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## KITCHENER IS STILL SILENT

### No Official Reports Received from the Seat of War.

### BOER COMMANDOS ARE ACTIVE

### Englishmen Admire the Courage and Generalship of Dewet, the Matchless Cavalry Leader.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Since Lord Kitchener's dispatch of Wednesday last, reporting the crossing of the Orange river into Cape Colony of two bands of Boers, nothing official concerning events in South Africa has reached the public.

Reports were received from Cape Town that the railway has been torn up in three places north of De Aar.

A Standerton dispatch, dated December 18th, says a sharp encounter took place with two parties of Boers near Kalkspruit. Both were routed after obstinate resistance.

Many people gathered about the War Office last evening, anxious for the welfare of friends engaged in war, especially for those connected with the regiments which were engaged in the Nieuw-Blaarwater battle.

A list of casualties to non-commissioned officers and men was posted, showing sixty had been killed and 162 wounded.

### DEWET ADMIRER.

London, Dec. 22.—General Dewet would be a most acceptable Christmas box to the average Englishman. Though there seems little likelihood of the wish being granted, the desire for the suppression of this wonderful fighter, however, is accompanied by a generous admiration of his latest feat.

"It would be unworthy the British name," says the Times, "to refuse him the credit that is due to the feat of arms and the so brilliant as unexpected dash backward of Dewet and his men through the British lines."

Other papers take the same view, comparing the ride through Springboks Nek with the charge at Balaklava.

### NEW SHUT OFF.

New York, Dec. 22.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from London says: Something very serious is happening to the British in South Africa. Lord Kitchener has completely shut off the news; serious Cabinet meetings and numerous pertinent conferences are taking place at the War Office, while reinforcements of cavalry and irregular troops are being hurried out with all possible speed.

There is growing discontent among the volunteer troops now in Africa, and an intimation has been offered them in the form of increased pay and



CONGRESSMAN BOUTELLE.

multiplying the time credited to them. The Imperial Yeomanry are clamoring to come home. They went out for a year and saw the pampered favorites of the household cavalry and the City Imperial Volunteers relieved while they have been given the nastiest work of the whole campaign. The government now offers to pay them a dollar and a quarter a day if they stay. This is an increase from their present pay of 28 cents.

The Colonials are demanding to be returned. This in the face of great Boer activity.

### KIMBERLEY THREATENED.

London, Dec. 22.—The Evening Standard says it hears a report has reached London that Kimberley is seriously threatened by Boers.

### HOUSE OF LORDS.

Will Soon Be Filled with America's Sons-in-Law.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Another American woman is likely soon to be elevated to the British peerage, as Lord Salisbury intends to recognize the Right Hon. Arthur Hugh Smith-Barry's services to his party by putting him in the House of Lords. Mr. Smith-Barry married the widow of Arthur Post, of New York, whose sister, Mrs.

Adair, is also well known in London society.

Others mentioned for a peerage include Henry Cosmo Greville, Bismarck, chairman of the Southern Railway, and James Lowther, M. P. Lord Salisbury has already created ninety peers. If the present rate is kept up the upper house will soon be in numerical superiority over the Commons.

### BOLD MAIL ROBBER.

### ANOTHER STAGE HELD UP NEAR LAKEVIEW, OREGON.

### A Lone Highwayman Seizes the Letter Pouches, Rifles Them and Disappears From Sight.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 22.—A special to the Gazette from Lakeview, Oregon, says:

"Last night the Lakeview and Paisley stage was held up by a lone highwayman, who demanded the letter mail sacks. After throwing off the pouches the driver whipped up his horses, and within ten minutes after the holdup Sheriff Dunlap and Marshal Wharton were at the scene. The sacks were found out open, and all letters gone. The robber could not be tracked, and it is not known what the extent of the haul is."

### ROOSEVELT ACTS.

### District Attorney of New York City Removed from Office.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Governor Roosevelt announced tonight that he had removed from office Asa Bird Gardner, district attorney for New York county, on charges preferred by Deputy Attorney Hammond, and he has appointed Eugene J. Philbin of the state and county charities to fill the vacancy. The Governor sets forth the

### GENERAL LORD ROBERTS,



The hero of South Africa, to be made a duke.

reason for removing Gardner, and says:

"The charge vitally affecting the conduct of the district attorney is that which relates to his attitude toward the indictment of Chief of Police Devery, after the latter had issued a scandalously improper and seditious order to the police force under him."

### IN CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Supreme Court was in conference today, but no intimation was given out as to whether the Philippine and Porto Rico cases were taken up.

### Prevented a Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. Geo. Long of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of Pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at DR. STONES drug stores.

### IT KILLED HIM.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Oscar Ranson, the bicycle rider, died this afternoon from injuries resulting from a fall during the six day bicycle race.

### DIED IN THE RING.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 22.—Frank Barr died tonight following a boxing contest. He was knocked down and his skull fractured.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price 25 cents. Samples free at F. G. Haas, drug store, Salem, Oregon.

