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OUTLOOK MORE FAVORABLE.

General Kitchener Reports Important Victory Over the Boer Forces.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

General Kitchener continues to give favorable accounts of the British operations and his laudatory summaries are expanded by the newspaper correspondents. Colonel Grey, with his New Zealanders, has won a signal success over 800 Boers near Ventersburg, and Colville's victory on Vlaklaagie road has increased in importance as fresh details are received. The Boers are meeting with serious losses, especially when they take the offensive and attack British positions and lines. They are not gaining any advantage north of the Orange river, where the British campaign has not been interrupted by the invasion of Cape Colony. The raiders have not made progress during the last fortnight and the alarm has subsided at Cape Town, where the truth is perceived that loyalty has been stimulated by the invasion and that the Cape Dutch are now less favorable than they were to the Boer cause.

It is surmised in military circles that General De Wet and General Botha may unite their forces and attempt to deliver a crushing blow at some point on the lines of communication between Johannesburg and Ladysmith. The Boers are persistent and resourceful in carrying on guerrilla warfare under the most unfavorable conditions, but the ultimate failure of their supply of ammunition must bring the war to an end.

The response of the yeomanry to a second call to arms continues to be satisfactory. Recruiting is in progress at many points and it is evident that the number of volunteers asked for can easily be obtained. The war office is concerned in many quarters for having recourse to half measures which will not produce much impression upon the Boer leaders. The ministers seem more anxious to save money than to convince the Boers that England is really in earnest and resolved that the war shall end only in one way.

SPECIFICATIONS REVISED.

Cost of Battleships Now Fixed Within Contractors' Bids.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The board of naval construction has completed the revision of the specifications of the battleships with a view to bringing the cost within the figures of the bidders. The electric light plants have been retained in the specifications, but by making numerous small cuts and reducing the fund reserved from the total cost of the ship on account of inspection, the desired result has been obtained, and President O'Leary and Judge Fayson, representing both the Newport News and Bath companies, are prepared

CANCER

Sufferers from this horrible malady nearly always inherit it—not necessarily from the parents, but may be from some remote ancestor, for Cancer often runs through several generations. This deadly poison may lay dormant in the blood for years, or until you reach middle life, then the first little sore or ulcer makes its appearance—or a swollen gland in the breast, or some other part of the body, gives the first warning.

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Cancer begins often in a small way, as the following letter from Mrs. Shirer shows: A small pimple came on my jaw about an inch below the ear on the left side of my face. It gave me no pain or inconvenience, and I should have forgotten about it had it not begun to inflame and itch. It would bleed a little, then scab over, but would not heal. This continued for some time, when my jaw began to swell, becoming very painful. The Cancer began to eat and spread, until it was as large as half a dollar when I heard of S. S. S. and determined to give it a fair trial, and it was remarkable what a wonderful effect it had from the very beginning; the sore began to heal and after taking a few bottles disappeared entirely. This was two years ago; there are still no signs of the Cancer, and my general health continues good.—Mrs. R. Shirer, La Plata, Mo.

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to accept the contracts for the ships on the board terms.

Moran Bros. of Seattle, already have verbally notified Secretary Long of their purpose to accept the award in their case, so that, although some technicalities remain to be disposed of in connection with the contracts, the navy department practically has concluded the task of allotting the greatest contract for naval construction work ever let in the history of the American navy.

If congress adopts the department's suggestion for construction in the pending naval bill and provides for four new battleships and two armored cruisers, it is the purpose of the navy department not to prepare new plans, but to invite bids upon the plans used for the ships just contracted for. In this case a long step will be taken toward recovering the ground lost during the past year and a half from the effort to secure satisfactory designs for the big ships.

The next step in the matter of construction is the matter of opening of proposals for the building of six cruisers on the improved Olympia type which took place on February 7. These vessels being of a smaller pattern than the big ships just disposed of, it is the expectation of the department that some of the smaller shipbuilding concerns and those new to the business who failed to secure awards for battleships and armored cruisers may secure contracts within their ability, for it is doubtful if large concerns will be in position to bid low for any of these.

WOULD PARTITION BOLIVIA.

Astounding Proposal Made by Chili to Other South American Governments.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Information has been received in an official quarter in Washington that Chili recently submitted the astounding proposition to four South American governments that Bolivia be partitioned among them.

