

ROBERTS TO COMMAND.

To Have Charge of British Forces in South Africa.

KITCHENER HIS CHIEF OF STAFF.

Buller to Command Only in Natal—Lord Roberts' Son Died of Wound—More Troops to Be Sent and Volunteers to Be Selected For Service.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Baron Roberts of Kandahar and Waterford, commander of the forces in Ireland, has been appointed to the chief command in South Africa, with General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum as his chief of staff.

A notice was posted at the war office, containing the following:

"As the campaign in Natal, in the opinion of her majesty's government, is likely to require the presence and undivided attention of General Sir Buller, it has been decided to send Baron Roberts of Kandahar and Waterford as commander in chief in South Africa, with Lord Kitchener as chief of staff, to proceed to South Africa without delay. The commander in chief in South Africa has been authorized to continue to raise at his discretion local troops mounted."

Lieutenant The Hon. F. H. S. Roberts, son of Baron Roberts of Kandahar and Waterford, and who was wounded in the engagement at Tugela river, is dead.

The war office issued the following announcement:

"Acting upon the advice of the military authorities her majesty's government has approved the following measure:

"All the remaining portions of the army reserve, including section 'D,' are called out. The seventh division, which is being mobilized, will proceed to South Africa without delay."

"Nine battalions of militia, in addition to two battalions which have already volunteered for service at Malta and one for service in the channel islands, will be allowed to volunteer for service outside the British kingdom, and an equivalent number of militia battalions will be embodied for service at home."

"A strong force of volunteers, selected from Yeomanry regiments will be formed for Africa."

"Arrangements are being made, and will shortly be announced, for the employment in South Africa of a strong contingent of carefully selected volunteers. The patriotic offers which are being received from the colonies will, as far as possible, be accepted, preference being given to offers of mounted contingents."

General Buller reported to the war office that his losses in his last engagement were: Killed, 82; wounded, 967; missing, 348; a total of 1,097.

The revised list of the British casualties at the battle of Magersfontein shows the total to be 963, of which number 70 were officers.

The Black Watch were the heaviest sufferers. Of the rank and file 42 were killed, 182 were wounded and 111 are missing.

Pharos, Dec. 18.—An official dispatch from the Mediterranean states that the British captured a great quantity of loot, including 200 Lee-Metfords, cases of cartridges and hundreds of bayonets. Great numbers of the British have returned from Two Rivers, in the direction of Belmont. The loss of the British was very great. There were heaps of dead on the field. The wounded are being attended to temporarily at Diesel's farm. The sappers and miners must have suffered severely. The Boers suffered heavy losses in horses. I cannot otherwise describe the battlefield than as a sad and terrible slaughter. Monday was for us a brilliant victory. It has infused new spirit into our men and will enable them to achieve no less a success.

The war office received a dispatch dated Dec. 17 from General Forster Walker at Cape Town, containing the following: "Methuen reports that Lieutenant Chamberlain's force of 1,000 men, which left Thursday morning while going to meet a flag of truce. He was wearing his handkerchief in response and was unharmed."

"Gatacre has removed his troops and stores to Sterkstroom from Fatta's kraal. French has established headquarters at Arundel."

"Vandermerwe, with a commando, is reported moving south from Jacobsdal."

The queen's graceful act in presenting a flag to the American hospital ship Maine is highly appreciated by her own people as well as by the Americans in London, and the morning papers express the hope that the incident means something more than a pretty ceremony.

"Black week," as last week is now universally called, has excited around the government and the war office to a full sense of their responsibility and of the magnitude of the task before them. The papers unanimously applaud this awakening, despite the fact that they recognize that the heroic measures now decided upon favor rather of weakness than of strength."

Rumor has it that the question of expense has nearly been at the bottom of the half-hearted measures hitherto adopted, and it is not unlikely that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, and other members of the cabinet will be called upon to justify their course."

It is high time that something very energetic was done. The British losses in killed, wounded, prisoners and missing throughout the campaign now reach the enormous total of 7,530.

LED BY MAUDE GONNE.

Boer Sympathizers in Dublin Held a Demonstration Against Joseph Chamberlain.

DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—The announcement that a pro-Boer meeting would be convened Sunday as a protest against the proposal of Trinity college to confer a degree upon Joseph Chamberlain led to exciting scenes. A large force of police was called out and the troops were held in readiness.

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Michael Davitt and William E. Redmond were waiting. A meeting of about 60 persons was held, Messrs. Davitt, Redmond and O'Brien speaking in violent condemnation of the war and of Mr. Chamberlain. Maud Gonne also spoke.

The meeting closed amid tremendous cheers, evoked by a rumor that Lady Smith had fallen.

Maud Gonne and Mr. Connolly arose off with the intention of holding open air meetings, but the police arrested Mr. Connolly.

REBELLION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Country Aroused North of Sterkstroom. Natives Disturbed.

STERKSTROOM, Friday, Dec. 15.—As a result of the British reverses the whole country northward is in rebellion. The natives there, as well as those in Basutoland, are said to be much disturbed and losing heart respecting the strength of the British.

Queen's Trip Postponed.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The court news men issued the following announcement: "The arrangements made for the Queen's departure from Windsor have been postponed until after Christmas, as owing to the present state of affairs in South Africa, the Queen is unwilling to be at a great distance from London."

Commissioner Appointed by Buller.

DURBAN, Saturday, Dec. 16.—The Natal Government Gazette announced that General Buller has appointed a commission to inquire into the losses of the people of the colony resulting from the Boer invasion.

CAPE TOWN, Thursday, Dec. 14.—Secret meetings of Boer sympathizers.

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continue to be held in various parts of Cape Colony and the attitude of the Dutch farmers is truculent.

DETECTIVE KILLED BY LAWYER'S SON

He was son of E. A. Ferguson of Cincinnati and was fatally wounded.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—There was a sensational murder at the residence of E. Alexander Ferguson, on Dayton street. Dudley Ferguson, son of E. A. Ferguson, had been inflicted with melancholia on account of failing to pass an examination recently for admission to the bar. The family employed Gus Meehan, a well known detective, to "shadow" young Ferguson, more for the protection of the young man than anything else. When the detective appeared Sunday, young Ferguson shot him and Meehan soon died. Dudley Ferguson was arrested.

E. A. Ferguson is one of the most prominent attorneys here. He is the author of the act that built the Cincinnati Southern railway, of which he has been counsel and trustee, and he was a promoter of other enterprises.

Claim of a Suicide.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 18.—John Smith, who was last Friday convicted of attempting to dynamite Judge C. W. Powers, and who took morphine with suicidal intent Saturday night died. Smith declared that his real name was Louis James, and that he was a cousin of Jesse and Frank James. He claimed to have traveled with Frank and Jesse James for years.

One Fireman Killed; Others Hurt.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 18.—Fire destroyed the factory of the Duluth Boot and Shoe company. One fireman, B. McVette, was killed by falling wallboard and seriously injured. Loss on stock and building, \$150,000; insurance, \$40,000.

Wholesale and Nine Men Lost.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 18.—A salable whaleback barge 115, which has been missing on Lake Superior since Wednesday last, was given for lost to her crew of nine men. The only names known of the lost are Captain Arthur Boyce, Mate Michael Stynop and Cook William Buckner.

A Soldier Found Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Samuel Hahn, 33 years old, private in Company H, Fifth United States artillery, stationed at Fort Hamilton, was found dead in a hotel on East Houston street. He had committed suicide by taking morphine.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Strong Effort to Be Made to Have Next National Gathering in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—There will be a strong effort made to have the next Democratic national convention held in Cincinnati. The building erected for the International Sausagefest last June is retained in expectation of having this convention here. It was desired to make an effort for the Republican national convention, but it was said that the Republican committee would not consider any Ohio city when it was considered that an Ohio man would be nominated.

The sausagefest hall seats 14,000, and cost over \$90,000. With a suitable building already constructed it is claimed that Cincinnati will offer every inducement that can be offered by other cities.

It is understood that Hon. John R. Lee, the Ohio member of the Democratic National committee, will do everything in his power for his native city, and other members of the committee are known to be favorable to this city.

