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LOST GROUND IS BEING REGAINED

English Capture Boer Wagons and Release British Prisoners.

KRUGER ADVISES SURRENDER

It is Reported Botha Declares Kruger Has Told Him to Expect No Help From Europe—Use of Maoris Disapproved.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The dispatches from South Africa add little or nothing to present information concerning the situation, though the general trend of events seems to show that the British are regaining ground recently lost.

A special from Naauwpoort reports that Colonel De la Rive, capturing 18 miles west of De Aar, capturing a number of wagons and releasing prisoners captured near Philippstown. Lieutenant Colonel Grenfell forced back General Kritzinger towards Venterstadt. Both commandos are in desperate plight and will probably never recross the Orange river.

A Stanerton dispatch says that it is estimated that 2000 Boers were engaged in the operations in North Natal, hoping to break the British line of communication. This plan failed.

According to a Johannesburg dispatch, General French occupied Venterdorp Friday without opposition.

From Carnarvon comes a dispatch saying that the Boers occupied Venterdorp December 27 in force and were reported to be moving on Carnarvon, where martial law has been proclaimed.

It is creditably reported, according to a dispatch from Newcastle, that Louis Botha has informed Commandant Spruit that Kruger has sent word that the burghers must lay down their arms or continue fighting on their own account as no support from Europe can be expected.

MORE BRITISH LOSSES

LONDON, Dec. 29.—General Kitchen-er, telegraphing from Pretoria under date of Friday, December 28, sends a summary of the number of attacks made by the Boers at various points. The only important incident was an attack upon a baggage column near Greylingstad. A company with a pom-pom made a sortie from Greylingstad and drove off the Boers. Captains Radclyffe and Harvest were wounded, eight men were killed, twenty-seven were wounded, and twenty were reported missing.

BRITISH REOCCUPY PICKSBURG, BLOEMFONTEIN.

Dec. 29.—The British have reoccupied Picksburg, which for some time has been in the hands of the Boers.

COLVILLE REACHES ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Major-General Sir Henry Colville, whose resignation has been demanded by the war office, arrived at Plymouth today to demand a trial by court martial to establish the responsibility for the yeomanry disaster at Lindley last May.

He says he does not intend to be made a scapegoat for the sake of the staff. He avers that the Lindley disaster could never have happened had he been informed of Lord Roberts' intention. The primary cause of the surrender, he says, was insufficient information given by the headquarters staff to Colonel Sprague and himself, and he declines to accept the blame.

General Colville and his influential friends are thus beginning the campaign against the secretary of state for war, Wm. St. John Broderick, Lord Roberts and General Kitchen-er. It is expected to be fought out with some ferocity in parliament.

ROBERTS SAILS FOR HOME.

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 29.—The steamer Canada with Lord Roberts on board sailed for home this afternoon.

MORE RESIGNATION DEMANDED.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Miserable rain, fog and dirt made Christmas week of evil memory for England. Depressing gloom in thorough harmony with

the weather settled over the country. The coats were strewn with wrecks, commerce was out of joint and the public was bitterly digesting the criticism of the British army.

The demand for Major-General Sir Henry E. Colville's resignation, thrown as a sop, only served to whet the ravenous appetites of those who are howling for the responsibility of the reverses in South Africa being brought home to individuals. More heads are demanded. Where so many must be blameable, it is felt that the selection of General Colville is woefully inadequate if not unfair. Indeed, it is already said that had not the yeomanry force at Lindley, which Colville failed to relieve, included some nobility and other influential persons, Colville would never have been recalled. The bitterness felt by these yeomanry at being compelled to surrender because, as they allege, Colville refused to render the aid within his power, has never died out and will probably result in one of the most interesting court martials in the annals of the British army, upon the result of which will depend the fate of several other high officers who have proved unequal to the occasion.

The Liberal papers comment severely on the acceptance of the war office of a contingent of Maoris from New Zealand. The Star says:

"The effect of this stupid blunder on the Dutch will be terrible. After declining to employ Indian troops, we are taking a paltry 100 Maoris. This will not only infuriate the Dutch, but it will be an insult to the Indian troops, who will regard it as a declaration of their inferiority to an inferior colored race. Go on, government of muddlers."

However, there are signs of the dawn of that common sense, the lack of which the English critics so deplore in the military system, for the cavalry now going out to South Africa is discarding the lance and substituting for these weapons rifles and sabres. After over a year's fighting, the authorities have woken up to the utter uselessness of lances and carbines, considering that thousands of British soldiers have never seen a Boer during the many engagements.

