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BRITISH ARMY WASTING AWAY

Wounds, Disease and Discontent Weaken Forces.

NO FRESH REINFORCEMENTS

War Office Not Intending to Send Any Large Bodies—President Kruger is Reported to Be Dangerously Ill.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—History falls to furnish a parallel to the Boer invasion of Cape Colony. A whole month has elapsed since the republicans crossed the Orange river and still Great Britain knows next to nothing of their numbers, whereabouts or doings, and still less of the objects of the raid. The only thing known with tolerable certainty is that they are progressing southward, over some sparsely inhabited tracts, where they escape observation. Other large bodies are traversing the very heart of the colony.

The only logical explanation seems to be the largely accepted idea that the invasion forms part of a great organized scheme of that Napoleon of war, General De Wet, to strike terror into the British colony, which, unquestionably, is nearly denuded of troops, and trust to the chapter of accidents to achieve such success as will enable the Boers to almost dictate the terms of peace. The leading policy of the invaders, however, seems to be to threaten to defeat their aims and has enabled the hastily enrolled levies to volunteer to occupy vital strategic points, while there are some signs that the gathering of troops in the rear of the burghers is beginning to press them southward into the arms of the British moving from the seaboard, instead of attempting to drive them back again across the Orange river where they might be enabled to rejoin General De Wet.

In the meanwhile despatching hints are arriving of the alarming rapidity with which the British army is wasting away. The long lists of dead, wounded and diseased men sent out this morning, while there are abundant signs that the troops at the front are becoming stale and discontented, the general exasperation at home is becoming more acute and the public is becoming quite skeptical of the competency of the government to get the country out of the wretched tangle.

NO REINFORCEMENTS TO GO.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: "The chief source of consolation for the bewildered public, which cannot understand what is going on in South Africa, is an occasional dispatch from America indicating that the Boer war is still in progress. No attempt is made to explain the fact that the two branches of the English speaking race are simultaneously harassed by the dragging operations of apparently endless and profitless campaigns. But English humiliation is mitigated by evidence that the Americans are still far from the end of hostilities in the islands."

General Kitchener is so reticent that pro-Boer journals like the Manchester Guardian and alarmist sheets like the Daily Mail are convinced that the situation is critical and the British army virtually on the defensive and in need of reinforcements. General Kitchener takes the situation so coolly that military men are disposed to ridicule the idea that any descent upon Worcester or Cape Town is possible.

An officer in touch with the best sources of information informs me that there is no intention on the part of the war office of sending out a large body of reinforcements. Drafts have been going for several weeks in small detachments, but the military authorities are not convinced that urgent measures are required. Lord Roberts is believed to have recommended before he left South Africa the shipment of 20,000 regulars to replace the same number of militia and reservists, but the cabinet objected on the score of expenses. Military men assert that this was a mistake, since the British army after the projected battle of the unprecedented campaign has grown stale, dispirited and unfit for duty and a large portion of it needs to be ordered home.

Veteran officers who have followed the war closely at every stage laugh at the absurd estimates of the strength of the Boers in the field—eight thousand with Botha, four thousand with De Wet, three thousand with De Wet, five thousand in Griqualand, five thousand in Cape Colony and five thousand scattered here and there. As there are 17,000 Boer prisoners, and at least 8,000 and possibly 10,000 have died from wounds or disease, these estimates make up an aggregate which is utterly irreconcilable with the census.

KRUGER DANGEROUSLY ILL.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from Paris to the Tribune says: "Private advices received here say that a German physician who recently examined President Kruger pronounced him dangerously ill, scarcely likely to survive."

GEN. DU BARRY DEAD.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—General Beekman Du Barry, U. S. A., retired, died today.

FIGHT WILL COME OFF.

Saengerfest Athletic Club Announces That There Will Be No Failure.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12.—At 6 o'clock tonight the Saengerfest Athletic Club directors adjourned and announced that they would pull off the Jeffries-Rubin fight here February 15th without fail.

HONOLULU, Jan. 12.—A tragedy, said to have resulted from a commitment for leprosy, was brought to light some days ago by the discovery of two corpses in a quarry near this city. The bodies were those of a young native who had contracted leprosy and was to have been sent to Molokai, and his sweetheart, who chose to die with him rather than endure separation.

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Who Has Been Warned by Powerful Leader That She Must Recall Her Consent to the Terms Proposed by the Powers.

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The state department is still strongly inclined to doubt whether the opposition of the empress dowager can be overcome by any ordinary means. The appearance of Liang Chi Tung as leader of the opposition increases that doubt. Chang is known throughout China as the principal representative of whatever patriotic and love of country is left in the empire. His influence is all the greater because his antipathy to foreigners has never led him into any of the means to build up the patriotic theme, such as the Boer rebellion. Chang has always sought by constructive means to build up the patriotic spirit in his country, without compromising it in the eyes of the powers. He is additionally respected because he is known to be an incorruptible office holder, a rarity in China, and he has actually sunk a fortune in public works without getting a cent dishonestly.

The fact that such a man has warned the empress dowager that she must recall her authorization to the plenipotentiaries is of great significance. If the empress dowager should again assent to the signing of the note, she would have to reckon with a patriotic movement led by Chang.

RUSSIA'S POLICY.

