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FUTILE SORTIE

DESPERATE EFFORT BY BADEN-POWELL TO CAPTURE CANNON.

Dash Made Out of Mafeking and a Fort Attacked with Maxims and an Armored Train.

BRITISH LOSSES SEVERE

OVER ONE HUNDRED MEN REPORTED KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Captains Vernon and Sanford Among the Slain and Lords Cecil and Cavendish-Bentick Injured.

BOER CASUALTIES SLIGHT

A TRANSVAAL JOKER AT WORK ON THE HILLS NEAR LADYSMITH.

Firing Empty Shells into the Town with the Inscription "The Season's Greetings"—Kimberley's Message.

LONDON, Dec. 31, 4:30 a. m.—The only important news received from South Africa in the last twenty-four hours is a belated dispatch from Lourenzo Marques giving the Pretoria version of a sortie from Mafeking in which Colonel Baden-Powell is reported to have lost 100 men.

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BRITAIN'S ISOLATION.

All Europe Against Her, and Americans Not Overfriendly.

[Copyright, 1899, by the Associated Press.] LONDON, Dec. 31.—It is strange to see, in the greatest army she ever put into the field remains impasse in South Africa, held at bay by two of the smallest republics on the face of the earth, while at home, in spite of the large volume of trade and apparent prosperity, her financial interests are in a state of instability not seen since the Baring crash.

Sortie from Mafeking.

British Reported to Have Lost Heavily in Attacking a Fort.

LOURENZO MARQUES, Dec. 29.—Advices here from Pretoria, under date of Dec. 27, say that an official dispatch from Mafeking announces that in the sortie which the British made from that place Dec. 25, attacking one of the Boer forts with cannon, Maxims and an armored train so persistently that the fighting raged up to the walls of the fort, the British lost 100 men killed and wounded, while the Boers lost only two men killed and seven wounded.

PRETORIA, Friday, Dec. 29.—Three British prisoners from Malapo report that Captains Vernon and Sanford, of Colonel Baden-Powell's staff, were killed during the engagement in which Lord Edward Cecil and Cavendish-Bentick were wounded.

Fight Near Victoria West.

Message from the People of Kimberley to Queen Victoria.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The War Office has issued a dispatch dated Cape Town, Friday, Dec. 23, evening, stating that Colonel Kekewich, for communication to the mayor and Council from the Queen:

"I am deeply touched by your kind and loyal New Year's greetings. I watch with admiration your determination and gallant defense, though I regret the unavoidable loss of life incurred."

Adelbert S. Hay, the new United States consul at Pretoria, left Waterloo railroad station here this morning for Southampton on his way to Cape Town.

The same train took Lord Edward Stanley, one of the junior lords of the treasury and eldest son of the Earl of Derby. Lord Stanley has been appointed to a position on General Roberts's staff.

Sir William Stokes, surgeon in ordinary to Queen Victoria, in Ireland, and surgeon to the Meath Hospital, Dublin, and a number of hospital nurses has left London for Southampton with Mr. Hay and Lord Stanley.

Advices from Cape Town say there is great dissatisfaction there at the action of the British insurance companies, who are retarding insuring by making policyholders pay the cost of the loss.

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HELDA AS PRIZE

GERMAN STEAMER BUNDESRATH SEIZED BY A BRITISH WARSHIP.

Captured in Delagoa Bay by the Magicienne, Prize Crew Placed in Charge and Taken to Durban.

RECRUITS FOR BOERS ABOARD

THREE GERMAN OFFICERS AND TWENTY MEN ON THE STEAMER.

Were in Khaki Uniforms, and Intended to Cross Portuguese Territory into the Transvaal.

MUCH ILL FEELING AROUSED

PRO-BOERS AT LOURENZO MARQUES WROTH OVER THE SEIZURE.

Hamburg Merchants Also Angered, and Prince Hohenlohe Asked to Protest Against Britain's Action.

LOURENZO MARQUES, Delagoa Bay, Dec. 30.—The German steamer Bundesrath, belonging to the German East Africa line, has been captured as a prize by the British warship Magicienne and taken to Durban.

The Bundesrath arrived here from Mozambique. She is of 1,219 tons, and sailed from Hamburg, Nov. 9, for Tanga, East Africa.

The capture of the Bundesrath has increased the already strong anti-British feeling here among the Hollander and German section of the population.

German Officers Aboard.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A representative of the Associated Press has learned that there were three German officers and twenty men, attired in khaki, and intending to serve the Boers, on board the Bundesrath, which explains her capture.

Regarding traffic generally on the east coast of Africa the British Admiralty officials say the government desires that all ordinary and legitimate trade conducted by foreign vessels should suffer as little restriction as possible.

APPEAL TO HOHENLOHE.

Owners of the Steamer Ask the German Government to Intervene.

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The seizure of the Bundesrath was referred to at a meeting of merchants held here to-day. After a speech by Adolph Woermann, president of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce, dealing with the great progress of the German empire during the closing century, Herr Elffe, speaking in behalf of the firms trading with South Africa, asked whether the chamber was doing all that was necessary for the protection of German trade in that part of the world.

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