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KITCHENER REPORTS CASUALTIES

573 of Gen. Clement's Force Was Captured by the Boers.

These Comprised the Four Companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

DE WET'S COMMAND LOST HEAVILY

OBJECT OF REVIVAL OF BOER CAMPAIGN TO STRENGTHEN KRUGER'S HAND—EDITORS DEMANDING BULLER'S HEAD.

London, Dec. 15.—Lord Kitchener reports that 18 officers and five hundred and fifty-five men are missing from Gen. Clement's force. They consist of four companies of the Northumberland fusiliers.

Clement's casualties December 13, amount to five officers and nine men killed and many apparently wounded.

Following is Lord Kitchener's message to the war office:

"Pretoria, Dec. 14.—Clement brought out his force to command Nek unopposed. The casualties were, I regret, to say, killed, five officers and nine of other ranks; missing, 18 officers and five hundred and fifty-five of other ranks. These latter were four companies of Northumberland fusiliers who were stationed on the hill and some yemenry and other details sent up to support them. The names and nature of the wounded are being telegraphed from Cape Town.

"Broadwood's brigade took no part in the engagement. The Boers suffered severely. Knox drove DeWet north to the Thabanchu-Ladybrand line which was held by our troops. DeWet's force, about 3,000 strong, made several attempts to get through during the day, assisted by a force of Boers operating from the north. These were driven back, though some of the Boers south were able to get through the line."

Wiring later, Lord Kitchener reports that while passing the Mies in the neighborhood of Thabanchu, DeWet's force lost considerably. The South African light horse and Thorneycroft's mounted infantry captured a fifteen-pounder, taken at Dewetsdorp, a pom-pom, several wagons with ammunition, twenty-two prisoners and some horses and mules. A portion of the enemy has not been able to pass north.

The newspapers see the prearrangement in the recurrence of Boer activity everywhere, the object being to strengthen Mr. Kruger's hand, while the fact that the fresh disaster comes on the anniversary of the battle of Colenso, furnishes the editors with an excuse to demand the head of Gen. Buller. The St. James Gazette declares that is has reason to credit the National Review's recent statement that Buller, after his first failure to drive the Boers from the Tugela, counselled Gen. White to surrender Ladysmith.

The St. James Gazette holds Buller alone, to blame for the disasters of the Tugela campaign, and says:

"When comparable blunders occurred in the navy a courtmartial meted out

FRENCH SCHEME IN SOUTH AMERICA

Plan to Establish a Protectorate Over a Large Tract of Brazilian Territory.

SWISS ARBITRATION'S BOARD'S DECISION INTERFERED WITH PLAN BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN ABANDONED.

London, Dec. 15.—There is an interesting scheme on foot to establish a government over a region of a hundred thousand square miles in the heart of South America, to be christened Amazonia, and to be placed under French protection. The matter is really serious, and as it involves the Monroe doctrine, deserves the attention of the Washington authorities. It seems the decision of the Swiss arbitration court in the Franco-Brazilian boundary dispute has caused considerable dissatisfaction in Paris where a powerful group of financiers have been badly hit. They have spent millions of francs in opening up an auriferous country in the heart of the disputed region and have constructed seventy miles of railroad to the mouth of the river Caracaras. All this and much more is now given to Brazil, but so sure were the Frenchmen that the arbitration would result in their favor that they arranged to run the country on the lines of the British chartered companies. They decided to name the country Amazonia, and an early issue of special postage stamps had already been printed. Certain financiers are now engaged in inducing the government to arrange with Brazil for at least a hundred thousand square miles of the lately contested territory, including, of course, the gold producing regions.

justice. Why, therefore, should not the same rule hold good in the army?"

The public, apparently, is little affected by the fresh troubles. Soldiers are still eager to go to South Africa, the news from the Magaliesburg having resulted in offers from volunteer regiments to proceed to the front.

In contrast with the apparent insolvency of troops to master the situation in South Africa comes a revelation of the military resources at home still at the disposition of the government in today's announcement that 46,000 troops will be from Aldershot to London to participate in Lord Roberts's triumphal entry, January 8.

FUSILIERS RAN OUT OF AMMUNITION.

Kitchener cables to the war office from Pretoria under today's date saying: Clements came to see me today. He says four companies of the Northumberland fusiliers held out as long as their ammunition lasted. The Boer force that attacked the hill held by the Northumberland was 2,000 strong, while another force of 1,000 attacked his camp. By 6:30 in the morning the hill had been carried and reinforcements failed to reach the top. Clements' retirement was carried out with regularity. A messenger under a flag of truce has arrived at Commando Nek from the Boers. He reports Joubert's son killed in the fight with Clement and their losses were heavy.

Our new fall stock of Furniture, Stoves and Furnishing Goods generally, is by far the best we have ever been able to offer to the trade. A close examination as to quality and price is solicited. MRS. L. A. JOHNSON, Phone 168. 43 Patton Ave.

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A REMARKABLE BICYCLE RACE

Two of the Madison Square Garden Teams Rode 2629 Miles in Six Days.

A SLASHING FINISH AT 10 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT—A KILLING PACE SET BY THE WINNING TEAM FROM THE START.

New York, Dec. 15.—Elkes and McFarland first, Pierce and McEachern second, Gougoltz and Simar third was the result of the six day bicycle race finished at Madison Square Garden last night. It was a slashing finish to a remarkable race. Gougoltz, McFarland and Pierce were the three to cross the tape. Gougoltz was half a length ahead of McFarland and the latter an open length ahead of Pierce. The fact that Gougoltz and Simar had been a lap behind since Monday put this team in the third place. Although the men were 104 miles, 7 laps, behind the record it had been a killing pace from the start. The winners were sprinters who set out to kill off pluggers and did so in two minutes, 15 seconds. Kazer and Ryser were sure of fourth money and quit the race at 8 o'clock. The final score was:

Elkes and McFarland, 2628 miles 7 laps.
Pierce and McEachern, 2628 7 laps.
Gougoltz and Simar, 2628 4 laps.
Kazer and Ryser, 2586 4 laps.
Fischer and Frederick 2532.
Waller and Stinson 2308 1 lap.
Babcock and Aaronson 1499 7 laps.