PEKIN, Jan. 12.—Mr. De Giers, the Russian minister to China, denies the current report that Russia is endeavoring to make a special agreement with China irrespective of the other powers. With reference to the claim made by some of the other envoys that Russia violated her work in making a concession at Tien Tsin, Mr. De Giers said: "Nothing of the kind. Tien Tsin is practically a foreign city, and Russia left the necessity of a certain portion of the land for the benefit of her trade interests. The land granted had been virtually unused for any purpose and was almost worthless. Russia will make it a valuable property, benefiting herself and China. I do not consider this like an acquisition of territory."

ASSAULTED BY A NEGRO.

Leavenworth Mob of One Thousand Frustrated in Attempt to Lynch Assailant.

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Alexander failed to accomplish his object and was arrested shortly after the occurrence and taken to the jail, which was quickly surrounded by an angry mob numbering nearly one thousand, breathing threats of vengeance. The police in the meantime spirited the man away and when the doors were broken open no one was found. Alexander was taken out through an alleyway by the police, placed in a hack and driven to the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing.

ALEXANDER IS SUSPECTED OF THE MURDER OF MISS PEART FORBES, WHO WAS ASSAULTED AND KILLED NOVEMBER 6TH.

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Head of Military Academy Says He is Trying to Create a Sentiment Against Hazing.

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Colonel Mills said that he felt that the best method of abolishing fighting and hazing would be the creation of a sentiment among the cadets against such practices and he stated that he was striving to stir up such a sentiment.

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Honolulu Native and His Sweetheart Died Rather Than Endure Separation.

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FEARFUL PANIC IN CHICAGO THEATRE

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SCORES DEAD AND INJURED

False Alarm of Fire Led to Scare of Wild Excitement—Children Thrown From Balcony and Trampled Under Foot.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Seven persons were crushed to death and as many more seriously injured in a panic which followed a man's cry of "fire" late this afternoon in West Twelfth street Turner hall.

About 800 people were in the place, gathered to witness the performance of a play entitled "The Greenhorn." The following were killed: Rebecca Lindley, Annie Goldberg, aged 7, Regina Milenbach, aged 4, Annie Solomon, aged 27, George Shafter, aged 4, Mrs. Samuel Mendelsohn, Birdie Kidman.

The injured: Betsy Adler, Ella Adler, Joe Brecker, Mamie Brecker, Sarah Blomgarder, Rebecca Blomgarder, Mrs. Sarah Cohen, Louis Freedman, Sarah Goldberg, Mrs. Nettie Hirschberg, Minnie Hoffman, injured internally, Miss Fannie Jacobs, Myer Jacobson, Abraham Kammerman, Rose Kammerman, Mrs. Sarah Keel, Millie Miller, Rebecca Richter, Annie Crossman, Bessie Hissman, Jacob Hissman, Mrs. Ida Hissman.

The meeting: Frank Mott, Henry Harris, Annie Lichtenhan, Fannie Marquette, Samuel Mendelsohn, and two children, Frank and Reuben.

The play was in progress and the audience, composed for the most part of women and children, were all Hebrews. The hall stands in a densely populated district. When the cry was raised it was only five seconds until the entire audience was converted into a frantic mob, every member of which was fighting for the safety which lay beyond the doors of the building.

As soon as the wild rush toward the doors began, chairs were knocked down in every direction. The aisles disappeared and the excited people ran, climbed and stumbled over the chairs on their way to the doors.

Around the upper part of the hall extends a balcony which is open at only one end. Here were seated 100 women and children and two men. At the farther end of the balcony, away from the stairs, seeing that the rush toward the exit was blocked, they began at once to throw the little ones over the railing to the floor ten feet below.

The children fell into the midst of the maddened throng and were at once trampled under foot. Three of the dead were children who were thrown from the balcony and trampled by the crowd, with not a chance for their lives. Following the children, many of the women sprang from the balcony upon the crowd below and others, swinging over, hung by their hands before they dropped.

The alarm of fire was false, there having been no blaze at any time. The furnace in the building is somewhat defective and at times sparks pass through the registers. It was the sight of these sparks rising into the room that frightened the man who raised the cry of fire. The hall has several times been the scene of panics.

BIG STORM IN PORTLAND

Roofs Blown Off and a Foot of Water in the Streets.

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—For about an hour this afternoon a heavy wind and rain storm prevailed in this city and vicinity.

The wind reached a maximum of 41 miles per hour and the waves were not able to carry off the tremendous rainfall. In many downtown streets the water was a foot deep about 6 o'clock.

On account of a slide near Bonhommeville the O. R. & N. westbound train was unable to reach this city this evening and the eastbound train due to leave at 9 p. m. was not started out. Officials expect to have the road clear by morning.

OREGON LEGISLATURE

Matter of Chief Interest Is Whether There Is to Be Caucus on Senatorship.

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—Many members of the Oregon legislature are still in this city but all will leave for the capital tomorrow. The matter of chief interest at present is whether there is to be a caucus on the senatorship.

VALUE OF GOELET'S ESTATE

Appraiser Shows It to Be \$1,000,000, Instead of \$400,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The report of the appraiser appointed by the surrogate court to establish the value of Ogden Goelet's personal property was made public today and shows that it was worth \$1,000,000 instead of a trifle over \$400,000, the estimate furnished by the family.

BURGLARS AT EUGENE

Blew a Safe All to Pieces But Got Nothing.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 12.—Burglars entered the store of A. Bond & Son and Irving about 2 o'clock this morning. They blew the safe all to pieces and did a great deal of damage to the building but secured no booty.

PRICE OF SILVER

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Silver, 67 1/2.