Arrest Moral Check For England.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—A distinguished member of the diplomatic corps, in the course of a discussion regarding General Buller's reverse, said: "It means morally far more for Great Britain than the mere loss of the battle. Her prestige after the defeat of last week has fallen enormously on the continent, and it will be many years before she will again venture to assume a tone toward a great power such as she took in the Fashoda affair."

Decrease in Prisoners.

ALBANY, Dec. 18.—According to the annual statistical reports filed with the state prison commission the total number of prisoners in the prisons, penitentiaries, reformatories, houses of refuge and county jails of the state is steadily on the decrease, and especially is this fact noticeable in the penitentiaries.

Japan Strengthening Her Navy.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18.—According to advices received from the Orient by the H. M. S. Empress of India relations between Russia and Japan were being strained to a breaking point. The situation is most serious as plainly shown by the activity in Japanese naval yards. All the naval yards are now busier than ever.

After Hotel Thieves.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 18.—Pinker-ton's were running down the thieves who are alleged to have conducted a systematic stealing of jewelry at the New Hemstead hotel, in houses of nearly \$30,000 worth of diamonds have been stolen recently, but the matter was kept quiet in order to secure the guilty parties.

Officer and Burglar Shot.

FARRO, N. D., Dec. 18.—Chief of Police Murphy of Moorhead, Minn., was shot while attempting to arrest a burglar named Collins. Collins shot and ran, but fell, dropping his revolver with which Murphy shot him in the head. Both men are in a hospital at the point of death.

Minister Accepted a Call.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—Rev. T. J. Sunderland, D. D., formerly pastor of Unitarian churches in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Oakland, Cal., accepted a call to the Highgate Unitarian church, London, England, the church of which the late Rev. Dr. Spurgeon was pastor.

Over \$25,000,000 For Missions.

ROME, Dec. 18.—The congregation of the propagandists voted 120,000,000 lire (\$25,000,000) to further the cause of missions in 1900. The pope sent a brief message of congratulation to the American college in Rome on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary.

Cigarettes Injure Students.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 18.—School teachers made formal protest to the school board regarding cigarette smoking by the boys under their charge. The teachers believe the inability of boys addicted to smoking to properly apply themselves to their studies is the result of the habit.

Carton's Former Secretary Arrested.

HAVANA, Dec. 18.—Mr. Conley, who was at one time private secretary of Captain Oberlin M. Carter, was placed under arrest here by order of Secretary Root. For some time Mr. Conley has been employed as a stenographer in the custom house.

COMES TO VOTE TODAY.

Currency Bill to Go Through the House.

DEMOCRATS ATTITUDE A FEATURE.

Some Ballots for the Measure Expected From That Side—Senate to Send It to Committee Until After Holidays—Congress to Adjourn on Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The vote on the currency bill occurs in the house today.

Under the terms of the special order with reference to the currency bill neither a motion to recommmit nor substitute a proposition is in order, and the vote will be taken directly upon the passage of the bill. The result is a foregone conclusion, as it will command every Republican vote. The interest in the vote, therefore, lies only in the record of Democratic disaffection it will show. The eastern Democrats generally, with the exception of a few from New York, are not in line with their Democratic brethren from the south in opposition to the money question, but not all of them will vote for the bill.

The senate has no programme for the present week and the indications are that short daily sessions will be held and very little business transacted. Both houses will adjourn for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday.

It is expected that the financial bill will be received from the house during the week. It will be referred to the committee on finance. This committee expects to make its report soon after the resumption of business in the new year.

LEUTENANT BRUMBY DEAD.

Dewey's Former Flag Lieutenant Died of Typhoid Fever in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Lieutenant Thomas M. Brumby, flag lieutenant to Admiral Dewey during the Manila campaign, who has been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, died at Garfield hospital.

The death of Lieutenant Brumby while not unexpected was a great shock to Admiral Dewey. The relations of the two men for several years have been very intimate and a strong friendship had grown up between them. Lieutenant Brumby went out to the Asiatic station with the Admiral and had been with him until they both returned to the United States a few months ago. In his capacity as flag lieutenant to the Admiral, Lieutenant Brumby was known with his chief practically all the time and acted as his personal representative in many matters of detail delegated to him by the commanding officer.

He was regarded by Admiral Dewey as a bright, energetic and capable assistant, while the devotion of the latter to his chief was well known to all. The burden of his thought during the latter days of his illness, when his mind was racked with delirium, seemed to be regarding his work for the admiral.

