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BRITISH ARE HIRING GERMANS

Agents for England Busy in Rural Districts Securing Veterans for South Africa.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Despite repeated British denials it seems to be a fact that British agents are busy in the rural districts of Germany hiring veterans for service in South Africa. Several well-authenticated cases have been reported this week, but the following incident seems conclusive. The district court of Hamburg has just issued an order for the arrest of a British agent named York for hiring a number of German peasants in the neighborhood for military service, which under the imperial law is a criminal offense.

STEAD MAKES AN APPEAL

Calls on the Clergy to Awake from Their Apathy with Regard to the War.

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DENIES IRISH ARE DISLOYAL

Lord Roberts, New British Commander, Sends Parting Message to the American People.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—General Lord Roberts, who is to have full command of the British troops in South Africa, accompanied by Lady Roberts and two daughters, arrived in London this morning, having traveled from Dublin with Mr. Chamberlain. Their departure from Dublin was marked by cheering crowds, but the general made a quiet entry into London, and at a private hotel he spent about an hour at the war office in consultation with the marquis of Lansdowne, the secretary of state for war. Then general Roberts returned to the task of packing his effects and interviewing officers selected for his staff.

SEIZE TWO CARGOES OF FLOUR

Pennsylvania Milling and Export Company Protests Against Action of the British.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A. J. Towner of the Pennsylvania Milling and Export company sent a protest to Washington today against the seizure by the British of flour sent to South Africa by his firm. He received information today to cable that the ship Beatrice, with a cargo had been seized in Delagoa Bay, and sent to England, while another ship, the Maria, had been sent to Port Natal.

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CIVIL GOVERNOR FIRST TO GREET HIM

HAVANA, Dec. 20.—Major General Leonard Wood, the new general, arrived here at daybreak today on the steamer Mexico, which left New York for this port December 15. The steamer was gaily decorated with flags. From Habana follows a major general's salute of thirteen guns and the Cubans from the punta fired a governor general's salute of twenty-one guns by the explosion of petards.

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DORSEY CASE SUBMITTED

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The appeal of Frank Dorsey, convicted at Omaha of bank robbery, was argued and submitted before the United States court of appeals here today, owing to the immense amount of business before the court and the fact that little will be done during the holidays. It will be about six weeks before a decision is rendered.

GAGE RELEASED MAY SHOW

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 20.—An order was received tonight for the release of May Show, who with seventy-five other Chinamen, has been held here on the charge of illegally entering the United States. The custom officials at Pembina had arrested him and he was appointed to the secretary of the treasury. May was from China.

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