

HANGING IN THE BALANCE

Cape Colony Is Seething and a Revolution Is Threatening.

Ninety Per Cent of the Dutch in the Province Are Only Awaiting the Coming of a Leader, When They Will Strike for Liberty
---Kitchener's Efforts to Suppress the Trouble.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The position of Cape Colony is hanging in the balance. According to the Morning Post's Cape Town correspondent, everything depends upon the quantity of ammunition in the possession of the disloyal Dutch residents, 100 of whom have joined the Boers in Philippstown's revolt only. Energetic measures have been taken to stem the invasion, but there is unquestionably danger that parties of Boers will get through into parts of the colony, and gradually raise the whole Cape in rebellion. Reinforcements can arrive none too soon. Most of the disaffected from Cape Town state that the raiders are doing little harm, and are being rapidly enclosed by Kitchener's combination. Lord Kitchener is in the heart of the disaffected districts. He has the advantage of being personally acquainted with local conditions. He is bringing down thousands of troops from the north.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Cape Town says: "A responsible colonist declares that 90 per cent of the Dutch are simply waiting for the appearance of a re-

sourceful leader to rebel." The civil railway traffic has been suspended largely, in all parts of the colony, and movements of both Boers and British are almost unknown in Cape Town.

KITCHENER REPORTS.
London, Dec. 25.—Lord Kitchener reports to the War Office as follows: "Thornycroft's mounted infantry have occupied Bristown without opposition. The Boers retired in the direction of Ficksburg. They will be followed up."

FIGHTING BEGINS.
Cape Town, Dec. 25.—Fighting is going on near De Aar. Particulars are unobtainable. Two hundred Boers have left Bristown after consuming all the supplies available.

NEW ZEALAND LOYAL.
Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 25.—The Government has asked the Governor to inform Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, what it does not wish the New Zealand contingent in South Africa to be diminished; that drafts will be forwarded to fill the ranks, and additional mounted men will be sent.

sire to grab territory everywhere. Russia, which has sympathized with America since her independence, which liquidated American possessions to the Monroe Doctrine, and the old sympathies have grown more cordial in China."

SEMATRA TOBACCO.
Grown on American Soil by the Department of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Milton Whitney, chief of the Division of Soils, Department of Agriculture, reports the successful termination of experiments

CHRISTIAN DEWET



The great Boer cavalry leader who has invaded Cape Colony, and, with a small commando of 2500 men, is worrying the British army of 210,000 trained troops very much.

conducted in co-operation with the Connecticut experiment station, in the production of Sumatra tobacco.

One-third of an acre was planted, under a cheese cloth shade nine feet high, and cultivated. The yield of cured tobacco was 600 pounds. The crop has been sold for \$473.70, making an estimated value, for one acre, of \$1421. The cost of production will not exceed \$500 per acre.

BRITISH ARE CHEERFUL.
South African News Does Not Worry the Average Englishman.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The English Christmas comes this year with bells and music, but no war. The week in South Africa is uneventful, but there is no sense of humiliation in the unexpected reverses and no bewilderment over the holding up of the British army at the three points of attack and the failure to accomplish the relief of the starving garrisons. The news from the theatre of war is meagre and what there is points to a gradual breaking down of resources in the Boer resistance. It is mainly a problem of "replacements and relays of reserves. The infantry cannot bring the war to a close by sitting tight on the railways and in the chief towns. The Boer guerrillas must be hunted down and this can be done only by supplying the mounted forces with droves of horses for riding hard and fast over the veld. The War Office has never been able to comprehend the necessity for purchasing horses on an unprecedented scale for operations in South Africa.

No intelligence has been received from Kitchener recently and private advices indicate that railway and telegraphic communication between Cape Town and the north has been suspended, partly by the operations of the Boer raiders and partly by the heavy rains, and this fact may account for the silence of the wires. Considerable anxiety as to the situation in Cape Colony is said to prevail in military circles in Cape Town, but here there is the faintest confidence in Lord Kitchener, who is now on the spot, to crush the marauding commandos. The Boers are not in sufficient strength to seriously interfere with the British lines of communication, and any damage that they may have done to railway and telegraph lines will no doubt be quickly repaired.

