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## KITCHENER WANTS REINFORCEMENTS

Compelled to Withdraw Troops  
From Chase of De Wet.

## LOCAL DUTCH AID INVADERS

Eighty-two British Killed and Wounded and  
Forty-four Captured at Noidgedacht  
—Krauger Says He Is Not a  
Fugitive.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The war office last evening could give no information regarding the reports of the invasion of Cape Colony. The officials expressed the opinion, however, that the newspaper accounts were exaggerated and that the troops who have been employed in chasing General De Wet will be diverted to deal with the invaders, having regard to the customary methods of the war office. This can only be interpreted as confirming the report.

Lord Kitchener, in the meantime, keeps a tight rein over news, which increases the public disquietude. There is a persistent rumor that he has demanded reinforcements. According to the Daily Mail the last telegram received in London yesterday depicts the situation in Cape Colony as somewhat ominous. It seems that the invading Boers are receiving considerable assistance from local Dutch and that the troops at the disposal of the British authorities are not sufficient to cope with any serious spread of military operations.

**HEAVY BRITISH LOSSES.**  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—The British losses at Noidgedacht, according to official accounts, were eighty-two killed and wounded with forty-four missing and still unaccounted for.

**PITCHED BATTLE IMMINENT.**  
KRUGERSDORP, Transvaal, Sunday, Dec. 18.—A pitched battle is imminent between the British under General Clements, who has been reinforced, and the Boers under General Delany.

**KNOX ABANDONS PURSUIT.**  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—It is reported this afternoon that General Knox has been forced to abandon the pursuit of General De Wet, owing to the situation created in Cape Colony by the Boers crossing the Orange river.

It is said that 2000 republicans have entered Cape Colony, and a similar number have reached Philippstown. The report adds that De Wet, with about 4500 men, is northwest of Ladybrand, and that an attack on Winburg is momentarily expected.

**SPEECH BY KRUGER.**  
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19.—Mr. Kruger arrived here today. He was met at the railroad station by the municipal and communal authorities. Speeches were exchanged in the royal waiting-room. A bouquet was presented to Mr. Kruger, whose every appearance was a signal for rounds of applause. Very large crowds of people lined the route to the town hall, where the burgomaster made a speech in which he said he hoped Mr. Kruger would succeed in his efforts to secure honorable peace. Mr. Kruger, in the course of his reply, said:

"In 1884 we obtained our independence, but that favorable action has been obliterated. The invaders are ten against one, but we await the day when God will make known his will. We rely on his help more than on emperors and princes. I have not come as a fugitive, but by the order of my government, with the object of terminating a war in which the British employ men and children against us."

**SOLDIERS ASSAULT WOMEN.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from The Hague says:

Pitiable stories reach Holland concerning the fate of the reconcentrated women in the British camps in the Transvaal. Mme. Hardus, of Kimberley, reports at the end of October: "Today arrived eight women and twenty-four children from Potchefstroom. They had a terrible tale to

tell of how when they refused to leave home they were dragged away by Kaffirs, thrust into jail, and after being kept some time without food, taken by soldiers to Kimberley. When they arrived here their clothes were in rags, having been torn by soldiers. Two had been subjected to indignities. Some of them were widows, two had husbands in St. Helena. The children were of all ages and most barefooted. I was glad to be able to get them some food which they badly needed."

Another correspondent describes the arrival of six poor women from the same district in a miserable plight. Two women who had suffered from the violence of soldiers were taken to the hospital for treatment. A nursing sister who has arrived at Harlem from Africa gives harrowing accounts of the condition of many victims of soldiers. Another letter relates how two young mothers who were brought into a reconcentrated camp were not allowed to take infants four and six months old with them.

**SALISBURY PESSIMISTIC.**  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—Lord Salisbury's gloomy reference to South Africa yesterday, at the conference of the National Union of Conservative Associations, is causing much heart burning. The Conservative press, reluctant to admit that the situation is worse, complains of the premier's needless pessimism.

The Daily News asks whether Lord Salisbury's utterances foreshadow the news of another reverse, and it suggests that the government had received dispatches from Lord Kitchener asking for more troops on the ground that the war instead of being finished is entering upon a new and difficult phase.

The queen's message to the volunteers was evidently designed to soothe the general disappointment over the disaster in the field. There are rumors current that the government is not able to respond to appeals from South Africa to send more regulars.

The abandonment of the thanksgiving service in St. Paul's brings vividly home to the public the fact that there is still much work to be done in South Africa.

**PORTLAND BANK SOLD.**  
Canadian Bank of Commerce Buys  
Bank of British Columbia.

**PORTLAND, Dec. 19.**—The Canadian Bank of Commerce has purchased the Bank of British Columbia, comprising its ten branches in British Columbia, Oregon and California and one in London. The western banks are located at Portland, San Francisco, Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Kamloops, Roseland, Nelson, Sander and New Westminster. The deal was consummated at Toronto on December 11 and the change will be put into effect January 1 next. The head office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is at Toronto and it has about seventy branches. The capital of the new institution will be \$3,000,000.

