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## BOERS WATCH THE BRITISH

### General Gatacre Reopens Communication With Indwe Colliery Line.

## SIEGE OF LADYSMITH

### The Boers Mount Another Howitzer Watch Nightly With Searchlights and Bombard Town Daily—They Show Disinclination to Vacate Position, Although Weaker Than Opposing Force—Connection Constructed Around Ladysmith.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Kimberley, Friday, Dec. 22.—(Via Modder River, Wednesday, Dec. 27.)—Before dawn to-day a detachment of the mounted forces, with artillery and light infantry, moved out in a westerly direction. Boer artillery from Kamperdam opened fire at Ottos Kopje, Kimberley fort replying with twenty shells.

The British force reconnoitered outposts along Lazaretto ridge, the Boer patrols retreating.

### THE BRITISH RETIRED.

Having accomplished this and having discovered Boer reinforcements approaching from Wimbledon ridge, Colonel Chamler, with the Royal Artillery, exchanged a dozen shells as soon as the guns could be limbered up. Some 500 Boers poured in a heavy fire from their earthworks, the British finally retiring with the loss of one horse.

### TWO THINGS SHOWN.

The movement showed that the Boers were still keeping their guns in the vicinity of Kimberley and are able to summon reinforcements rapidly. It also showed their proneness to vacate a position immediately when weaker than the opposing force.

### HEAVY FIRING REPORTED.

Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Cradock reports heavy firing in the direction of Stormberg. It is supposed this is connected with General Gatacre's attempt to reopen communication with the Indwe collieries.

### COLLIERY LINE WORKING.

London, Dec. 28.—The War Office has received the following dispatch: "Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 28.—The Indwe colliery line is now working again."

### SIEGE OF LADYSMITH.

Pietermaritzburg, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Ladysmith, dated December 27, says:

"The Boers have mounted another howitzer on Surprise Hill, replacing the guns 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 starve us out, but we have plenty of provisions.

"The total casualties since the siege began are 70 men killed and 236 wounded."

### A CONNECTION ESTABLISHED.

Pretoria, Dec. 25.—(Monday)—General Schalk-Burger reports, under date of December 23, that trains are now running to Colenso, indicating that the Boers have built a connection around Ladysmith.

General Cronje reports from the Modder River, December 24, that the Boers captured two British forts at Kuruman December 17.

It is rumored that General Methuen's big naval gun has exploded.

### NEW GOLD TAX LAW.

The Transvaal Government has promulgated a new gold tax law, by which individuals and companies working their own mines are taxed 30 per cent. of the output, while mines worked by the government will pay 50 per cent. Suspended mines will pay 30 per cent. on their probable output, calculated on three months' workings. Reducing works will pay 30 per cent. of their net profits. The law is retroactive to October 11.

### ASTOR'S GIFT.

London, Dec. 29.—William Waldorf Astor has subscribed £1,000 to the Buckinghamshire fund to equip the county's contingent of yeomanry.

London, Dec. 29.—Lord Salisbury presided at a meeting of the National Defense Committee to-day.

### RIGHT OF CONFISCATION.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Neustadt Nachrichten questions the right of Great Britain to confiscate gold ingots, which are being transported from the Transvaal to Europe. It says it regards the discussion in the English press concerning Delago Bay as purely tentative, as Great Britain has given no signs that she will infringe on neutral territory.

### A ROYAL COLONEL.

London, Dec. 29.—The Prince of Wales has accepted the chief colonelcy of the Imperial Yeomanry, and has contributed £105 for the use of the organization.

### LADY WILSON'S ARRIVAL.

London, Dec. 29.—A War Office dispatch from Colonel Baden-Powell, dated December 12, after announcing that Lady Sarah Wilson had arrived safe and well at Mafeking, adds that the bombardment and musketry fire continues daily on all sides, and that

the health and spirits of the garrison are very satisfactory.