A GOSPEL CAMPAIGN.
Inaugurated in Greater New York and the Work Begins.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The Twentieth-Century National Gospel Campaign

has been officially inaugurated. The most important work performed by the committee was the nomination of members to serve as the committee for Greater New York. The committee to be composed of a large number of the most prominent clergymen and religious societies within a radius of fifty miles from New York. Chairman Hall declined to give out the names of the Greater New York committee on the ground that the members had been simply nominated and would not be officially appointed until acceptance had been secured from them.

An invitation was sent out to the officials of all Protestant churches and societies in the metropolitan district to attend a meeting for "Ministers and official laymen of the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ in Greater New York and vicinity," to be held in association Hall on December 31. Thirty copies of the National call to participation in the campaign will be issued at once by the National Committee.

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TEACHERS OF THIS STATE

Western Association Will Meet in Albany This Week.

A GOOD ATTENDANCE IS CERTAIN

Excellent Program Prepared for This Occasion—A New Department Has Been Added.

The Western Division of the Oregon State Teachers' Association will convene at Albany at 7:30 this evening, and will be the best attended meeting of the teachers of Oregon yet held in the state. From every portion of Oregon teachers are gathering today to participate in the discussions and enjoy the lectures and instructions given by the leading educators of the Pacific coast, and all will doubtless profit by their experience during the four days' session, many times the cost of attendance. Following is the program for the week:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th.
7:30 o'clock p. m.
Address of Welcome—W. H. Davis, Albany.

Response—E. V. Littlefield, McMinnville.

President's Address—Frank Rigler, Portland.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th.

General Sessions.

9:00 o'clock a. m.

"Child Study in the Service of the Teacher"—Henry D. Sheldon, Eugene.

Appreciation—J. Burroughs, Portland.

"Parallelism Between the Development of the Child Mind and that of the Race"—Woods Hutchinson, Buffalo, New York.

7:30 o'clock p. m.

Address—Pres. W. C. Hawley, Salem.

Department of Elementary Education.

1:30 o'clock p. m.

Phonics, (a) "Its Relation to Primary

Reading," (b) "Its Relation to Spelling"—Frank Rigler, Portland.

"Composition in the Advanced Division"—J. B. Horner, Corvallis, W. W. Bristow, McMinnville.

"Logical Method in History Work"—Mrs. Mabel H. Douglas, Newberg.

Department of Superintendence.

1:30 o'clock p. m.

"Desirable Modifications in the State Course of Study"—Supts. H. S. Lyman, G. W. Denman and J. C. Zinser.

Correlation of Reports with State Course of Study—Supts. E. T. Moores and J. F. Nowlin.

"Desirable Modifications in the Present School Law"—Supt. F. B. Hamlin, and Ex-Supts. A. P. Armstrong and G. W. Jones.

"High Grade Examinations"—Supts. H. A. Ball and E. E. Bragg.

Department of Secondary and College Education.

1:30 o'clock p. m.

"Relation of University to Secondary and College Education"—Frank Strong, Eugene; H. L. Boardman, McMinnville.

"High School Courses of Study"—J. A. Churchill, Baker City; T. T. Davis, Portland.

"Decisions in the High School Course"—Frank Rigler, Portland; E. D. Bessler, Eugene.

"Art of Study"—H. E. McCrew, Newberg.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28th.

General Sessions.

9:00 o'clock a. m.

"Constructive Work in Elementary Schools"—J. L. Campbell, Monmouth.

Miss Minetta Magers, Salem.

"Relation of the Elementary Schools to High Schools"—E. D. Bessler, Eugene.