The lieutenant's present illness dated from about Nov. 27, first symptoms being nothing more than a cold, which, however, failed to yield to treatment, and soon afterwards he went to the Garfield hospital, where he died.

Admiral Dewey was unremitting in his attention to him until his condition became precarious and visitors were not allowed to see him. Some days ago Mrs. W. L. Hayward of Marietta, Ga., a sister-in-law of the admiral, and her husband, who was with the admiral, both remaining with the lieutenant until he died. The lieutenant's aged mother is still living in Marietta, Ga. The father, who is dead, was a colonel of the Fourth Georgia regiment in the Confederate army.

Lieutenant Brumby was 44 years of age and unmarried. Nothing definite has been decided concerning the funeral except that the body will be taken to the city for interment, but will here tonight for Atlanta. It is entirely improbable that Admiral Dewey will accompany the remains, but will designate his secretary, Lieutenant H. H. Caldwell, to perform that duty.

In his report of the battle of Manila Admiral Dewey spoke in very complimentary terms of the services and gallantry of his flag lieutenant and recommended that he be advanced some number on the list of lieutenants. His recommendation was adopted by the navy department and the name sent to the senate but, together with a number of other promotions made by the department, failed to be acted upon.

The promotion recommendation placed him about 15 on the list of lieutenants, and had it been confirmed, he would in less than a year from now have reached the grade of lieutenant commander.

The lieutenant's death is the third of a systematic list of lieutenants, including Dewey, the others being Captain Gridley and Captain Wood.

Lieutenant Brumby was presented with a sword by the legislature of Georgia on Oct. 20. He remained in Georgia some days after that and returned to Washington about the middle of November.

Paul Over a Fire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A fire occurred in a big factory building at 455 and 457 First avenue. Efforts of the firemen were mostly devoted to an attempt to save the surrounding tenements. There was a terrific panic in many of those tenements and the avenue in a few moments was almost blocked with half naked people.

War Bulletin Probably Killed Him.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Edmund Harris, grand master of the Ontario bar, died suddenly from heart failure. His son is an officer in General Buller's army and Mr. Harris was attacked shortly after reading war bulletins.

Spain Recognized Castro.

MADRID, Dec. 18.—The Spanish government formally recognized General Cipriano Castro as president of the republic of Venezuela.

Rockefeller's Offer to Tuskegee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Booker T. Washington received a letter from John D. Rockefeller, who offers \$10,000 to the Tuskegee industrial institute at Tuskegee, Ala.

William H. Carpenter Died.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—William H. Carpenter, author, poet and editor, died at his home in this city, aged 80 years.

Walter Shanly Dead.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—Walter Shanly, a well-known civil engineer, died at his home in this city, aged 80 years.

A Former Congressman Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Former Congressman James Nelson Piddock, for about 50 years a Democratic leader in New Jersey, died at his home in White House, N. J., of paralysis.

Will Locate in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—The executive committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers decided to look for a new home for their headquarters in Cleveland, where they intend to erect for its permanent home. The land and building will cost \$300,000.

Three Children Burned.

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky., Dec. 18.—Three small children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reynolds, aged 3, 5 and 1 years respectively, were burned to death.

A Copyright Decision.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 18.—Judge Hall, in the United States circuit court rendered a decision that photographs of animals or inanimate objects cannot be copyrighted "unless there is something strikingly original and out of the ordinary in the artist's treatment of the picture."

PURVES ACCEPTS THE CALL.

Former Pittsburg Minister Will Be Pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—After formal and informal deliberations that have lasted for more than a year, the pulpit supply committee of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, has at last found a successor for the late Dr. John Hall, for many years pastor of that church. He is Rev. Dr. George F. Purves, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Princeton, N. J.

The call was extended to Dr. Purves as a result of a meeting of a committee from the congregation and the session acting as a committee of the whole, held on Dec. 3. His reply to this call has been accepted by the chairman of the committee.

Dr. Purves in his letter notified his willingness to accept the call, and while the letter was not read from the pulpit at the services Sunday, as had been expected, the announcement was made that there would be a meeting of the congregation on Wednesday evening next, at which formal action would be taken with regard to the election of the Princeton clergyman.

