



LATEST LONDON COMMENT

EARL ROBERTS SETTLES DOWN AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS.

PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT THE NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF - ROYAL ACADEMY EXHIBITION.

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London, Jan. 5, 6 a. m.—Earl Roberts settled down to work yesterday in the War Office with a businesslike air. His influence is so great that any measures which he may recommend for the defence of Cape Colony and for bringing the campaign to an end will be adopted by Mr. Brodrick. Probably he has not waited for special reports before advising the Secretary for War respecting the conduct of the campaign. His presence at headquarters is a source of strength to the Government. There is already a more buoyant feeling respecting the military operations. Nobody can understand what is going on in the Great Karoo region, where the bands of marauding Boers are crossing a barren and desolate district and looting the farms of the "poor white trash," or in Bechuanaaland, where a mysterious westward trek is in progress. The dispatches from Cape Town describing the landing of marines and guns and the enrolment of a new colonial defensive force are read with amazement, especially when the invaders are reported to be without guns and only a few hundreds in strength. While the situation is perplexing, there is no feeling of anxiety here, for Earl Roberts, who knows what is wanted, is where he can strengthen Lord Kitchener's hands and wind up the campaign.

The friends of Sir Henry Colville are seeking to stir up strife in military circles. They are asserting that Lord Lansdowne consulted Lord Walsley before exonerating Colville and assigning him to duty at Gibraltar, and that Lord Roberts, hearing at Madeira what had been said, intervened and insisted that Mr. Brodrick should recall him. They also assume that Sir Evelyn Wood was not consulted, but that the Secretary for War acted in a most arbitrary way. These stories are probably as irresponsible as the current gossip that the Colville affair marks the final stage of an old feud between Lord Walsley and Lord Roberts. General Colville has lost the sympathy of military men by his indiscretion in bringing on a trial by newspaper and in reproaching Lords Roberts and Kitchener for the failures of staff officers.

The return of Generals Kelly-Kenny and Ian Hamilton has been celebrated already by their Aldershot friends. Neither made any mistake nor was defeated in South Africa. The only division commanders remaining in the field, out of a dozen sent out a year ago, are Generals Rundle, French and Methuen.

Lord Roberts needs the protection of his most efficient staff officer, Countess Roberts, for warding off the hospitality with which he is menaced. He has already received invitations to scores of dinners, but insists that the entertainments must be private.

The appointments announced by the Colonial Office to-day are quite in accordance with public anticipation. Sir Alfred Milner, as indeed Mr. Chamberlain had foreshadowed, becomes Governor of the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony, and, of course, retains the post of High Commissioner for South Africa. He is succeeded as Governor of the Cape by Sir Walter F. Hely-Hutchinson, who during his seven years' tenure of the Governorship of Natal won the esteem and affection of all the inhabitants of "The Garden Colony," as Natal proudly claims to be. The vacancy at Pietermaritzburg is to be filled by the transfer of Sir Henry McCallum, who has shown much tact and discretion in Newfoundland. Major Gool-Adams should make a successful Lieutenant-Governor of the Orange River Colony. He is a great authority on the native question, which will at once become acute when hostilities are terminated in South Africa.

The winter exhibition of the Royal Academy will be opened to private view to-day. It is a brilliant loan collection of English art of the last century. About eighty public and private galleries are represented. Humphrey Roberts, Sir William Agnew, Henry Burton and H. J. Turner being among the largest contributors. Burne-Jones's "Flamma Vestalis," Frederick Walker's "Bathers" and Turner's "Venice" are gems in the first room. Sir Francis Grant's portrait of the Queen with two children and George Mason's "Return from Ploughing" are transferred to the second room from the walls of Buckingham Palace, and the third and fourth rooms are enriched with works like Rossetti's "Vision of Flammetta," Turner's "Wreck of the Minotaur" and "Conway Castle," Landseer's "Stag at Bay" and Millais's "White Cockade." The water color room contains one of the most varied collections ever exhibited here.

Poultony Bigelow's new book, "Colonization and its Problems," will be published in March by McClure. It will embody the results of travel and study in various lands, and will have a direct bearing on many American questions. I. N. F.

BRITISH COLONIAL APPOINTMENTS.