"Civil Government in Elementary Schools"—J. W. Gray, Oregon City, R. P. Mulkey, Monmouth.

1:30 o'clock p. m.

Lecture—"That Boy We Teach"—H. W. Kellogg, Portland.

Department of Elementary Education.

1:30 o'clock p. m.

Examinations: (a) of "Teachers"; (b) of "Pupils"—J. H. Orcutt, Drain, S. I. Pratt, Philomath.

"Department Work in Elementary Schools"—M. L. Pratt, Portland, F. Clarke, Portland.

"Practical Psychology"—H. W. Kellogg, Portland.

Department of Superintendence.

1:30 o'clock p. m.

"Means of Securing More Efficient Supervision of Rural Schools"—Supts. R. F. Robinson, J. W. Shipley and E. V. Littlefield.

"County Institutes"—Supts. W. M. Miller and J. C. Zinser and Ex-Supt. D. W. Jarvis.

"Emmiration and District Funds"—Supts. George Bethers and C. L. Gilbert.

"Standard of License to Teach"—Supts. I. H. Copeland and C. L. Starr.

Department of Secondary and College Education.

1:30 o'clock p. m.

"Adoption of Constitution and Election of Officers"—J. A. Beattie, Weston.

"Higher Education in Its Relation to the Public School Teacher"—H. B. Buckham, Monmouth.

"College Athletics"—W. N. Ferrin, Forest Grove, W. H. Lee, Albany.

"The Acceptance of Eighth Grade County Examinations for Admission to High Schools"—W. M. Clayton, Ashland.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29th.

General Session.

9:00 o'clock a. m.

"School Libraries: How to Secure"—C. A. Hitchcock, Ashland, L. M. Traver, Roseburg.

"The Relation of Education to our Government"—W. C. Hawley, Salem, C. C. Pollag, Dallas.

"The Best Unit of School Administration"—J. H. Ackerman, Salem.

Transportation and Entertainment.

Railway Rates—The usual reduced rates of one and one-third fare have been made by the Southern Pacific and the Corvallis and Eastern Railroads to accommodate the Association meeting.

Persons coming over said lines should take a receipt for their fare which, when countersigned by the secretary of the meeting, will entitle the holder to the reduction for the return trip.

Hotels—The hotel facilities of Albany are ample, but arrangements will

be made so that those desiring may secure rooms in private homes and take their meals at restaurants at very reasonable rates. Hotels have made special rates to teachers, so it will be possible to secure splendid accommodations from \$1 to \$1.50 per day.

The officers of the Association are: Frank Rigler, president, Portland; P. L. Campbell, first vice-president, Monmouth.

E. D. Bessler, second vice-president, Eugene; G. W. Jones, secretary, Salem; Nettie M. Whitney, treasurer, Albany.

Executive Committee—Frank Rigler, Portland; J. H. Ackerman, Salem; G. A. Gregory, Medford; J. M. Martindale, Albany; J. C. Zinser, Oregon City.

The executive committee makes the following announcement: "There is a sentiment among teachers, especially those engaged in higher education, that a department of the Association devoted to secondary and college education would be productive of much good, and in accordance with the wish, often expressed, the executive committee has temporarily arranged for the department by preparing a program for this meeting. It is hoped that those interested in the matter will take steps to place the department upon a permanent basis by selecting officers and taking such other action as will lead to the usefulness of the department in the future."

CHINA WILL ACCEPT.
THE MINISTERS EXPECT AN EARLY ADJUSTMENT.
Of the Troubles in the Orient—Princes Tuan and Ching Said to Have Been Arrested.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—According to a dispatch from Peking the foreign Ministers there are unanimous in the opinion that China will accept the conditions, imposed by the joint note of the Powers, within a month.