### EXTRAORDINARY STATEMENT.

The text of Colonel Baden-Powell's proclamation to the burghers, besieging Mafeking, the gist of which has already been cabled, comes from Lorenzo Marques to-day. After asserting that the reports cannot hope for foreign interference, and pretending to relate the exact attitude of all the European powers, including Emperor William, who, the Colonel said, "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."

### BRITISH RETAINED FORT.

Pretoria, Tuesday, Dec. 26, by way of Lorenzo Marques, Thursday, December 25.—Commandant Thryman reports as follows from Moloop: "On Monday morning the enemy from Mafeking attacked one of our forts in force, with cannon, Maxims 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 55."

The other commandos report "All quiet," with the exception of the usual bombardment of Ladysmith.

General Lucas Meyer has recovered and returned to the front.

### OFFER OF REINFORCEMENTS.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—Colonel Hutchinson, of Nashville, Tenn., has offered the militia department to send 200 horsemen, with himself in command, with the second consideration contingent, for South Africa. It is not likely that the offer can be accepted, as there are more men volunteering in Canada than can be accommodated.

### BOER FIRE DAMAGING.

Ladysmith, Sunday, Dec. 24, via Pietermaritzburg.—General White has had a slight attack of fever, but he is now convalescent.

The Boer shell fire has been very damaging recently. On Friday one shell killed six men and wounded one. The same missile killed fourteen horses. Another just missed the Fifth Lancers' lines, slightly wounding six officers. Several shells have fallen close to General White's house, compelling the removal of headquarters to another point.

It is reported that General Joubert is again in command of the Boers here. The military authorities appear confident, but they are very reticent. Boers have been observed moving northward and westward in large numbers.

### A HILL CAPTURED.

London, Dec. 30.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Chieveley Camp, dated December 24: "Parties of Boers approached to-day within three miles of Chieveley Camp, threatening our watering parties, who are compelled to go some two miles, owing to the scarcity of water."

"It is reported that the Ladysmith garrison made a sortie on Thursday and captured a hill."

### KAFFIR POSITION TAKEN.

Pretoria, Tuesday, Dec. 26, by way of Lorenzo Marques, Tuesday, Dec. 25.—Commandant Swart reports from the Laager at Alowyn's Kop, near Zorust, that he had an engagement on Friday, December 22, with Kaffirs, in the neighborhood of Dordorpoort. 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.

### IMPORTANT MOVEMENT IMMINENT.

London, Dec. 30.—5 a. m.—The latest special dispatches from Chieveley Camp hint darkly at some important movement as imminent. This is interpreted, with some misgivings, to mean that General Buller contemplates a renewal of his attempt to relieve Ladysmith.

It is reported by the same dispatches that the Boers have now retired to the north bank of the Tugela, being afraid that the swollen river may bar their retreat. They are also moving their laagers nearer Ladysmith, probably with the intention of putting further pressure on the garrison, which now seems to be suffering pretty heavily from the bombardment. It is difficult, however, to conceive that General Buller would make another front attack, especially now that the river is rising, and an additional indication that this is not his purpose is the fact that he has removed his headquarters back to Prere.

The Boer movement northward from the Tugela is quite in keeping with the enemy's usual plan of securing a safe line of retreat. It is known that artillery is due to arrive for General Buller, but the belief here is that his force on then would be weak. He may, however, animated by a desire to accomplish something before the arrival of Lord Roberts and to satisfy the keenness of his men to retrieve their defeat.

The reported engagement with Kaffirs is very vague and cannot be explained, pending the arrival of later dispatches.

### Another Big Savannah Fire.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 29.—Shortly before midnight the furniture store of Lindsey & Morgan and the dry goods store of Daniel Hogan, on Broughton and Bannard streets, in the heart of the retail district, were destroyed by fire. Each business was a leader of its line in the city. The fire started from unknown causes, in the first named place, which was separated from the splendid Odd Fellows' Temple by only a narrow alley. At one time it seemed as if two or more principal business blocks would go. The losses will foot up approximately \$150,000, with insurance of about sixty per cent.

### Hernandez Revolution Ended.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 29.—Via Haytian Cable.—The Hernandez revolution can be said to be ended. Hernandez, which was with 200 men to the Colomban boundary. The Government troops and the minister of war, General Pardo, are back at Caracas.

