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RUMOR THAT BOERS WILL SURRENDER

Generals Dewet and Haasbroek Said to Have So Determined After a Conference—Will Ask For Favorable Conditions.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Orange River Colony, Dec. 26.—There are renewed but unconfirmed rumors here that General Dewet, President Steyn and General Haasbroek have had a conference and decided to offer to surrender, providing the colonial rebels are not punished, and the leaders, including themselves, are not deported.

Dispatches From Kitchener. LONDON, Dec. 27.—The following dispatch has been received from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Dec. 26.—Knox, with Barker, Pitcher and White, is engaged with Dewet's force, holding a position in the neighborhood of Leuwkep. Dewet hopes to break through, and go south again.

"The Boers' eastern column in Cape Colony is apparently headed by our troops about Keitport Spruit. The Boers' western column is reported to have gone north in two portions, one towards Prieska and the other through Streydenburg. They are being followed up."

The following dispatch from General Kitchener was received from Pretoria, under today's (Thursday's) date:

"Yesterday 200 Boers attacked a small police post near Boksburg. The police gallantly drove them off before reinforcements from Johannesburg arrived. The Boers damaged the mining machinery in the neighborhood.

"The Boers attacked Utrecht at 2 o'clock this morning and were driven off. The Boers held up a train three miles west of Pan and were driven off.

The eastern force of Boers in Cape Colony was headed yesterday and driven in the direction of Ventersdorp. The western force is still being driven north through Streydenburg."

Carrying Off British Prisoners.

BURGERSDORP, Cape Colony, Dec. 26.—Colonel Grenfell continues in touch with Kruitzeinger's column of 700 men who

are carrying off the British prisoners. Kruitzeinger has abandoned his Maxim and carts. At attempt of the ninth lancers to turn Kruitzeinger's flank at Plaisterheuvell, December 24, resulted in eight casualties among the lancers, including Lord Frederick Blackwood, who was wounded.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the throat, chest or lungs. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free at Blakeley's drug store; every bottle guaranteed. 5

Italian Vendetta in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Refusing to disclose the names of the men who attempted to slay him, John Garvorsio, an Italian, lies dying at his home. With his abdomen slashed and gored as though with a blunt stiletto and his shoulder cut in shreds, the wounded man, still conscious, but with his life despaired of, refuses absolutely to betray his Italian brethren. The case is the most mysterious Italian crime that has come to the police and it bears every evidence of a vendetta.

The police first learned of the affair through a doctor who had been called to attend the wounded man. Garvorsio, while on his way home on Tuesday night, was met by two men, one of whom savagely attacked him with a knife. Garvorsio managed to drag himself home, and all night he lay in agony, refusing to summon a doctor. In the morning he consented, and when advised to go to a hospital refused to be removed.

From Garvorsio's neighbors the police learned that he has for weeks been looking for a man who is said to be the murderer of his cousin in Italy. The murder occurred several years ago and Garvorsio followed the murderer to Chicago. Lately he is said to have located him. One of the men whom Garvorsio met Tuesday night is believed by the police to be his enemy.

GRASSGROWING IN EASTERN OREGON

Dr. James Withycombe, of the State College of Agriculture at Corvallis, Has Been Appointed Special Agent by the Department at Washington, D. C.

Dr. James Withycombe, of the State Agricultural College at Corvallis, is registered at the Imperial, on his return to Oregon, after having spent several weeks in visiting the livestock shows which have been held throughout the Eastern cities. He says that after a careful examination, he finds that the only thing Oregon lacks in the way of fine, blooded stock is large numbers of them.

At present Dr. Withycombe is undertaking the propagation of certain grasses in Eastern Oregon. He said:

"We are about to start a co-operative grass-growing experiment in Eastern Oregon in connection with the department of agriculture at Washington, D. C. I have been appointed special agent to act between the government and the college in this matter. The problem of furnishing grasses to renovate the pastures of Eastern Oregon is one of the greatest importance. We recognize that the conditions in Eastern and Western Oregon are widely different, owing to climatic and other circumstances. The farmers are becoming alert to the importance of animal husbandry, and are doing their best to help the work along. This state is adapted for stockraising, and agriculture must develop along that line. We must be able to grow certain grasses so that the stock will have good feed on the ranges.