## THE MINISTERS SIGN UP

### Joint Note of the Powers Ready to Be Presented to the Chinese Representatives.

### Text of the Agreement for the Control of China as Given Out by the State Department--The Celestial Kingdom Will Be Humiliated.

PEKIN, Dec. 22.—The joint note to China was signed by the foreign Ministers at 11 o'clock this morning. It will be presented to the Chinese officials in two or three days.

### LAST OBSTACLE REMOVED.

PEKIN, Dec. 22.—The last obstacle having been removed, the joint note was signed today by all the foreign Ministers. The note will be delivered to Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching as soon as the latter shall have sufficiently recovered from his indisposition. The Chinese close to Li Hung Chang still prefer to believe that the present negotiations must be carried on in Peking or America. They resent the British modification of the note, for they say some Power or Powers might not be satisfied until the indemnity has been paid in full, which would mean the occupation of Peking for an indefinite time. It cannot be expected that China can raise what would be required, possibly one billion taels, at once. As a matter of fact, it will take several years.

### THE JOINT NOTE.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The State Department today made public the text of the joint note of the Powers to China. The official statement, after reciting the outrages in China during the past year, says:

"Inasmuch as China has renounced her responsibility, expressed a regret and evinced a desire to put to an end the situation created by the aforesaid disturbances, the Powers have determined to accede to her request, upon the irrevocable conditions enumerated below, which they deem indispensable to expiate the crimes committed, and to prevent their recurrence:

"First—The dispatch to Berlin of an extraordinary mission, headed by an Imperial prince, in order to express the regrets of the Chinese government for the assassination of Baron von Kettler, Minister of Germany.

"(b)—The erection on the spot of the assassination of a commemorative monument.

"Second—The severest punishment for the persons designated in the Imperial decree of September 25, 1900, and for those whom the representa-

tives of the Powers shall subsequently designate.

"(c)—The suspension for five years of all official examinations in cities where foreigners have been massacred or have been subjected to cruel treatment.

"Third—Honorable reparation to be made by the Chinese Government to the Japanese Government for the murder of Mr. Sanyama.

"Fourth—An expiatory monument to be erected by the Imperial Chinese Government, in every foreign or international cemetery, which has been desecrated.

"Fifth—The maintenance, under conditions to be determined by the Powers, of an interdiction against the importation of arms as well as materials employed exclusively for the manufacture of arms and ammunition.

"Sixth—Equitable indemnities for the Governments, societies, companies and individuals, as well as for the Chinese, who have suffered in person or in property.

"Seventh—The right for each Power to maintain a permanent guard for its legation, and to put the diplomatic quarter in defensible condition.

"Eighth—The destruction of the forts which might obstruct free communication between Peking and the sea.

"Ninth—The right to military occupation of certain points, in order to maintain open communication between the capital and the sea.

"Tenth—The Chinese Government to cause to be published, during two years in all the sub-provinces, an Imperial decree embodying perpetual prohibition, under penalty of death, of membership in any anti-foreign society; an Imperial decree to be issued ordering that the Governors General (Viceroy), and all provincial or local officials will be held responsible for the maintenance of order within their respective jurisdictions.

Canton, Dec. 22.—The rebels in the Wai-hon district have descended from the hills and pillaged the lowlands. The soldiers are unable to prevent their raids.

### LOOT FROM CHINA.

Marseille, Dec. 22.—A French steamer from China has arrived here bringing another installment of loot forwarded by General Frey. The loot was held by order of the Government. Most of the objects will be returned.

and all trade of whatsoever character with the said island is, until further orders, forbidden.

Another order declares the port of Agno, province of Zambales, opened to the coasting trade, and details Captain Bush, 25th infantry as Inspector of customs for this port.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia, and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by F. G. Haas, druggist, Salem, Oregon.

### LICENSE FOR SLOANE.

San Francisco Jockey Club May Permit Him to Ride.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Tod Sloane today made application to the San Francisco Jockey Club for a jockey's license. Sloane's request was granted, but he was notified that the license was subject to the pending action of the New York Jockey Club, concerning certain intimations from the English Jockey Club involving his riding in England in 1901.

### SPECKLES WINS.

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Dec. 22.—The libel suit of Baron Von Schroeder, against John D. Speckles, for \$250,000, was ended today, the jury bringing in a verdict in favor of Speckles.

In all stages of Nasal Catarrh there should be cleanliness. As experience proves, Ely's Cream Balm is a cleanser, soothes and healer of the diseased membrane. It is not drying nor irritating, and does not produce sneezing. Price 50 cents at druggists or it will be mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York. Upon being placed into the nostrils it spreads over the membrane and relief is immediate. It is an agreeable cure.

### AMERICAN OLIVES.

California Produces as Many as Seventy Varieties.