## BUBONIC PLAGUE AT HONOLULU

### Quarantine Lifted and Business is Going On as Usual.

## ONLY TWO CASES FOUND

### Chinatown, the District in Which Suspect Cases Were Found, Will Be Remodeled in Conformity With Sanitary Program of the Board of Health—Quarantine Raised on 10th Instant—No New Cases Since Then.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—The steamer Gaelic arrived here to-day from the Orient via Honolulu. The Gaelic was sent to quarantine owing to the plague scare, but her cabin passengers were allowed to land, two boats plying between the steamer and the city for the purpose. The Associated Press correspondent at Honolulu sends the following under date of December 23: "There have been no new cases of plague since last advices. There have

## MISSION OF THE MONTGOMERY

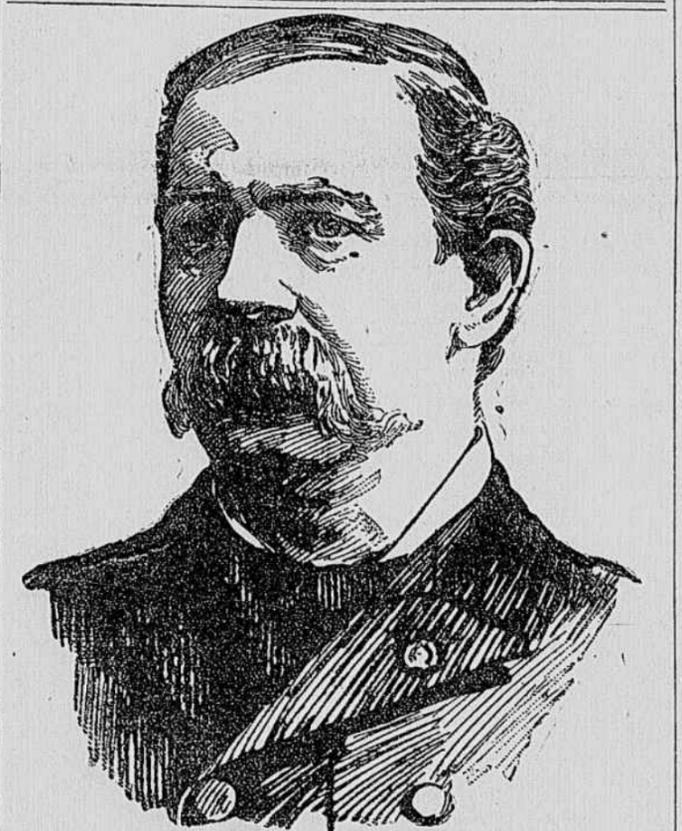
### Warship's Visit to Liberia Result of Republic's Overtures.

## AN IMPORTANT STEP

### A Joint Request of United States and Great Britain Upon Franco in Matter of Boundary May Be Made—Establishment of Coaling Station on Coast of West Africa Urged Upon Navy Department.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

London, Dec. 29.—It has been learned by a representative of the Associated Press that the U. S. cruiser Montgomery's visit to Liberia is apparently the result of overtures made to Washington by that republic. Though the British Government is in complete ignorance of the purpose of the Montgomery's mission, the establishment of a coaling station in Liberia by the United States is regarded as scarcely probable, as, it is asserted, no Liberian



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been several sudden deaths, and in each instance rumor assigned the plague as the cause. Investigation proved otherwise.

"On the 19th the quarantine over Chinatown was lifted and business is now going on as usual in that district. There have been no deaths by plague since the 12th instant. Up to that time five victims were reported. The Board of Health now claims that but two deaths were caused by the scourge, the remaining cases being doubtful or suspicious.

"Chinatown is being thoroughly cleaned. A commission of three has been appointed to examine the district and report some scheme to remodel the territory.

"The Council of State will be asked to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 at once, with which to carry out the present plan of altering and improving Chinatown in conformity with the sanitary program of the Board of Health."