BRYAN WILL START A NEWSPAPER

It Will Be a Weekly and Will Defend the Kansas City Platform.

THE EX-CANDIDATE WILL BE PUBLISHER AND EDITOR—WILL ALSO LECTURE AT ODD MOMENTS.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15.—William J. Bryan gave out the following interview today:

"I have for several years had in contemplation the establishment of a weekly newspaper, and this seems an opportune time for undertaking it. I intend to devote my life to study and discussion of public questions. I have taken this method because it will best accomplish the purpose which I have in view. Through a paper I will be able to keep in touch with social, economic and political problems. The paper will at the same time, if successful, provide an income sufficient for my pecuniary needs, and the work will allow me more time with my family than I have been able to enjoy for several years past.

"I expect to lecture occasionally, especially in college towns, where I can speak to students, but my principal work will be done with the pen, or perhaps I should say with the pencil. The paper will be called The Commonwealth, and will defend the principles set forth in the Kansas City platform. I shall be publisher and editor, and Lincoln will be the place of publication."

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IN GREAT VARIETY, PICTURES AND PICTURE FRAMES, KODAKS AND SUPPLIES, FANCY AND COMMERCIAL STATIONERY. THE FRENCH ENCYCLOPEDIA, A. H. MULLIKIN, PROPRIETOR, 52-54 PATTON AVENUE.

ENGLAND'S MINISTER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN

No Important Changes Demanded in Preliminary Note in Chinese Negotiations.

LOCAL MAGISTRATES WHO FAIL TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS TO BE CASHIERED—OTHER PUNITIVE REQUIREMENTS.

Special despatch to Laffan Bureau, Peking, Dec. 14.—It is understood that instructions from the British foreign office, the lack of which has delayed the presentation of the preliminary note to the Chinese plenipotentiaries have been received by Sir Ernest Satow and that no important changes are demanded. It is therefore believed that a meeting of the ministers will be called within a few days, when the note will be signed. Meantime ministers are preparing rules to govern the negotiations. One section of the preliminary note considered most important was proposed by Conger and provides that whenever a local magistrate fails to protect foreigners to the extent of his power he shall be cashiered and never again permitted to hold office. Another important section proposed by Satow provides for a revision of all commercial treaties between China and the powers and reform of the present form of government. Another section, which Conger proposed, prohibits examinations for degrees of master and bachelor of arts for five years in every province where foreigners were killed. As passing the examinations is prerequisite to holding office this is the severest punishment that could be inflicted on all classes of Chinamen.

Prince Tuan is under arrest at Nishia on the border of Kansu province, whether he fled before the edict for his punishment was issued. Yu Hsian is under arrest at Weinansien.

POPE SAYS WE SHOULD HOLD PHILIPPINES

Would Imperil Christianity and Civilization to Give Them Up.

Rome, Dec. 15.—Italy announces that the Pope after a conference with the Archbishop of Manila has declared his conviction that United States should retain their hold over the Philippines. His holiness considered that it would gravely imperil Christianity and civilization if the United States should abandon the government of the islands. If the United States should withdraw, his holiness said it would be the duty of the Roman Catholic church to take what measures might be possible to influence a session of the Philippines to some other Christian power.

GOMPERS REELECTED PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION

Louisville, Dec. 15.—The twentieth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor adjourned tonight, after re-electing President Gompers and selecting Scranton, Penna., as the next place of meeting. The other officers were re-elected, except a few changes in the list of vice presidents.

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ENGLAND AND NEW TREATY

Only One of the Proposals Made at Washington Excites Resentment.

Position Taken That Only War or Mutual Consent Can Abrogate Old Treaty.

INCLINATION TO GRANT AMERICAN DEMANDS

ENGLISHMEN TOO BUSY WITH THEIR OWN AFFAIRS TO OCCUPY THEIR MINDS SERIOUSLY WITH QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN NICARAGUA MATTER.

London, Dec. 15.—It cannot be said even now that British public interests in the fate of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty or as regards the Washington situation in any way, is threatening to the good relations between the two countries. Englishmen have quite enough to occupy their minds in the latest disasters in South Africa and ninety nine per cent would remain indifferent if the United States announced its intention to annex all Central America and construct the canal with forts a mile apart. It is quite true, however, that popular indifference will disappear if the America or any other government attempts to set up the principal that either party can abrogate a treaty without the consent of the other. The English position and that of all European governments is that only war or mutual consent can cancel a treaty. Otherwise all international conventions speedily become valueless.

None of the other proposals made at Washington excite any resentment here. The English people seem to believe that the motive behind the opponents of the new treaty is hostility to England and would not object if Salisbury granted the extreme American demands.

How far Salisbury is willing to go is not known, but it is believed that he is ready to make substantial concessions. There are some signs of glee on the continent at what are regarded as indications of a falling out between England and the United States. Continental opinion upon the merits of the question is on the side of Great Britain, but there is also apparently a genuine desire to see England worsted.

FRAMES, Leather Goods, Waterman's Fountain pens, Children's Books and Games, Metal Match Safes, Smokers' Sets, Music Rolls—Purses, Hindoo Gods, Jardiniere, Books, Books—X-mas Numbers of Graphic, Illustrated London News, Figaro, etc. BAINBRIDGE'S.

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