This proposition was promptly rejected, and the Lima government, as a further sign of its displeasure, has requested the Chilean government to recall its minister, Orosio Vileu. The attitude of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay cannot be learned, but there is no expectation, in view of the determined refusal of Peru, that steps will be taken in line with the Chilean proposals.

Bolivia is a weak nation and could not singly resist an attack by the troops of any one of the nations named, with the possible exception of Paraguay, much less the united force of several governments.

The proposition to partition Bolivia is not the first move Chili has made to estrange Peru and Bolivia. During the war with Chili, an envoy was sent to the Bolivian camp for the purpose of inducing President Lanza to abandon his Peruvian ally, but the attempt was unsuccessful.

It is believed here that Chili's proposal to partition Bolivia is due to her desire to end the alliance existing between that country and Peru, in order, it is said, that she may formally take possession of the provinces of Tacna and Arica.

FOUR FIREMEN INJURED.

Blaze in a Chicago Block Destroyed Property Worth \$50,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Four firemen were injured and \$50,000 worth of property destroyed in a fire last night in the Boynton block, 34-36 State street. Mrs. James Lehman, wife of the janitor, and her infant child were carried out by firemen.

The injured: E. J. Buckley, captain; Dennis Driscoll, Michael McFadden, Patrick Smith, all badly cut by falling glass.

POLICE ARE CORRUPT.

Bishop Potter Speaks of the Reform Struggle in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The World says: The vigilance committee favored by Bishop Potter is being formed by individual members of the city club. There will not be 25,000 of them, nor 500, and only men of tried and proved trustworthiness and conservatism will be in the ranks. The total number may not exceed 500.

The City Club as an organization is not yet the official sponsor for the committee of vigilantes, but after the organization has been perfected a proposition may be submitted to the mem-

bers of the club to father the body.

Bishop Potter said in speaking of the vigilance committee last night:

"I think that a body of earnest, honest men who would promptly report to a central committee every violation of the laws for the restraint of vice which came under their notice, so that the people of the city might know the extent of official laxity, would render a service of the very greatest value."

Referring to an objection made by some of the members of the committee of fifteen to the employment of young men in the work, the bishop said:

"That has struck me as rather funny. Soberly I don't see how the young men of the city are likely to fall into any greater danger than now meets them all over the city. Of course, I do not advocate any promiscuous delving into the secrets of disorderly houses, or any participation in gambling, but there are few men in the city who have not at one time or another been solicited to vice, or even if haunted in the streets. Now it is going to hurt them to make record of that fact and report it to the central committee for investigation I confess I don't see."

"I have on my desk a letter received this morning from Harlem telling me of the existence of a disorderly house in a certain street and of 'the roping in' of men by two policemen in plain clothes who get their pay out of the men they capture. Now how is it going to hurt a young man who sees that from across the street to report the matter?"

"It seems to me that no reform such as we wish to see accomplished can be brought about in any way save by the persistent publication of abundant instances of police corruption and collusion with vice. It has been shown that the whole city is suffering from a reign of terrorism on the part of the police force. On the east side this is particularly marked. Many small tradesmen do business there solely by grace of bribing the police."

The bishop told of other forms of police rapacity. He cited the case of a policeman who found the lost son of one of his friends recently. The policeman simply did his duty in taking the small boy to the station where he was found a little later by an older brother. But the policeman appeared at the boy's house on three successive days and demanded payment for finding the little fellow.

"I'm afraid that indifference is at the bottom of a good deal of the trouble. What we need most of all is a constant concentration of public attention upon the present condition. That is what I believe to be essential to reform. I see no better way to accomplish it than through such a vigilance committee as I advocated in St. Paul's church."

NEW YORK DEFENDED.

Comptroller Coter Says It's Not as Black as It Is Painted.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Comptroller Coter of New York, spoke last night before the Outlook Club of Montclair, N. J. His subject was "The City of New York."

His address was a defense of what he called the greatest city in the world.

"The great city," he said, "stands in the glare of conflicting and confusing lights. No matter what the cause, the dark spots in the city are being held up to view and the bright spots are lost sight of. The city of New York is at present in the throes in one of those peculiar convulsions which break out in all great cities. The prevailing opinion is that New York is a wicked city, the result of the efforts of a few men, whose instincts are so good that to them everything beyond their own shadow is rottenness and black. From what is being said about New York it would appear she has a corrupt government and an incompetent government and that vice and crime flourish on the streets and everywhere. Every evil place which flourishes with or without police protection, each sinkhole of crime and moral degradation is being pointed out and her own citizens seem to vie with each other to see who could paint the fair city blackest."