### TWO CASES AT HONOLULU.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—The following telegram has been received by the supervising surgeon general of the United States Marine Hospital Service, from Surgeon D. A. Carmichael, at Honolulu:

"Honolulu, H. I., Dec. 29, 1899.

"There are two cases reported plague Honolulu; two deaths December 12. No new cases to December 20. Quarantine against infection raised December 19."

### Famine Relief for Millions.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Calcutta, Dec. 29.—Almost 3,000,000 persons are receiving famine relief. The Government is spending nearly two lakhs of rupees daily. It is estimated that the cost of the relief to the end of March will be three crores of rupees. Owing to the rapid increase in the number of people seeking relief, the Viceroy, Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, invites a closer scrutiny of the claims of the applicants.

## INTERESTING INCIDENT.

### IN THE MURDER TRIAL OF MOLINEAUX.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, Dec. 29.—The most interesting incident to-day in the trial of Roland B. Molineaux, charged with the murder of Katherine J. Adams, occurred during the cross-examination of Harry Cornish by Bartow S. Weeks, defendant's counsel.

Mr. Weeks asked the witness to step from the stand, sit down at the end of the table occupied by the attorneys for the State, go through the performance of opening the bottle of bromo seltzer, show how he knocked the contents into the glass, how he poured the water from one glass to another, being careful to get approximately the same amount of water that he used in the preparation of the fatal dose on the morning of the murder of Mrs. Adams. Cornish complied with the request and proceeded to demonstrate about how much he drank of the mixture; also about how much Mrs. Adams took of the poison.

It was not until Mr. Weeks asked the witness to drink the water in this painful reproduction of the scene on the fatal morning that the Recorder interfered. Mr. Weeks assured Cornish that the water would not hurt him, but the court replied: "This dumb show has gone far enough."

Assistant Attorney Osborne good-naturedly told the witness to go ahead and drink the water, and the witness pulled up the glass with the remark "Well, I will drink."

At this point Recorder Goff again interfered with the statement that he would not permit anything of the sort to take place in the court-room.

The testimony of Cornish consisted largely of detailed descriptions of the scene on the morning of the murder at the Adams flat. Recorder Goff refused to allow Mr. Weeks to ask any questions as to the present whereabouts of Mrs. Cornish, the wife of the witness, and why Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, the latter the daughter of Mrs. Adams, had departed.

### SYMPATHY FOR BOERS

### MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA—ACTION IN NEW YORK.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—Over 400 delegates, representing ninety divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Philadelphia, with a total membership of 20,000, held a secret meeting in Industrial Hall to-night for the purpose of taking some action with a view of helping the Boers in their war with Great Britain. Alexander McKernan, president of the Philadelphia Union, presided. After the meeting had adjourned, it was announced that the delegates of all divisions had pledged every member of their respective divisions to contribute \$2.50 toward a fund of \$100,000 to be raised for the purpose of sending a hospital ship to the Boers.

It was also announced that strong resolutions of sympathy for the Boers had been adopted, and that the members of the order heartily endorse and will participate in the pro-Boer mass meeting to be held in this city January 13th under the auspices of the Irish-American clubs.

Patrick O'Neill, State president of the Hibernians, stated after the meeting that he had received many letters from physicians from different parts of the United States offering their services on the ship. Many offers of medicines and other supplies, he said, had also come to him.

When some of the delegates were asked how they expected to get a ship to the Boers in view of the fact that the latter have no seaport, the delegates gave an evasive answer, and refused to talk about that part of the project.

### NEW YORK COUNCIL.

New York, Dec. 29.—At the meeting of the New York City Council to-day resolutions of sympathy for the Boers, which were offered on last Tuesday, were adopted with but one dissenting vote.

### Additional Troops for Alaska.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, Dec. 29.—Much of the time of to-day's Cabinet meeting was occupied by Secretary Wilson in discussing the agricultural possibilities of Alaska.