**EVERYTHING AGREED TO.**  
Representatives of the Powers at Peking Accept British Modifications of Treaty.

**PEKIN, Dec. 19.**—At a meeting of the foreign ministers late this evening everything in regard to the terms of the joint note was agreed to including the British modifications. The ministers refuse to disclose anything in connection with the matter, believing that the home government should give the particulars to the public.

**SIX HUNDRED KILLED.**  
Colombian Government Defeats Rebels  
With Awful Slaughter.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.**—The state department has received a cablegram from United States Charge D'Almeida Aube at Bogota, stating that a great battle has been fought in the Maeda river district, Colombia, which lasted two days and resulted in a decisive victory for the government. Six hundred were killed and many hundreds wounded.

**RECORD AGAIN BROKEN.**  
Yesterday \$52,000 Was Offered for a Seat  
on the New York Stock Exchange.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 19.**—A proof of the very active business of the stock market is the high prices asked for membership on the stock exchange. Today \$52,000 was bid for a seat on the exchange compared with a sale yesterday at \$50,000 which was the record price.

## SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK

A NEW LINE OF  
**Mantel Folding Beds**  
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**IRON BEDSTEDS, FULL BRASS TOP, \$6.50**

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## BILL FOR ARMY REORGANIZATION

Reported by Senate Committee  
on Military Affairs.

## \$15,000 FOR ASTORIA LAUNCH

Senate Will Vote on Hay-Pauncefote Treaty  
Today—The River and Harbor Bill  
Carries Appropriation of  
\$30,000,000.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.**—The army reorganization bill as reported today by the senate committee on military affairs provides for fifteen regiments of cavalry; twelve regiments of artillery; thirty regiments of infantry; one lieutenant-general; six major-generals; fifteen brigadier-generals; an adjutant-general's department; an inspector-general's department; an advocate-general's department; a quartermaster's department; a subsistence department; a medical department; a pay department; a corps of engineers; an ordnance department; a signal corps; officers of the record and pension office; chaplains; officers and enlisted men of the army on the retired list; professors for the corps of cadets; an army service detachment; a band at the United States military academy; and such Indian scouts as may be now authorized by law.

The cavalry regimental organization is to consist of a colonel, lieutenant-colonel, three majors, fifteen captains and fifteen each of first and second lieutenants. Two veterinarians are allowed for each cavalry regiment. The president is authorized to increase the number of privates in each troop of cavalry to seventy-six.

The house provisions in regard to artillery are stricken out and the provision substituted retains the regimental system, giving each regiment a colonel, lieutenant-colonel, three majors, 17 captains, and the same number of first and second lieutenants.

Twelve companies of foot artillery are allowed to each regiment of artillery and three battalions are provided for. The president is authorized to increase the privates in these companies to eighty-five and those in the field batteries to 135.

The infantry regiments are allowed the same general officers as the other branches of the service and the same provision is made for the details of all cases. The president is allowed to increase the number of the private infantry companies to 127 but the same restriction as in the other cases is put on him. The maximum strength of the army is fixed at 100,000.

The president is authorized to maintain the enlisted force of the several organizations of the army at their maximum strength as fixed in this act during the present exigencies of service or until such time as congress may hereafter direct.

Nothing in this act shall be held or construed so as to discharge any officer from the regular army or to deprive him of a commission which he holds therein.

## VOTE ON TREATY TODAY.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.**—Today's session of the senate demonstrated that the discussion on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty by that body is practically exhausted and that the senate is ready for the vote which has been fixed for tomorrow. When, upon Senator Lodge's motion, the doors were closed today and he called up the treaty, no senator evinced a desire to speak upon it.

## LAUNCH FOR ASTORIA.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.**—Senator McBride of Oregon today gave notice of an amendment he proposes to offer to the sundry civil appropriation bill appropriating \$15,000 for a launch for the customs service in the vicinity of Astoria, Ore.

## RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.**—The river and harbor committee of the house has practically decided not to give out the bill until after the holidays. The members fear that the publication of it would give the friends of projects unfavorably acted upon an opportunity to organize a combination against the bill. The bill has reached such gigantic proportions (almost \$30,000,000 under the provisional allotment) that some vigorous pruning will be necessary to reduce it to \$20,000,000 or \$25,000,000, to which the committee desires to hold it down. The direct appropriations probably will not much exceed \$20,000,000. The committee has provisionally agreed to the southwest pass project at the mouth of the Mississippi which involves \$3,000,000 in continuing contracts. The Mississippi river is to get \$10,000,000 during the next ten years. A lock on a dam on the Ohio river below Cincinnati is to be provided at a cost of \$1,000,000. The harbor at Cleveland, Ohio, the home of Chairman Burton, is down for over \$4,000,000. A provision is to be made for the rebuilding of the

jetty at Galveston and general improvements at other parts of the coast at a cost of \$1,000,000.

## ABOLISH GRADE CROSSINGS.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.**—The house today, at the end of a long contest extending over two days, passed bills compelling the Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio railroads to abolish grade crossings at Washington, to alter their route into the city and to change their terminal facilities. An amendment was placed upon the Pennsylvania bill to require the road to build a new station to cost not less than \$1,500,000.

