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PATRIOTS ARE PLENTIFUL.

While congress is being asked to tell Great Britain to let the Boers alone for they are fighting for "liberty," and to notify Russia to cease depriving the Finns of their liberty, and to say to Washington that he is a second George Washington leading his people in a war for liberty, why should other "liberty" seekers be overlooked? The Yaqui Indians are fighting in Mexico for "liberty," revolutionists in Venezuela and Columbia are fighting for "liberty," yet no mention has arisen in congress and other resolutions of sympathy for them. Why make distinctions?—Nashville American.

WHERE TO GET FLOWERS.

Strangers in town who want flowers for Christmas can have them cut fresh at the Idlewild Company's greenhouses. Roses, carnations and other favorites in beautiful supply, a fine display. Take the Charlotte street car on the square and visit the greenhouse if you can, if not, send in your orders early.

GEN. ROBERTS DEPARTS

The New Commander for South Africa Given an Enthusiastic Send-Off.

Will Join Gen. Kitchener at Gibraltar.

A Brief Despatch Received From Ladysmith.

Conjectures as to the New Plans of Campaign.

WILL A UNITED EFFORT BE MADE FOR THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH?—THE BOERS ARE USING DELAGOA BAY WITH PORTUGUESE AID.

London, Dec. 23.—General Roberts sailed from Southampton today. He will meet General Kitchener at Gibraltar, so they will spend a good fortnight aboard ship and can consult about the South African campaign. This will be entirely a new campaign, after the complete failure of the double attack on the east and the west. It would seem to be natural that the second stage of the war should witness a return of the original scheme, whereby one strong army was to press forward to Bloemfontein, capital of the Orange Free State regardless of what should be happening on the western and eastern borders. This, if successfully carried out, would relieve General Buller and French, subdue the rebellion in Cape Colony and go far to deprive the Transvaalers of considerable help from the Free State Burgers. It is in vain yet to speculate on the campaign, which cannot be initiated until towards the end of January.

The war office may be able to post Roberts with fuller intelligence than has been allowed to reach the public, but past experiences do not lead to the conclusion that its information is very valuable. Roberts and Kitchener will have to decide on the spot. Moreover, before they arrive the situation may be yet further developed, hampered by want of transports and facing an enemy of superior force and in a strong position it was universally expected that General Methuen, in order to preserve his force and liberty of action, would retire to Orange river. Indications of the past week don't point to his doing anything of the kind.

THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

Again, as regards the Natal government, it may possess information that has been kept from the public, making it desirable for troops now landing to proceed direct to General Buller, with a view to a second attempt to relieve Ladysmith.

The government and Buller doubtless know the date to which White can hold Ladysmith. If by that time he has neither been relieved nor fought his battle, the Tugela river situation will be desperate. It is very improbable, however, that White will be left to this last chance without a second effort for relief of his garrison.

Beyond indications that Generals Methuen and Buller seem to contemplate further activity, the past week's news shows no fresh developments. The condition of Cape Colony still remains in the greatest danger. Practically nothing is allowed to come from there. The censorship, since the Tugela river battle, has been stricter than ever.

PREPARING FOR A LONG WAR.

The authorities have placed orders with a London firm for ten thousand tons of fodder. Its delivery in South Africa is to begin in March, showing that the war office is preparing for a war that will last till at least the end of summer.

This week's official list of casualties makes a total since the war began of 7,737.

NEWS FROM WHITE.

London, Dec. 23.—The war office received the following from Pietermaritzburg, dated December 22: "White heliographs that 2 men were wounded on the 20th, and there have been six

AN INVESTMENT

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DEATHS FROM ENTERIC FEVER AND ONE FROM PNEUMONIA.

LORD ROBERTS DEPARTS.

London, Dec. 23.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts departed for South Africa, left the Waterloo railroad station at noon today amidst scenes of enthusiasm. As the general joined his wife and daughter at the door of the saloon carriage he was speedily surrounded by distinguished statesmen and military men and it required all the efforts of the police to clear the passage for them. Scarcely had the commander in chief joined Lord Roberts when a great cheer announced the approach of the Duke of Cambridge. The crush was so great that the duke in spite of police protection, was so hustled that he more than once gave verbal expression of resentment at the treatment he had to submit to and the police redoubled their efforts, finally enabling the Duke of Cambridge to reach Lord Roberts, though in the confusion the police thrust aside many of the best entitled to remain, including Lord Wolseley, who took the rough handling good naturedly. The ladies suffered much from the crowd, but their pitiful appeals were unavailing to stem the rush.

Renewed cheering heralded the Duke of Connaught. Then rousing cheers momentarily diverted the attention of the Prince of Wales appeared and greeted Lord Roberts in the most cordial manner. The prince and the distinguished general engaged in earnest conversation, and furnished a striking center to the unusual group which included no less than five field marshals. At the time the train was due to start the Prince of Wales again shook hands with Lord Roberts and spoke a few words to the general, of which such phrases as "God bless you," "good luck to you," were caught by those nearby.