It may be decided to increase the number of troops in Alaska on the ground that the constantly increasing population demands additional protection. Reports reaching the department indicate that the rush next year to Alaska, especially to Cape Nome, will be large, and more troops will probably be required. It is possible that one or more additional forts will be established, one doubtless at Cape Nome, but none of the details have yet been worked out.

### Farther Malone Dead.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, Dec. 29.—Rev. Sylvester Malone, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Brooklyn, and a member of the Board of Regents of the University of New York, died to-day, aged 79 years. He had been in failing health for some time past, and took to his bed about three weeks ago.

### Lt. Taylor Killed.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—General Otis, at Manila, cabled the War Department to-day that First Lieutenant Edward R. Taylor, Twelfth Infantry, was run over by a train crossing the Agno river, near Bautista, on the 26th instant, and died in a few hours.

## OTIS REPORTS BIG CAPTURE

### A Filipino Stronghold, Supposed to Be Impregnable, Falls.

## AMERICAN PRISONERS

### Difficulties of General Young's Troops to Effect Rescue Increased—Wheeler Asks an Appointment—Many Filipinos and a Large Quantity of Arms and Ammunition Captured by Colonel Lockett's Command of Americans.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Manila, Dec. 29.—10:10 p. m.—The insurgents who evacuated the coast towns between Dagupan and Vigan, fleeing to the mountains before the advancing Americans, are returning in small bands to the towns the Americans do not occupy, terrorizing the natives and Ohnamen who showed friendship for the Americans. The natives and Chinese are seeking the protection of the American garrisons.

Colonel Wessel's cavalry, while scouting in the vicinity of Trinidad, found evidence of Filipino soldiers being in that vicinity, but it was impossible to bring about an engagement.

The recent increase in the garrison of Nampapan, against a threatened rebel attack on Christmas day, averted trouble.

### AMERICAN PRISONERS.

Colonel Luther R. Hare, of the Twenty-third Infantry, who has been following a party of American prisoners, lost track for three days, about December 26, of such signs and evidences of their passage that they customarily left behind them. It is thought the prisoners were separated and conveyed to remote parts of the mountains, thus increasing the difficulties of General Young's troops to effect a rescue.

### "FIGHTING JOE" WHEELER.

General Wheeler, who was recently in Manila requesting an appointment south in the line of the expected campaign, is now at Panique.

### MOUNTAIN STRONGHOLD TAKEN.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Adjutant-General received a cable message from General Otis this morning telling of the capture of a mountain stronghold beyond Monteblan, northeast of San Mateo, formerly supposed to be impregnable, and the capture of many prisoners and a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The dispatch is as follows:

"Manila, December 29.

"Adjutant-General, War Department, Washington:

"Colonel Lockett with regiment; two battalions, 46th (Colonel Schuyler), one 45th (Colonel Dorst), and company, 27th Infantry, two guns, Captain VanDuzen, attacked enemy 600 strong on mountain stronghold beyond Monteblan, northeast San Mateo. Large number killed and wounded, 24 taken prisoners. Lockett captured one cannon, forty rifles, 20,000 rounds ammunition, 500 pounds powder, arsenal fortifications, all food supplies, and considerable other property. This captured point located on mountain trail and formerly supposed to be impregnable. Our casualties: Lieutenant Enslow, 11th Cavalry, and five enlisted men, wounded, mostly slight. Private Matson, 45th Infantry, drowned.

### SOUTHERN RICE GROWERS.

### OPPOSED TO LETTING DOWN THE TARIFF BARS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 29.—Meetings of the Savannah River Rice Growers' Association and of the Truck Growers' Association have been called to take steps against the admission of Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands within the tariff wall of the United States. The associations will co-operate with the sugar-producing interests of Louisiana. It is pointed out that both Porto Rico and the Philippines are producers of rice. With the tariff bars let down they would grow immense quantities of rice, with cool labor, and flood our markets, to the ruin of the home rice interests. And the same applies to sugar.

Porto Rico is as close to the Northern markets for truck and vegetables as Savannah and Jacksonville. If Porto Rican fruits and vegetables were let free they would catch the cream and the detriment of the growers in Georgia and Florida.

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