

BOERS TOOK THE POST

BRITISH GARRISON AT HELVETIA CAPTURED, WITH 50 LOST AND 200 TAKEN PRISONERS

ACTIVITY OF BOERS SPREADS

THE FIELD THEY ARE COVERING IS ASTONISHING THE OFFICIALS AT LONDON

STILL INVADING THE COLONY

Progress of Commandoes Toward the Cape Has Not Been Blocked, and New Sorties Are Imminent.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Buller, dated Dec. 29: "Pretoria, Dec. 30, 7.50 a. m.—Gen. Lyttleton reports that our post at Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About fifty were killed and wounded and 200 taken prisoners.

BOERS' FIELD IS WIDE.

While Lord Kitchener sends bad news for England on the closing day of the year, the press continues to take a surprisingly hopeful view of a grave situation and of revelations of an enormously wide field of Boer activity.

ZEERUST IS UNDER SIEGE.

According to further telegrams received yesterday, Zeerust is practically besieged, but has provisions sufficient for five months. The garrison at Otsochop has been withdrawn to Litchenburg.

BOERS ADMIT THAT IN THEIR FIGHT WITH GEN. CLEMENTS AT NOTLEDACHT THEY LOST 120 MEN.

"It is evident," says a belated message from Krugersdorp dated Dec. 23, "that the Boer commissariat in the direction of the Magaliesberg is well supplied and that until the country between here and the Magaliesberg is properly cleared of Boers, they will continue to concentrate their operations in the direction of the Zeerust and Litchenburg districts. The Boers are said to have two or three horses each, though in bad condition. They have no guns or transport, but are well supplied with rifles and ammunition. Captured Boers say that the intention of these commandoes is to roam about and wait until Gen. Buller's army is relieved."

BOERS INVASION UNCHECKED.

To emphasize Lord Kitchener's covert admission that no progress is being made against the invasion of Cape Colony, a correspondent at Bursdorp, writing Eastern Eye, reports as follows: "The Boers are now following the Orange river and are willing to give information to the British regarding Boer movements. Details of the Greylingstad affair show that the Boers are now in the direction of the Boers, a second force of 400 of the enemy was seen moving toward the camp where the British transport was impounded. The Boers were seen to be picked up until reinforcements arrived with artillery, and after a severe fight the Boers were defeated. The Boers were seen to be picked up until reinforcements arrived with artillery, and after a severe fight the Boers were defeated. The Boers were seen to be picked up until reinforcements arrived with artillery, and after a severe fight the Boers were defeated."

EARLIER ADVICES FROM KITCHENER.

Lord Kitchener, writing from Pretoria Saturday, Dec. 29, says: "There is not much change in the situation in Cape Colony. The eastern force of the enemy appears to have broken up into small parties at Utrecht, and to be moving about rapidly in the same district, evidently waiting for support from the north."

STORIES DO NOT AGREE

WIDELY VARIANT REPORTS FROM COLUMBIAN REVOLUTION.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 30 (via Havre).—Gen. Uribe, chief of the Colombian revolution, who was recently defeated at Corozel, province of Mollivar, has arrived at Maracaibo. This is regarded as the death blow to the revolutionary movement.

PROSECUTION HAS LOST HOPE.

Little Prospect of Capturing the Murderer of Richardson.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 30.—The belle is rapidly gaining ground that the murderer of John C. Richardson, of this city and Savannah, will never be known. The prosecution has run down almost every theory that has come to the attention of the officers and all have vanished into air. Charles Booher, the prosecuting attorney, said tonight that he would probably be able to get hold of the murderer of Richardson home some time this week. She is visiting in Northern Missouri somewhere, but the officers have been unable to locate her since the night of the tragedy. A traveling man whose name has been incidentally mentioned in connection with the case, has disappeared and the detectives are endeavoring to locate him.

COLVILLE STIRRED THEM UP.

The elaborate statement given to the press Saturday, by Maj. Gen. Sir Henry Colville, whose resignation has been demanded by the war office, but who has refused to resign and has demanded a trial by court-martial to establish the responsibility for the yeomanry disaster at Jinsley last May, excites considerable sympathy and a tendency to make further attacks upon the war office. It is generally conceded that he has been harshly treated, but as his statement is in six parts, the papers withhold final judgment.

BAD DAYS FOR FILIPINOS

SEVERAL DETACHMENTS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED OR SLAIN.