Balfour bade Lord Roberts farewell. Amidst the din, enthusiasm and excitement, no one heard the signals for departure and in consequence the train was moving while Lord Roberts was still on the platform with his back to the carriage. Farewells were abruptly terminated and he was forced to make a somewhat undignified scramble for his seat. As the general disappeared in the saloon carriage a final cheer was started and continued until the train passed out of sight.

WILL DELAGOA BAY BE SEIZED?

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The Chicago Record's correspondent cables: England is at present directing a very keen and critical eye upon Delagoa bay—more so than is generally thought.

I found out today by meeting a Delagoa bay merchant, many side lights which bear directly upon the present war, and explain how well the Boers, who, having no lack of money, are able to continue their persistent and ever-increasing resistance. He said:

"The Portuguese officials at the Delagoa port—and I know them well—are the most corrupt lot in the world. When the war commenced the Portuguese at Delagoa bay, like everybody else in the world, considered a victory, dead certain for the English. Thereupon they at first put a certain curb upon the Boer importation of arms, recruits, etc., but since the English reverses all that has changed. They have turned entirely around and are now against us. Instead of helping the English at Delagoa bay, they have made the port a base of supplies for the Boers.

WARSHIP PATROL OF LITTLE USE.

"But," I asked, "how can they manage that? Doesn't the English warship patrol stop all contraband of war?"

"Yes," he said, "but what does the patrol, exercised on the outside of a three-mile limit, amount to? Food, munitions and recruits are brought in almost openly. The arms are concealed in the lower parts of the ship, covered over with tons of other stuff, and to examine such ships out at sea—why, it would take three weeks to examine them properly. The bills of lading of course are all cooked up, and as for the recruits they come on the same ships as passengers, waiters or sailors. It does not matter how they are landed. They are received with ovations of enthusiasm, and after the open reception they are expeditiously forwarded to Pretoria, arms and all. They come as civilians, they leave as soldiers. All Europe is a recruiting ground for the Boers—Germany, Bel-

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GENERAL OTIS REPORTS

YOUNG STILL IN PURSUIT

Many Escaped and Released Spanish Prisoners Arrive.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The following was received today from Otis: "Manila, Dec. 23.—General Young reports under date of 21st instant from Vigan that Colonels Hare and Howe were heard from December 17, still in pursuit through the mountains of the insurgent column having our prisoners, of whom four were captured, Lieutenant Gilmore remaining a prisoner.

"The insurgents are only one day in advance and pursuit is continued. Two hundred and one Spanish prisoners from Aparri arrived this morning; 200 more in that section, mostly friars, are awaiting transportation to Manila. The entire Sixteenth infantry leaves for Aparri tomorrow for stations from that point as far south as Bayambang. Batcher's battalion is now on the lower Rio Grande in good condition to return to San Jose county. The Forty-fourth infantry is being sent to Hughes at Iloilo, who reports Panay, Negros and adjacent islands quiet. Arriving troops and supplies are being handled via the Manila and Dagupan railway, two trains daily. All ports in northern Luzon open January 1. (Signed) Otis."

ACUINALDO'S WIFE SAID TO HAVE DIED

Hardships of Flight Proved Fatal—Report Accepted With Reserve.

Manila, Dec. 23.—A report has reached here of the death of Acuinado's wife while in flight with the rebel leader before the pursuing Americans. The report says she died in a village near Bayambang of fright and exhaustion. She had been ill since the birth of her son and the hardships of the pursuit proved too much for her. The report is accepted here with some reserve.

CUBANS EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN UNITED STATES

The Revolutionary Element Subsides—Brooke Sails.

Havana, Dec. 23.—A banquet was tendered to Horatio Reuben tonight at the Tacon theatre. Speeches showed an overwhelming sentiment in favor of independence, and the belief was generally expressed that the United States would accord freedom as soon as possible. Among the speakers was Gualberto Gomez, the negro leader, who for months has been berating everything American. Tonight he spoke in the kindest manner about the Americans, and that the revolutionary element which gave Brooke the most trouble is satisfied with the United States' intentions to grant independence, it is likely there will be less friction.

THE CURRENCY BILL.

Hanna Predicts it Will be Law Before the End of January.

Cleveland, Dec. 23.—Senator Hanna in an interview today said the currency bill would have the right of way in the senate and predicted that the president would sign the bill before the end of January. He said the next measure that would be pushed through was the ship subsidy bill.

ASK DAMAGES FROM ENGLAND.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Instructions were sent yesterday to Mr. Hollis, acting temporarily as consul at Pretoria to investigate the circumstances of the seizure of two American vessels by British warships on the ground that their cargoes of flour were for the Boer army, based on a statement from the Pennsylvania Milling company, of New York, which shipped the flour to Delagoa bay. The copy of the statement has been sent to Ambassador Choate. If the state department's inquiry corroborates the deposition of the company, damages will probably be asked by the company from England.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S BIRTHDAY.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Admiral Dewey will be 62 years old on the 26th. Under the law for compulsory retirement of naval officers, he would have been obliged to go on the inactive list that day if congress in the special law enacted to enable the president to appoint Dewey to be admiral had not included a provision making it optional with him to hold his present office until his death. He will continue on the active list.