"The stockmen are doing much to increase the importance of Oregon as a stockraising country, and are bringing in some of the best cattle and sheep to be purchased in the East. At the International Livestock show held at Chicago, all of the best sheep were purchased by Oregon people and will be shipped to this state. I bought an Aberdeen Angus heifer calf for Mac Porter, of Benton county, paying \$1000, and Mr. Porter is now in this city, awaiting the arrival of his calf. The breed is of the best, and it is quite an accession to the blooded stock of the Northwest.

"Some time ago, two shorthorn calves were purchased by W. O. Miner, at Heppner, for \$2500, and they are now installed on his ranch. C. E. Ladd's agent is now in Canada selecting the best shorthorn cattle he can find, and others are doing similar work.

"The college at Corvallis is in a most prosperous condition. At present, there is the largest enrollment the college has had since it was organized. Many inquiries are being received from farmers in regard to matters of general interest to them, and the outlook along all lines is most encouraging."

W. C. T. U. in Honolulu.

HONOLULU, H. I., Dec. 19.—Honolulu is about to have a temperance crusade led by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Ministers' Union. Two ministers of the W. C. T. U., Miss Jessie Ackerman and Miss Ada Murcutt, are expected here on the steamer Coptic on December 29th, and after they have started the agitation Rev. Dr. Chapman, of the Anti-Saloon League, of Oakland, will come. He is expected early in January. It is part of the plan of the crusade to arouse sentiment in favor of the bill Congressman Littlefield, of Maine, introduced in the house, to prohibit absolutely the sale of intoxicants to the aborigines of the Pacific Islands over which the United States exercises control.

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Hull is Confident.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Representative Hull, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, apparently does not share the fear expressed in some quarters that the army reorganization bill will fail at this session of congress and a makeshift temporarily continuing the present arrangement resorted to.

"I have canvassed the situation in the senate," said he today, "and I believe that the differences between the two houses upon the measure will be adjusted within a week after the bill goes to conference."

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised 'Electric Bitters'; and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c, guaranteed, at Blakeley's drug store. 5

Lewis and Clark Celebration.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 27.—Governor Geer today received letters from Governors Rogers, of Washington, and Steunenberg, of Idaho, in answer to his note relating to the proposed celebration of the centennial anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Governor Rogers gives assurance that the matter will be brought to the attention of the next legislative assembly, which convenes on January 14. Governor Steunenberg states that as his term of office will expire on January 7, he has referred the matter to Governor-elect Hunt.

Victims W. C. T. U. Woman.

WICHITA, Kas., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, president of the Barber county W. C. T. U., entered the Carey Hotel bar room, and with a stone smashed a \$300 painting of Cleopatra at her bath, and a mirror valued at \$100. She is under arrest but no charge has yet been made. She appealed to Governor Stanley, who is in the city, and he refused to act in any way. She broke mirrors at Kiowa, Kas., in two saloons some months ago, declares there is no law under which she can be prosecuted.

To remove a troublesome corn or bunion: First soak the corn or bunion in warm water to soften it, then pare it down as closely as possible without drawing blood and apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice daily; rubbing it vigorously for five minutes at each application. A corn plaster should be worn for a few days, to protect it from the shoe. As a general liniment for sprains, bruises, lameness and rheumatism, Pain Balm is unequalled. For sale by Blakeley, the druggist.

Old New York Merchant.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Joseph Theodore White, an old merchant of this city, and a veteran of the Seventh regiment is dead. Mr. White was born in 1812 in this city, and was the youngest son of Joseph Fairchild White, of Danbury, Conn. He began his business career when only 14 years of age. At the age of sixteen he represented and managed an agency of a New York firm in New Orleans. During the gold excitement in 1849, he went to San Francisco, and engaged in general merchandise business.

Editor's Awful Fight.

F. M. Higgins, editor Seneca, Ill., News, was afflicted for years with piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes two boxes wholly cured him. It's the surest pile cure on earth and the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by Blakeley, the druggist. 5

No Longer a Military Reservation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The president has ordered that the military reservation at Nome, Alaska, be made a public reservation under the control of the war department, and that the military reservation previously set aside near the east side of the mouth of the Nome river be known as the Fort Davis military reservation.

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