NEW HEADS OF THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION IN SOUTH AFRICA. London, Jan. 4.—The following Colonial Office appointments were announced this evening: Sir Alfred Milner to be Governor of the Transvaal and British High Commissioner. The Hon. Sir Walter Francis Hely-Hutchinson (Governor of Natal and Zululand since 1893) to be Governor of Cape Colony. Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry C. McCallum (Governor of Newfoundland since 1898, and aide-camp to the Queen since 1900) to be Governor of Natal. Major Hamilton John Gool-Adams (Resident Commissioner of the Bechuanaaland Protectorate) to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Orange River Colony.

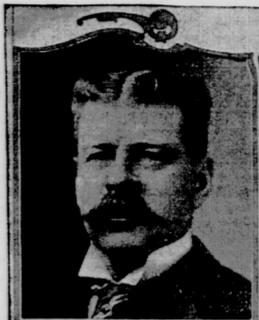
The seven nominees of the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada, have been gazetted second lieutenants in line battalions.

EARL ROBERTS THANKS THE PUBLIC.

London, Jan. 4.—Lord Roberts, in a communication to the public expressing his thanks for the reception tendered him, eulogizes the soldiers in South Africa, and appeals for contributions to the Soldiers and Sailors Association, seconding the efforts of the Prince of Wales to take care of the families of the men who are fighting.

LONDON IN A BROWN FOG.

TRAFFIC INTERRUPTED AND THOUSANDS FORCED TO STOP WORK. London, Jan. 4.—A choking, brown fog enveloped London for several hours this morning, causing great inconvenience. There were many collisions in the streets and several casualties. Thousands of outdoor workers were compelled to suspend their labors, the railroads experienced delay in train arrivals and river traffic was completely stopped.



LOUIS J. GRANT, Counsel for Herlihy.



BERNARD J. YORK, President of Police Board.



POLICE CAPTAIN HERLIHY, The accused man.



THE REV. ROBERT L. PADDOCK, The complainant against Herlihy. (Photograph by Rockwood.)



W. M. K. OLCOTT, Counsel for the prosecution.

BOERS RETIRING NORTH.

TWO HUNDRED RAIDERS RE-CROSS THE ORANGE RIVER FROM CAPE COLONY.

Cape Town, Jan. 4.—Two hundred Boers have recrossed the Orange River, going north. The Russian Commandants Petrowsk and Du Flooy were killed in the fighting at Utrecht on December 25.

A quantity of ammunition has been captured from sympathizers with the invaders in the neighborhood of Paarl.

London, Jan. 5.—Earl Roberts of Kandahar and Pretoria is already immersed in his arduous new duties at the War Office. He will take no holiday.

There is no further news from Lord Kitchener, who, according to a Cape Town dispatch, is calling for five thousand men to guard the Rand mines. Enlisting in Cape Colony continues active, and five hundred men will leave Cape Town for the north within the next few days.

Information regarding the invasion is scanty. Colonel Williams attacked the eastern invaders on January 1 near Middelburg, but failed to dislodge them. He has since been joined by Lieutenant-Colonel Grenfell, and the Boers have retired. General Brabant has arrived at Graaf Reinet.

Advices from Maseru, Basutoland, dated yesterday, say that three separate columns are still pursuing General De Wet, but with no success beyond taking twenty-eight prisoners. Cannon firing is continually heard.

All the English have deserted Ficksburg, taking their stocks of grain across the border, and the Boers have looted the town.

According to "The Daily Mail's" correspondent at The Hague, the directorates of the Netherlands South African Railway has applied to the Amsterdam courts for a suspension of payments.

LAURIER AS PEACE COMMISSIONER. MOVEMENT TO SEND THE CANADIAN PREMIER TO SOUTH AFRICA.

London, Jan. 5.—"The Daily Chronicle" gives that favorable attention should be addressed to a movement, reported by its Montreal correspondent, to induce Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Dominion Premier, to proceed to South Africa as a Commissioner empowered to intervene with a view to the restoration of peace.

LANSLOWNE HAS THE TREATY.

AMENDED CANAL CONVENTION FORMALLY PRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR CHOATE.

London, Jan. 4.—The United States Ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, presented the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty amendments to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Marquis of Lansdowne, to-day.

