

**KAFFIRS IN FIGHT**

**BOERS FIND ANOTHER FORMIDABLE ENEMY WITH WHICH THEY MUST CONTENT**

**BATTLE FOUGHT WITH NATIVES**

**AUGHERS FINALLY CAPTURED KAFFIR POSITION, BUT SUFFERED SEVERE LOSSES**

**SHELL FIRE IS EFFECTIVE**

**Delengered Forces in Ladysmith Report That Boers Have the Range, and Are Doing Considerable Damage—Gen. Buller's Water Supply in Danger.**

PRETORIA, Thursday, Dec. 29 (by way of Lourenço Marques, Thursday, Dec. 28).—Commandant Swart reports from the laager at Alouins Kop, near Zeorust, that he had an engagement on Friday, Dec. 27, with Kaffirs in the neighborhood of Dendorport. The Kaffirs occupied a strongly fortified ridge, and were well prepared for emergencies. After heavy fighting the burghers captured the Kaffir position, losing three killed and five wounded.

**BOER REPORTS OF NIGHTING.**

PRETORIA, Tuesday, Dec. 26 (by way of Lourenço Marques, Thursday, Dec. 25).—Commandant Swart reports from Melopo:

"On Monday morning the enemy from Mafeking attacked one of our forts in force, with cannon, Maxim's and an armored train, and so persistently that there was fighting right on the walls of the fort. But we have retained our fort. The British loss is reported as 35. The other commanders report "All quiet," with the exception of the usual bombardment of Ladysmith.

**BULLER'S PROBABLE PLANS.**

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The latest special dispatches from Chieveley Camp hint darkly at some impending movement. This is taken with some misgivings that Gen. Buller intends to make another attempt to relieve Ladysmith.

**REMARKABLE CLAIM.**

The text of Col. Baden-Powell's proclamation to the burghers besieging Mafeking, the gist of which has already been called, comes from Lourenço Marques today.

After asserting that the republics cannot hope for foreign intervention and pretending to relate the exact attitude of all the European powers, including Emperor William, who, the colonel says, "fully sympathizes with England," Baden-Powell makes the extraordinary statement that "the American government has warned the others of her intention to side with England should any of them interfere."

**SIEGE OF LADYSMITH.**

A dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Dec. 23, says: "The Boers have mounted another howitzer on Surprise Hill, replacing the gun captured in the sortie of the rifle brigade. While they watch us nightly with a searchlight and bombard the place daily, they show no signs of assaulting the town. They probably think they can drive us out, but we have plenty of provisions."

**WILL WELCOME "BOERS."**

Dispatches from all parts of South Africa emphasize the great enthusiasm among the troops and public occasioned by the appointment of Gen. Roberts and Kitchener. The announcement that the former will have supreme command and that the latter will be chief of staff has largely dispelled the earlier reverses, while the soldiers anticipate everything from the presence of "Bobs" from success in battle to capture Boers.

**FREE STATERS REBEL.**

A dispatch from Lourenço Marques, dated Dec. 23, says a curious story is current, emanating from Boer sources, that Matt Steyn, brother of the president of the Orange Free State, and 300 Free Staters, have definitely refused to continue the war.

**RUSSIANS WITH BOERS.**

The Marseilles correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing the substance of an interview with the Russian Gen. Gourko, eldest son of the famous Gourko who is now about to start for Pretoria, says that the Russian officer made the following statement:

**FRANCE IS DISTURBED.**

Delagoa Bay Incident Is the Cause for Perturbation.

**ENGLAND'S ACTION QUESTIONED.**

HERLIN, Dec. 23.—The Neuste Nachrichten questions the right of Great Britain to confiscate gold ingots which were being transported from the Transvaal to Europe. It says it regards the discussion of the Transvaal as a purely tentative, as Great Britain has given no signs that she will infringe on neutral territory.

**MR. DILKE'S WARNING.**

Sir Charles Dilke, in the Daily Chronicle, this morning, discusses Great Britain's relation to Delagoa Bay with regard to the food question, owing to the interest of the United States to forget Great Britain, Great Britain must endorse the present conditions, possibly doing something by pressure on the Portuguese officials, and strengthening the British consular staff at Delagoa Bay.

**BOERS FLOW BOLDLY.**

The Times publishes the following dispatch from Chieveley Camp, dated Dec. 26:

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