WILL OF HENRY VILLARD.

Leaves Many Public Bequests for American and German Institutions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The will of the late Henry Villard makes these public bequests:

Columbia University, \$50,000; Harvard University, \$50,000; Dobb's Ferry Hospital Association, \$50,000; German Society of New York, \$5000; New York Infirmary for women and children, \$5000; Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, \$2500; Hospital at Speyer, Germany, which he founded, \$50,000 marks; Museum at Kaiserlautern, 50,000 marks; Town of Speyer, 50,000 marks, income of which is to be applied to the making of loans to deserving mechanics.

ARMY BILL WILL BE PUSHED.

Senator Hawley Tells the President That the Senate Will Take It Up on Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Senator Hawley, chairman of the military committee of the senate, had an interview with the president today about the situation of the army bill in the upper house. The senator told the president that he will go ahead with the bill as soon as the senate reconvenes on Thursday. The senator expressed confidence that there would be no filibustering on the army bill.

CANTILEVER BRIDGE FINISHED.

Announcement Made by Manager of White Pass and Yukon Railway.

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—General Manager Hawkins, of the White Pass and Yukon Road, was advised today of the completion of the steel cantilever bridge that crosses the chasm near the summit of White Pass.

PARCEL POST CONVENTION.

May Be Established With Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Lord Pauncefoot, the British ambassador, had a conference with the second assistant postmaster-general today upon the establishment of a parcel post convention with Great Britain.

POWERS OPPOSED TO THE EMPRESS

Will Not Permit Her to Confer Power on Son of Prince Tuan.

CHINA WANTS EXPLANATION

Court Asks Many Questions About the Peace Terms—German Force Captures Five Hundred Imperial Chinese Troops.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—It is recognized, say officials here, as a perfectly natural course on the part of the Chinese government to ask for explanations of the important points in the agreement reached by the ministers at Peking. It begins to appear from the character of the Chinese response that there may be more time consumed in securing final acceptance of the agreement than at first expected.

Some months ago the empress dowager designated the young son of Prince Tuan as successor to Kwang Hsu. Although the name given in the dispatches as that of the new successor differs from that named by the empress dowager some time ago, they may be one and the same, as the imperial names refer to dynasties and change on appointment to the throne.

It is not likely that the powers will permit the further exercise of the empress dowager's influence, particularly if it takes the obnoxious form of seeking to confer power on the son of Prince Tuan, the chief conspirator in the disturbances.

IMPERIAL TROOPS CAPTURED.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The war office received from Von Walderssee a dispatch reporting that a company of the Third East Asiatic regiment captured 500 imperial troops December 24th in the mountains northwest of Mancheng.

QUESTIONS FROM EMPEROR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Herald from Peking says:

A note was received last evening from the imperial court at Si Ngan Fu, acknowledging the receipt of the demands of the powers. It further contained five questions or requests, namely:

- First—Might not the Taku forts remain standing, though dismantled?
- Second—Is it proposed to behave precisely the same as other offenders?
- Third—If the demands are acceded to, would the allies cease sending out expeditions?
- Fourth—What places do the allies propose to occupy?
- Fifth—How long do they propose to occupy them?

PRINCE HENRY SUMMONED.

Kaiser Wants His Brother to Get a More Intimate Knowledge of State Affairs.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—An imperial order commands Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the emperor, to report at Berlin by January 1, and remain at the capital for some time, with a view to attaining a more intimate knowledge of state affairs. His majesty desires that while at the capital Prince Henry shall keep in close touch with the foreign office.

CRIME AT KANSAS CITY.

Highwaymen, an Acid Thrower and a Rapist All at Work Within a Few Hours.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—Three women held up by highwaymen, one of whom is dying from the injuries received; a girl attacked by an acid

THROWER AND ANOTHER GIRL ASSAULTED IS THE RECORD OF CRIME FOR THE PAST FEW HOURS HERE.

Today a man enticed Edith Campbell, an 8-year-old girl, from her home in the east bottoms and nearly choked her to death. He has not been captured.

An Edgerton, Kansas, woman threw carbolic acid in 14-year-old Clara Barnes' face, severely burning her. No cause for the assault is apparent.

Within a few hours three women have been held up on this side of the river by highwaymen. One of the victims, Mrs. Mary Bolder, has a broken skull and cannot recover.

THREE AND A FOURTH MILLIONS.