No discussion occurred, and the nature of Lord Lansdowne's answer is not indicated. Mr. Choate simply gave notice to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs that he had sent him a document forwarded by the State Department. An answer, probably, will not be sent until the Cabinet discusses the matter fully.

The interview between Mr. Choate and Lord Lansdowne was chiefly devoted to an expression of the latter's views on China's answer to the demands of the Powers. It is understood that Secretary Hay desired to know what Great Britain thought of those points which China, in her answer, said she was unable to fulfill at present. No difference of opinion appears to exist between Secretary Hay and Lord Lansdowne. While further negotiations between the Powers are necessary, it is believed there are no very serious difficulties in the way of a settlement that will be satisfactory to all nations.

THE NEWS FROM MANILA.

INSURGENT CAMPS DESTROYED—WORK OF THE COMMISSION.

Manila, Jan. 4.—Generals Wheaton and Bates report many small captures, the destruction of insurgent camps and the seizure of supplies, animals and other necessities. Among the captures in Smith's district was Colonel Techon, the insurgent Governor of Tarlac.

General Grant is personally in command of a mounted expedition in the mountains of Southern Pampangas, which, he says, is the only locality where the insurgents are in force in his district.

Insurgents entered Gapan and San Isidro, in General Funston's district, during the night, and burned a score of houses. Their firing was ineffective.

General MacArthur has commuted several death sentences of military courts to imprisonment.

Judge Taft's written opinion on the San José College case was considered and endorsed by the Philippine Commission this afternoon. It will be made public to-morrow.

The enactment of the School bill has been deferred on account of the desire of the Filipinos to be heard on the bill, as completed. It differs radically from the one prepared by Superintendent Atkinson and endorsed by General MacArthur. The latter appropriated \$1,650,000 outright, to be disbursed through Mr. Atkinson under the supervision of General MacArthur. The completed bill directly appropriates only \$400,000, and reserves to the Commission authority over plans for schoolhouses, and also requires Mr. Atkinson to report to both General MacArthur and the Commission.

HANNA ON SHIPPING BILL.

CONFIDENT OF PASSAGE AT THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS.

THE MEASURE MAY BE BROADENED IN ITS SCOPE, SO AS TO DISTRIBUTE THE SUBSIDY EQUITABLY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, Jan. 4.—Instead of being discouraged by the displacement in the Senate of the Ship Subsidy bill in favor of the Army Reorganization bill, the friends of the former measure are more hopeful to-day of its passage at this session than they have been for a week or more.

In a brief talk to-night with a correspondent of the Tribune, Senator Hanna displayed almost boundless confidence in the success of the Shipping bill before the expiration of the LVth Congress. Senator Hanna did not say so, but it is understood that the supporters of the Hanna-Payne bill are now willing to make such liberal concessions to the opponents of this measure in the way of amendments as to leave no ground of opposition to those who favor the principle of Government aid to the merchant marine. In view of this understanding it is believed that the scope of the original measure will be so broadened as to distribute the benefits of the subsidy equitably among the various shipping interests of the country which have been antagonistic to the Hanna-Payne bill. Nobody has authority to say so, but it is nevertheless reported in well-informed circles that Senators Allison and McMillan, who have been leading the opposition to the bill, will not lend the aid of their powerful influence to the enemies of an enlarged and more secure merchant marine after the scope of the measure is broadened by the concessions which its friends are willing to make.

Senator Hanna talked to-night with the utmost frankness concerning the present parliamentary status and prospects of the bill as affected by the action of the Senate yesterday, though he said he was not yet ready to discuss the proposed amendments.

THE SENATE'S ACTION EXPLAINED.

"There is a general misapprehension as to the causes and purposes of the Senate's action in giving the Army bill the right of way over the Shipping bill," said the Senator. "It was the friends of the Shipping bill, and not its enemies, who put it behind the Army bill. The latter is an emergency measure, and by agreement among the supporters of the Ship Subsidy bill it was arranged that all obstacles should be removed from the path of Army reorganization. By a majority vote the shipping bill can be restored to its position of privilege, from which it was removed simply to make way for the Army bill. I have no doubt that we can get this vote just as soon as the Army bill is out of the way; and if we are able to command a majority vote to put the Shipping bill back in its privileged position I see no reason for fear that this vote will not be held together for the passage of the bill. 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