New York, the comptroller declared, was growing better, not worse. Her revenues aggregated three-quarters of a million each working day. She spent more for education, more for charity, more for public improvements, more for the benefit of the public than all other cities of the country together. Her expenses approximate those of the national government but nowhere in the world was so much good done and so many improvements obtained.

FOR ARREST OF CROWE.

Reward Offered by Omaha City Council Makes Total of \$18,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—A special to the Record from Omaha says:

At a secret meeting of the city council last evening it was decided to offer a reward of \$5,000 for Pat Crowe, dead or alive, irrespective of the suspicion that he may have been concerned in the Cudahy kidnapping. The conditions make no reference to any particular crime. This makes a total of \$18,000 on Crowe's head.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Silver, 63.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 54 1/2 @ 55; bluestem, 57.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—Wheat, May, 100 1/2; cash, 87 1/2.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Wheat, May option, 74 1/2 @ 74 3/4; closing, 74 1/2 @ 74 3/4.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 19.—Wheat, May, 64 1/2.

DIAMOND BROOCH STOLEN.

Taken From Room of Wife of Famous Song Writer in Her Absence.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—It was learned today that a diamond brooch valued at \$200 was stolen from Louise Bowers, wife of Frederick Bowers, the song writer, last Wednesday, while she was absent from her apartments at one of the prominent hotels in this city. Mrs. Bowers left last evening for New York city, so it was impossible to learn the details of the theft.

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Our stock is all of it brand-new, our instruments are the very finest and highest grade manufactured in America, and includes every catalogue style of the three greatest American piano-makers, the Chickering, the Weber and the Kimball, as well as such well-known and old-established pianos as the Pease, the Whitney, the Wheelock, the Decker & Son, the Hulse and the Wessner Brothers' Orchestral; and, in order to accomplish the object in view within the time specified, we are offering each and every one of them for sale for less money than dealers ordinarily buy them for cash.

As to the Prices.

In order to protect the interests of dealers who handle Kimball and Weber and Chickering pianos, no definite prices at which these instruments are now for sale can be quoted here, but every new piano and organ in stock will be sold at less than the actual wholesale billing, and a discount of from 10 to 50 per cent on actual cash cost will be made on every slightly showman, rented or second-hand piano.

You will find here now some fine square pianos, Chickering, Steinway, Hallett & Davis, Kranich & Bach, Fischer, and other makes, for sale at \$37, \$48 and \$55, respectively, strictly up-to-date squares, worth \$85, \$110 and \$125, respectively, at the lowest estimate. Several second-hand uprights, and used organs, for a mere song, \$137 and \$147 will secure choice of several beautiful brand-new \$275 uprights, of well-known New York make, that have never been sold, East or here in the West, for less than \$235. And other instruments will go for still less money, though all are good, reliable pianos.

We offer a strictly high-grade, fancy seven and one-third octave piano, full swinging duet music desk, revolving lock-board, with three pedals, the third a soft or practice pedal, for \$212 which is less than half price. A fancy-figured Brazilian mahogany case for \$24 more money. Some a little plainer, yet very beautiful, instruments for \$228 and \$195—at least \$200 below the regular retail price of these or some grade of instruments in this city or any other city. Largest cabinet grand size, thoroughly reliable, fully warranted upright pianos, in mahogany or oak, standing four feet nine inches high, with latest duet desk, rolling fall-board, and three pedals, instruments that we guarantee cannot be bought in Chicago or at the New York factory for less than \$325, each, will go during this sale for \$178. Rosewood cases for \$22 still less money.

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Since all prices are based on the actual cash cost, those taking advantage of the above-named easy terms will pay interest on deferred payments at the rate of 8 per cent per annum.

Every piano and organ sold will be accompanied by the respective manufacturer's five years' warranty, duly countersigned by us, thus fully protecting the customer in every way.

We personally guarantee the price and quality of every instrument in this sale, and any used piano bought of us at this time may be returned to us within two years and we will allow the full amount paid toward any new Kimball or Weber or Chickering piano.

This sale, as above, will be at 351 Washington street, in our new Music Block, commencing at 10 o'clock this (Thursday) morning, and if you have any possible use for a piano or an organ, come at once, and do not delay, for times are prosperous now, many will take advantage of this opportunity at this time of year, and we will turn this stock into money or paper within a very few days. Store open day and night till stock is closed out.



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