## MORAN'S BID REJECTED.

Only Two Ships Will Be Constructed on  
Pacific Coast.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.**—The board of naval construction today completed its report, although lacking, as it does, the signature of one absent member it is still subject to change. By today's arrangement the Pacific coast gets only two ships, both armored cruisers, and they go to the Union Iron Works. Senator Foster and Representative Jones, of Washington, spent half an hour with Secretary Long this afternoon endeavoring to show cause why some of the contracts should go to Moran Brothers, of Seattle. The secretary made no promises.

## STICKEL SENTENCED.

Self-Confessed Murderer to Be Hanged  
Within Ninety Days.

**KALAMA, Wash., Dec. 19.**—Martin Stickel was tonight found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing W. B. Shanklin near Kelso one year ago. Stickel confessed to the murder of Shanklin and also to the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Knapp, near Castle Rock, three weeks ago. The judge sentenced Stickel to be hanged within ninety days.

## PROBABLY NOT TRUE.

Rumor of Deal Between Southern Pacific  
and Santa Fe Is Not Believed.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.**—J. C. Stubbs, vice-president of the Southern Pacific, has returned from the East. In regard to the statement that the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe may enter into a deal by which the two roads will be able to secure more direct rail communication between Salt Lake and Los Angeles, Mr. Stubbs said that he had heard the report, but he doubted if there was any truth in it.

## CHRISTIANS MASSACRED.

More Muslim Outrages in the Central  
Provinces of Turkey.

**LONDON, Dec. 19.**—A dispatch to the Daily Express from Vienna reports some recent Muslim excesses against Christians in the central provinces of Turkey where 200 Christians have been killed.

## CANADIAN SILVER TAKEN.

Tacoma Banks Agree to Accept It at  
Par.

**TACOMA, Dec. 19.**—The clearing house banks today decided that after January 1 they will accept Canadian silver at par. It has been taken only at 5 per cent discount.

## WHEAT MARKET.

**PORTLAND, Dec. 19.**—Wheat—Walla Walla, 54@54½.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.**—Wheat—May, 103½; cash, 98½.

**CHICAGO, Dec. 19.**—Wheat May opening, 72½@73; closing 72½@73.

**LIVERPOOL, Dec. 19.**—Wheat—March, 6s.

## PRIZEFIGHTS FORBIDDEN.

**CHICAGO, Dec. 19.**—Mayor Harrison today revoked all permits for prize fights.

## PRICE OF SILVER.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 19.**—Silver, 64.

## MILLIONAIRE'S SON KIDNAPPED

Great Omaha Packing House Shut  
Down While Search Is Made.

## KIDNAPPERS WANTED \$25,000

Entire Police and Detective Force of Omaha  
Scoured the City and County for  
15-Year-Old Son of Edward  
A. Cudahy.

**OMAHA, Dec. 19.**—Edward Cudahy, Jr., the 15-year-old son of Edward A. Cudahy, the millionaire packer and head of the Cudahy Packing Company in Omaha, is missing from his home in this city and his parents believe he has been kidnapped.

The entire police and detective force of the city and half a hundred men employed by Cudahy have been scouring the city and country throughout the day in the hope of locating the young man, or securing a clue which would lead to the knowledge of his whereabouts, but without success.

Business at the Cudahy packing plant in South Omaha was practically suspended today, nearly the entire force there joining in the search. The boy's father has offered to pay a substantial reward and ask no questions if his son is returned to his home. An anonymous letter has been received at the Cudahy home substantiating the fears of the family that he has been kidnapped. The boy has not been seen since 8 o'clock last night. The letter said in substance: "Mr. E. A. Cudahy, Your son is safe. We have him and will take good care of him and will return him to you in consideration of the payment of \$25,000. We mean business." JACK.

## YOUNG CUDAHY FOUND.

**OMAHA, Dec. 20.**—Young Cudahy returned home secretly at 1 a. m. Thursday and Mr. Cudahy announced that he had been abducted but is safe and sound. He refused to say anything about a ransom.

## SMELTERS MAY COMBINE.

American Smelting and Refining Co.  
Proposes to Absorb Guggenheim  
Plants.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 19.**—Announcement was made today of the proposed absorption of the Guggenheim silver smelting plants by the American Smelting and Refining Co. To accomplish this the stockholders of the latter company will be asked to assent to a proposition that the capitalization be increased from \$55,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

## DROWNING AT HATA LAKE.

Report Brought From the North By  
Steamer Amur.

**VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 19.**—The steamer Amur arrived from the north today bringing news of the drowning by the capsizing of a boat at Hata Lake, near Copper mountain, of Peter Early, Mrs. John Taylor and Minnie Banker.

## NO SYMPATHETIC STRIKE.

Trainmen Refuse to Unite With the  
Santa Fe Telegraphers.

**CHICAGO, Dec. 19.**—A committee representing the engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen of the Santa Fe Railway system declared tonight that they would not advise a strike in sympathy with the telegraphers.

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