G. A. Means' dry goods department will be open all day Monday, on account of bad weather yesterday. All Christmas goods at greatly reduced prices.

On Christmas day general delivery and carriers windows will be open from 9 to 9:45 a. m. and from 5:30 to 6:30 p. m., and the regular Sunday collection will be made. The stamp and money order windows will not open. Regular Sunday hours will be observed tomorrow.

FLOWERS TO THE FAIR.

What young girl or what matron does not appreciate a gift of flowers? Send a dozen choice roses or carnations, or a fine potted plant on Christmas to the lady you wish to remember. The Idlewild Company will fill your order.

A nice piece of Furniture is nice for X-mas Present. Have you been to Mrs L. A. Johnsons?—43 Patton ave.

BUTLER WRITES TO POPULIST COMMITTEEMEN

Asks Suggestions as to National Convention.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Senator Butler has sent out letters to members of the people's party national committee, calling attention to the action of the committee in its session at Omaha last June, in agreeing to hold a national convention at least a month before either of the old parties. Butler asks for advice of the members of the committee and invites suggestions as to when and where the convention should be held, and whether or not the silver republican national convention shall be asked to meet with the populists.

A LYNCHER CONVICTED.

One of the Humphrey Mob Goes to Prison for Life.

Dallas, Dec. 23.—A despatch from Palestine says that a jury this morning returned a verdict of guilty against Ed Cain, charged with conspiracy in connection with the mob lynching of the three Humphreys on the night of May 23, 1899, in Henderson county. Cain's punishment is fixed at a life term in the penitentiary. The case against the others was adjourned until next Wednesday.

A LAWYER DISBARRED.

Charged With Bribery in Connection With Clarke's Election.

Helena, Dec. 23.—Attorney John B. Wellcome, of Butte, was disbarred today by the supreme court. The court unanimously decided he was engaged in bribery to secure Clarke's election to the United States senate. The decision is regarded here as a decisive blow against Clarke, as to whose right to a seat in the senate there has been an investigation in Washington.

PRESIDENT COLE ARRESTED

Boston, Dec. 23.—Charles H. Cole, late president of the collapsed Globe National Bank, was arrested today at Redondo Beach, Cal., upon the request of the Massachusetts authorities on the charge that Cole is a fugitive from justice. Cole is accused of embezzling \$900,000.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 23.—A dense fog which prevailed in England today caused a series of railroad accidents. The Caledonian express fell over an embankment near Glasgow and five were killed and many injured. Three persons were killed in a collision near Brighton and twenty injured.

WOMAN AND CHILD ASPHYXIATED.

Lewisville, Md., Dec. 23.—Mrs. James and her four-year-old child were asphyxiated by coal gas at their residence here last night. Mr. James was found unconscious but it is believed that he will recover.

FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER TABLE.

Flowers add refinement and beauty to the dinner table. Do not let the Christmas dinner table be without them. Cut or potted flowers from the Idlewild Floral company will be delivered with your card on Christmas morning Order now.

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EXPLOSION IN A MINE

Thirty-Two Persons Killed and the Mine and Buildings Destroyed.

Most Disastrous Accident in History of Coke Region.

Caused by a Sudden Accumulation of G.s.

Thousands About the Scene Where Rescuers Are at Work.

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 23.—The most disastrous explosion in the history of the coke region occurred at the Brannell mines this morning. Thirty-two men lost their lives and a number of others were injured. All but three of the dead are Hungarians. Thirteen men were rescued. The explosion was terrific. The mine and all the outside buildings were destroyed. As soon as the news of the accident spread thousands flocked to the scene and all day rescuing parties have been incessantly at work and the work is still progressing tonight. The accident is attributed to a sudden accumulation of gas.

The miners had just begun to go down for the day when the explosion occurred. One of the rescued in describing his experience said: "It was hell down there; first a blinding flash, then a terrible rumbling. Five men were working with me and four of them were instantly killed." He said clothing was torn off and naked bodies were burned black in an instant.

FLORAL OFFICES OPEN TOMORROW.

On account of so many being unable to get out yesterday, the Idlewild Floral company will keep the greenhouse open tomorrow forenoon and C. T. C. Deake, the up-town manager, will be in his office in J. B. Wingood's Pharmacy all orders for delivery. They had considerable trade yesterday notwithstanding the weather, but will be open to enable customers to purchase fresh flowers, tomorrow.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT BUSY

Over \$1,000 Paid Teachers Yesterday—Rumors of Lack of Funds.

Notwithstanding the bad weather yesterday a good many teachers of the county schools were in the city getting some Christmas money and doing some Christmas shopping. They told of reports that have been spread over the county to the effect that there would be no funds available to pay the apportionment just finished by the county superintendent, and that the schools would not run any more this year.

CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY SHOPPERS

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