Offered by the United States for the Danish West Indies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Copenhagen announces that United States Minister Swenson, as the result of the present negotiations, has offered twelve million kroner for the Danish Antilles. This is equivalent to about \$3,240,000.

Of course, acceptance of this proposition by the Danish government would not complete the transaction. The transfer of the islands can be accomplished only under the form of a treaty which must be accepted by the senate of the United States.

In addition, owing to the necessity of providing money to be paid for the islands, the house of representatives must have its say, being called upon to make the necessary appropriation.

SUIT FOR MANY MILLIONS.

Litigation Over the Estate of the Late Millionaire Leonard Case.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 29.—A suit involving the ownership of many millions of dollars' worth of property in this city and \$1,500,000 damages for being excluded from the rents and profits of the same, was commenced today by claimants to the estate of Leonard Case, who died in 1884.

The defendants in the suit number about 500. The plaintiffs, nine in number, allege they are the rightful heirs to the property. The basis of their claims is that cousins cannot become heirs to property against a sister, the Case estate having been left to cousins of the deceased millionaire.

BAND OF SHEEP KILLED.

Three Thousand Stampeded by Eleven Men.

MILES CITY, Mont., Dec. 29.—A message from Otter, Custer county, says that eleven men stampeded 3000 sheep, killing the whole band. The sheep belonged to R. R. Selway and were probably driven over a precipice. There were range troubles at Otter all summer and many look for further deeds of violence.

INVESTIGATION CONCLUDED.

Court of Inquiry Into Booz Hazing Will Report Soon.

WEST POINT, Dec. 29.—The investigation of the charges of brutal hazing arising out of the death of ex-Cadet Oscar L. Booz was concluded this afternoon. It is expected that the court of inquiry will make a report to the war department soon.

DALY'S HORSES SOLD.

Mackie Bought the Stallion Montana for \$1000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Horses belonging to Edward Corrigan and the estate of the late Marcus Daly were sold at auction today. The stallion Montana, owned by the Daly estate, was sold to John Mackie for \$1000.

TWENTY BODIES RECOVERED.

HOLYHEAD, Dec. 29.—The bodies of twenty members of the crew of the bark Primrose Hill, which went down yesterday, have been washed ashore.

ARNOLD WRITES SONNET FOR US

While Graham Says England Gets Only Kicks From Us.

EXTREME VIEWS PRESENTED

Treaty Amendments Make Kick Number Twenty for Which Salisbury Will Bestow on Us His Distinguished Consideration.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Reviews of the year and century fill the weekly and daily papers. Sir Edwin Arnold hails the new century with a sonnet, "Creeting to Columbia." England says:

"I send thee a motherly kiss and benison.
Love me or love me not; hap what may hap,
My pride and prayers watch thy bright course begun.
Thou dost uphold the lessons learned from me,
And speakest my Shakspeare's speech,
God go with thee."

Columbia answers:

"They foresee too much who dare to think,
We shall be more kept asunder.
Than two great clouds in heaven that hold the thunder."

That Sir Edwin Arnold's views are not unanimously shared can be judged by a letter of Cunningham Graham which is given the place of honor in Saturday's Review. The writer declares that Anglo-American friendship has resulted only in kicks for Great Britain in the cases of the Venezuela, San Juan, Alabama and Bering awards. He says:

"We won't go on putting ourselves upon our diaphragms, making certain that all these kicks were but simply affection. Americans bore us. Last, on top of all their condescensions, like a cold bath on a trunkard, come the names of the senate in the Hay-Jauncey note treaty by which we are commanded to assent to kick number twenty, and I suppose Lord Salisbury is going to receive it and assure the kickers of his distinguished consideration and thank them for the energy with which it is bestowed."

"Experts tell us that the canal could not be defended, even though fortified, in case of war, but then liar, damned liar and expert is a comparison almost proverbial in this commercial age."

MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROADERS.

Unwilling to Combine With Any Other "Reform" Movement.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Members of the Middle-of-the-Road Populist national committee and other leaders in various reform movements debated all day over the advisability of forming a combination with the Social Democratic and Union Reform parties.

The tenor of the speeches made was practically unanimously in opposition to the plan and in favor of carrying on the work of the Populist party strictly along its own lines. It was decided to issue an address setting forth in detail the views of the committee.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 55.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Wheat, May, 105 1/2; cash, 99 1/2.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Wheat, May, opened, 73 1/2; closed, 73 1/2.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—Wheat, March 6s. 5 1/2.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Silver, 63 1/2.

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