yacht Builders.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from London says:

Sir Thomas Lipton, when informed of Thomas Lawson's announcement that he is determined to build a cup defender, said:

"Let them all come. I fear but one man—that magician Herreshoff. If he was out of the way I can assure you the stars and stripes would not be waving so high and that the cup would long since have changed hands.

"Boston naturally wants to get a chance in the cup races. I certainly would not object if she did try to defend the cup. The New York Yacht Club committee can pick any boat they please. I have to definitely select my boats months in advance.

"They don't have to name the defender until a week before sailing, so it's purely an American matter for the New York Yacht Club to decide. Personally, I fail to see why the club need build a new boat. Certainly they never heard me complain that the Columbia ran too slow.

"But, seriously, Herreshoff is the one man that I am after. He is, I repeat, a magician in the designing and building of yachts. I would be interested to know something about the plans of Mr. Lawson. While I believe Herreshoff can turn out the best boats in America, there is still a possibility that some freak will be constructed that will beat the Columbia.

"But Lawson's energy in the game is a healthy sign. It shows great growing interest in yachting.

"The work will proceed now on Shamrock II. Watson is giving all his time to the pushing of the construction.

"Whoever the mysterious yacht building in Glasgow may belong to, you may positively say that she is not mine, nor is she a possible cup challenger, for she will not be as fast as Shamrock II. Nor is she the Prince of Wales' boat. My personal opinion is that she is being built for the kaiser."

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NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Paddy Ryan, one time champion of the prize ring, is destitute. He has lost his speech and is suffering with Bright's disease. His friends have started a subscription for his benefit. The list is headed by John L. Sullivan.

Sullivan's fight that made him champion was with Ryan. Afterward Ryan travelled with him as his sparring partner.

COLOSSAL SMELTERS.

Will Be Built by George Westinghouse on the Santa Cruz River.

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 10.—It is learned on good authority that George Westinghouse, of Pittsburg, has bought the entire Buena Vista grant, comprising 7000 acres of land, and intends to erect at some point on the Santa Cruz river colossal reduction works and smelters and build a railway connecting the mines, the reduction works and Nogales.

NEW CAPTAIN FOR THE RUSH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Captain Buhne, of the revenue cutter service, has gone to Puget sound to take command of the Richard Rush.