THE NOTE DELIVERED.
Paris, Dec. 25.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Peking says: The Ministers assembled at the residence of Senor R. J. DeCologan, the Spanish Minister and dean of the diplomatic corps, and received Prince Ching, to whom the Spanish Minister handed the joint note of the Powers. Li Hung Chang, who is still ill, asked to be excused. Prince Ching said: "I have the honor to accept the note concerning the re-establishment of good relations, and will transmit it immediately to the Emperor and communicate to you his reply as soon as received."

TUAN ARRESTED.
London, Dec. 25.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard says: "The Government has arrested Prince Tuan and Prince Ching on the borders of Shan Si and Shen Si provinces. Yu Hsien has been ordered to return to Sian Fu forthwith, to be executed, it is supposed."

A MASSACRE.
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 25.—A special to the Times from Vancouver, B. C., says: The news of a terrible massacre of the reform forces in China, and the beheading of twenty-seven of its leaders, was received here today in a cablegram by W. A. Cumrow, secretary of the Chinese Reform Association in America. The engagement took place in a populous section of the Yangtze Valley. It resulted in the killing of fifteen hundred men, and the complete demoralization of the reform forces.

BURNED A VILLAGE.
Tien Tsui, Dec. 25.—A French detachment of 100 men left here December 20th for Hung Tsui. Approaching the village across a frozen creek, the Boxers opened fire, killing Lieut. Coutal, and wounding another officer. The French burned the village.

BOXERS OUTRAGES.
London, Dec. 25.—A dispatch from Peking says, missionaries state that the Boxers, thirty-five miles east of Peking, killed twelve Catholics and burned eight in their temples.

WHISKY MADE A BAD INDIAN

A Ferryman at Muskogee, I. T. on the War Path.

TWO MEN SHOT BY THE FIEND

Brutal Deed of an Oklahoma Cowboy Who Beat His Benefactor to Death—Notes of Crime.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 23.—John Tiger, an Indian ferryman, went to Eufaula this afternoon, and while intoxicated met L. R. Roper and threatened to kill him. Roper struck Tiger with a board. Tiger got a ride and came back to kill Roper, but failed to find him. Enraged, he proceeded to shoot every one he saw, shooting Jesse Beck through the hips and killing him; shooting and killing Dave Porter, and a man named Johnson. Rud Taylor was shot through the shoulder. The murderer surrendered.

J. Smith, who lives two miles south of Checotah, became involved in a quarrel with T. Thompson over the shooting at Eufaula, and began shooting. Thompson being mortally wounded.

BRUTES DEED.
Wichita, Kans., Dec. 25.—A dispatch from Peking City, O. T., says: Dr. Hawkins is dead at Ralston, the result of Cowboy Hannu knocking him down and dancing on his stomach. The doctor was over sixty years of age, and recently saved the life of Hannu, over the settlement for which services the fatal dispute arose.

SHOT HIS SON.
Great Falls, Mont., Dec. 25.—Jacob Weiten today shot and fatally wounded his son John. Weiten had treated his wife badly, and the son interfered to protect his mother.

PAPA WILL PAY.
American Millionaire to Settle Duke of Manchester's Debts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A dispatch to the World from London says: The payment of the Duke of Manchester's debts is not yet an accomplished fact. Negotiations have been in progress for a settlement on terms which would warrant an annulment of his bankruptcy. The Duke's actual debts amount of \$115,825; \$95,000 of which is represented by dealings with money lenders at high rates of interest. The remainder is due to tailors, horse dealers, jewelers and other tradesmen. While he is willing to pay the latter in full, Mr. Zimmerman has demanded terms from the former, who have refused to abate their claims. The legal expenses of bankruptcy proceedings are \$3500, and Mr. Zimmerman must pay that in addition to the total of his claims.

HE DINED ALONE.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day was generally observed here, all of the churches holding special services. At the White House the President and Mrs. McKinley dined alone and spent a good part of the day together in their private apartments. In the afternoon several friends called, but remained only a short time. The Government departments were closed, and until late in the day the streets presented an almost deserted appearance.

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