Olive oil, like all fats, has a high fuel value, and on this its value as a food depends. The California station insists that the pickled ripe olives are more than a relish; that they really possess a large food value, much more than the pickled green fruit.

The green olives "are simply a relish

and to be used in limited quantities in the same way as pickled walnuts or cucumbers. A meal of bread and ripe olives is not only palatable, but nutritious and sustaining, and the amount eaten is to be limited only by the same considerations as that of any other good, wholesome food." In southern Europe and other regions the ripe olive is used as a staple article of diet.

Seventy different varieties of olives are grown in California. In general, all the large-fleshed olives, like the Sevillano, Ascolano, St. Agostino, Cusco, Polymorpha, Macrocarpa and Obliqua are so delicate that they are suitable only for green pickles. There is no specific variety known as the "queen" olive, but any large olive may thus be designated. Large Mission is considered the best variety for ripe pickles for marketing. Rubra and Pleigneur de Grasse are considered excellent oil varieties and make good, ripe pickles for home consumption.

The black scale, with its accompanying fungus, the black smut, as well as some other scales, have been found in olive orchards and most frequently along the coast in the foggy region. They have been combated successfully by washes, fumigation, and in some instances by an Australian ladybird. The olive knot seems to be the only dangerous disease of the trees yet observed in California, and this disease has largely been eradicated from the state by the prompt action of the County Horticultural Commissioners and olive growers in infected districts. A new disease, which appeared in California in 1897, and which has since spread all over the state, affects espe-

cially the fruit. It is described as a dry rot, and affects a large number of varieties. No method of controlling it has as yet been found.

provided, that the amount of such warrant shall not exceed the amount apportioned to such district from the general school library fund for the current year; provided, further, that the superintendent shall not issue nor transmit any such warrant to the clerk of any district until the clerk's bond shall have been received, examined and approved by the county superintendent, and filed with him as a part of the records of his office; provided, further, that if the entire general school library fund apportioned annually to each district by the county superintendent as provided for in this section, shall not be expended and exhausted for school library purposes within and during the year for which such apportionment is made, such unexpended balance shall be forfeited to the general school library fund of the county, and the treasurer shall place said sum to the credit of the general library fund of the county, and the county school superintendent shall resubmit said balance at the first annual appropriation of the school library fund thereafter.

"Sec. 5.—It is hereby made the duty of the State Board of Education to prepare annually or biennially from lists submitted to it by the President of the State University; the President of the State Agricultural College, and the President of the several Oregon State Normal Schools, a list of books suitable for use in school libraries. Said list shall also state the wholesale, retail and mailing price of each book. It shall be the duty of the state superintendent to furnish county superintendents copies of said lists for distribution to school officers.

"Sec. 6.—It shall be the duty of each clerk to keep in a record-book furnished by the district for that purpose, a complete record of the books purchased and distributed by him together with the purchase price of said books.

"Sec. 7.—Unless the district board shall elect some other person, the clerk shall act as librarian and shall receive and have the care and custody of the books and shall loan them to teachers, pupils, and other residents of the district, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Education for the control and management of school libraries. Each librarian shall keep a complete record of the books furnished by the board of directors. During the periods that the school is in session, the library shall be placed in the school house, and the teacher shall be responsible to the district for its proper care and protection. The district board shall have supervision of all books and shall make an equitable distribution thereof among the schools of the corporation.

"Sec. 8.—It is hereby made the duty of the State Board of Education to formulate and prescribe rules and regulations of this Act for the control and management of all school libraries that may be purchased in accordance with this section."

### SENOR COREA, Nicaraguan Minister.



Representing his country at Washington. He is very active in promoting the interoceanic canal.

LIBRARIES FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

### Recommendation by the State Superintendent of Schools.

### A PROPOSED BILL IS PREPARED

### And Will Be Introduced in the Legislature to Provide Means of Securing Libraries.

In his biennial report to the Oregon Legislature Prof. J. H. Ackerman, Superintendent of Public Instruction, lays great stress on the needs of public libraries especially in the rural schools, and he urges the Legislature to take some steps at the session next month, toward bringing about this much desired object.

For the purpose of getting his recommendations enacted into law, if possible, Prof. Ackerman had drafted a bill, to be introduced at the next session, incorporating his plan, and he hopes that this or some similar bill will be passed for the benefit of the rural school population of the state. The bill drafted by Prof. Ackerman is as follows:

"Sec. 1.—The county courts of the several counties of this state are hereby required to levy, at the same time they levy other taxes, a tax upon all taxable property in their counties for school library purposes which shall aggregate an amount which shall be no less than 10 cents per capita for each and all the children within the county between the ages of 4 and 20 years, as shown by the then last preceding school census, which shall be collected at the same time, and by the same officers as other taxes are collected; and such aggregate sum when so levied and collected shall be known as the general school library fund of the county and such fund shall be set aside and used for no other than school library purposes, in the manner hereinafter provided for.

"Sec. 2.—It is hereby made the duty of the county treasurer to certify to