MANILA, Dec. 30.—Today brought many reports of capture of insurgents as the result of a scouting throughout Luzon. The Americans in this work sustained no casualties. A detachment of the Fourth regiment captured sixty in the province of Cavite, and another detachment of the same regiment captured sixty in the province of Cavite.

MILES WILL NOT TALK

DOES NOT DEIGN TO ANSWER ALGER'S LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Gen. Miles is not yet prepared to make any formal statement in reply to the published article of Former Secretary Alger, regarding the use of canned and embalmed beef during and after the Spanish war. He is still undecided as to whether he will answer any statement to make, saying in reply to questions on the subject that he has not yet fully determined what his course will be. Gen. Miles says he had not even read the article.

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AMERICAN STOCKS STRONG

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BULLETIN OF IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE DAY

Weather Forecast for St. Paul: Clear; Cold.

1-Boers Full of Fight. Situation in China. London Fears Panic. Crowe Still at Large.

2-Cold Wave on Hand. Northfield College's Hustle. To Welcome New Year. In Honor of Season.

3-Mrs. Nation Contrary. News of Northwest. Democratic Committee's Status.

4-Editorial Page.

5-St. Paul in the American. Sensational Situation. News of Minneapolis.

6-Popular Wants. Do Boers Injure Fruit.

7-Foreign Stock Markets. China's Hands Tied. Markets of the World.

8-Molly's Fortunes.

BLIZZARD ON AT OMAHA

NEBRASKA METROPOLIS WAS STORM-BOUND LAST NIGHT.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 30.—A furious blizzard began in the eastern part of Nebraska at 8 o'clock this morning, continuing throughout the day, and tonight extending over the state and as far west as Cheyenne. In this city the street car track is badly blocked. There is a high wind and heavy snow, which cleared the streets of pedestrians at an early hour. Several signs were blown down, but so far as known, no person has been injured.

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WOMAN IDENTIFIED AS CROWE

OMAHA POLICE FIND A MAN WHO SAYS HE SAW HIM AT SCHNEIDERWIND'S

HAS KNOWN HIM 12 YEARS

BROOMMAKER POSITIVE THAT HE RENTED THE COTTAGE ON GROVER STREET

MYSTERIOUS ELOISE LETTERS

They Are Keeping the Cincinnati Press and Police in a Fever of Excitement.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 30.—The Cudahy family remained at home today, and beyond giving out an exact copy of the text of the letter received from the nappers Thursday, Mr. Cudahy refused to see any representative of the press, remarking that he was "through" with the newspapers. The orthography of the letter is poor, as is also the writing, which is in the same hand as the letter of Dec. 19, demanding the ransom.

The morning of Dec. 22 the postman delivered the menacing letter which was addressed to Mrs. Cudahy. The letter was addressed to "E. D. Cudahy," 615 South Thirty-seventh street, Omaha. The address, as well as the letter, is printed in lead pencil. The letter is written on common note paper ruled with blue ink, which is scarcely traceable. The postmark shows that the letter was mailed at the postoffice at 8 a. m. Saturday, Dec. 22. Gen. John C. Cowin, who saw both missives, believes the letters from the same source. The letter reads:

"Cudahy, if you value the Boy's life at the Price of a bullet you will withdraw the Reward. At once. And let well enough alone. If you don't do this, we will finish the Job with a Bullet. If any man, whether guilty or innocent, is ever arrested, I will get a good look at his mouth. You will think of this warning when it is too late."

Speaking of the letter, Gen. Cowin said: "The day after this reward was offered, Mrs. Cudahy received a letter printed in lead pencil, the same as was left on the lawn, but this letter came through the mail and was delivered by the carrier. The envelope was immediately shown to me and I thought that the chief of police ought to see it as it might help in the investigation. But, I advised strenuously that nothing whatever be said about it, because I thought it was to the interest of all that until these parties had been captured the letter should be withheld."

Mr. Cudahy states that he has not withdrawn the reward and does not propose to do so.

He stated he secured information which they expect will result in locating the buggy used by the men in the abduction.

Another man has been found who positively identified Crowe as the man who acted as a principal in the negotiations with the Schneiders for the Grover street cottage.

SURE IT WAS CROWE.

John Smith, a broommaker, employed by the Schneiders broom factory, has positively identified Pat Crowe as the man who, in his presence, rented the Schneiders house on Grover street, which was used as a prison for Eddie Cudahy while he was being detained for the \$25,000 ransom. This is the first positive personal recognition of any of the bandits, and establishes the most important point yet developed in the case.

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