There is no doubt as to the action of the congregation in regard to the election, and it is confidently expected that the call will be made unanimous.

NECESSITIES MAY RAISE.

Prices of Commodities Likely to Increase Owing to Proposed Rate in Railroad Rates.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The Chronicle today said in part:

One of the most radical and general advances ever made in freight rates will go into effect on all the railroads east and west of Chicago Jan. 1. Thousands of articles of everyday consumption will be affected. On these, as well as on the 500 articles, the increase will run from 20 to 40 per cent. The rate on coal, for example, will be piled up 25 cents on the ton. Rates on cattle will be 25 cents per 100 pounds, and hogs and sheep will go up 25 to 30 cents and dressed meat to 40 cents per 100 pounds. Hay is an article that will feel the advance severely. The tariff on this will be increased \$1.10 per ton.

On the roads east of Chicago the increase will be accomplished by changing the class under which the articles affected are shipped. This will be done by taking the items out of what are known as commodity classes and putting them in bulk classes.

The roads east of Chicago will do most of the advancing.

Information About Dead Man Wanted.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Lieutenant Colonel McCauley, deputy quartermaster general U. S. A., is reported to be associated with General Russell, an unassigned recruit of the army, died in the University of Pennsylvania hospital, this city. Colonel McCauley says the only information he can obtain regarding Russell is that he was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., that he came here on a furlough from Washington barracks and that his father is an editor in New York. Information is wanted.

Hon. W. V. Marquis Died Suddenly.

BELLEFONTAINE, O., Dec. 18.—Hon. William Vance Marquis, who was lieutenant governor of Ohio under the Campbell administration, died suddenly of heart trouble in the office of the Associated Press at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Marquis, who is 72 years old. He had been engaged in mercantile and banking business here for many years.

Warned of Assassination.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 18.—The assassination of Captain Jacob Imboden at San Pedro, Honduras, is believed here to have been done by the informant in New York city by a gentleman who thoroughly understood the political situation in Honduras and his return to that country would result in his death while General Sierra was in power.

A Rough Rider Sentenced.

HAVANA, Dec. 18.—Lieutenant Cass, an American citizen, who was a bugler in Roosevelt's rough riders, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, for having been convicted on a charge of manslaughter. Cass shot a Cuban major a year ago.

Rev. Asbury Guyer Dead.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 18.—Rev. Asbury Guyer, who has been a member of the central Pennsylvania Methodist conference since it was created in 1869, died of pneumonia at his home in Duncansville, aged 67.

Killed During Drunken Carousal.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—During a drunken carousal in his home in Pasaden, near here, Thomas Groves, a colored man, shot and killed Horace Hopkiss, also colored, who boarded with him.

Swept by Terrific Cyclone.

MOZAMBIQUE, Portuguese East Africa, Dec. 18.—The island was swept by a terrific cyclone, which did immense damage, destroying many houses in Mozambique.

An Erroneous Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The announcement that Senator Hanna had leased the late Vice President Hobart's house, in this city, is stated to have been erroneous.

Capital to Be Increased.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 18.—A special meeting was called for February of the stockholders of the Central District and Printing Telegraph company for the purpose of voting on a proposed increase of the capital stock from \$4,000,000 to \$7,500,000. It is expected the entire increase will be expended on improvements, \$3,000,000 being devoted to Pittsburgh alone.

To Aid Hospital Fund.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The farwell banquet at Clarion hall in aid of the fund for the American hospital ship Maine realized \$2,500.

As Good as Her Word.

"Whatever because that pretty Miss Hill who always said she would marry a man of her own name or remain single?"

"Well, she carried out her promise to all intents and purposes. She married a poor cottaged named Sandhill, who really hadn't a bit of sand."—Chicago Tribune.

WILLY REBEL'S FLIGHT.

Aguinaldo Reported Going Toward Salsona.

THE CHIEFTAIN WAS DISGUISED.

He Was Accompanied by Several of His Generals and 500 Men—General Young's Command Was Divided in Six or Seven Parties—Two Americans Killed.

MANILA, Dec. 18.—The following dispatch, dated Dec. 1