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Kitchener Reports That Engagement in Progress Near Leuwkop.

Boers Active Everywhere, in Transvaal and Orange River Colony.

ATTACKS REPORTED AT MANY POINTS

REPULSED AT BURGHERSDORP—RENEWED RUMORS THAT BOER COMMANDERS ARE READY TO SURRENDER.

London, Dec. 27.—The following dispatch has been received from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Dec. 26.—Knox, with Barker, Pitcher and White, is engaged with DeWet's force holding a position in the neighborhood of Leuwkop. DeWet hopes to break through and go south a gain.

"Boers' eastern column in Cape Colony apparently headed by our troops about Reepoort Spruit. Boers' western column reported to have gone north in two portions, one towards Prieska and the other through Strydenburg. They are being followed up."

The following dispatch from Lord Kitchener is received:
"Pretoria, Dec. 27.—Yesterday 200 Boers attacked a small police post near Boksburg. The police gallantly drove them off before reinforcements from Johannesburg arrived. The Boers damaged mining machinery in the neighborhood.

"The Boers attacked Utrecht at 2 this morning and were driven off. The Boers held up a train three miles west of Pan and were driven off.

"The eastern force of Boers in Cape Colony was headed yesterday and driven in the direction of Ventersdorp. The western force is still being driven north through Strydenburg."

Burghersdorp, Dec. 26.—Col. Grenfell continues in touch with Krutzinger's command. In carrying off the British prisoners Krutzinger has abandoned his maxims, which have been picked up by the British. The Lanciers have suffered by some casualties, including Lord Frederick Blackwood, who was wounded.

OFFER TO SURRENDER?

Bloemfontein, Dec. 26.—There are renewed but unconfirmed rumors here that General DeWet, President Steyn and General Haasbodeck have had a conference and decided to offer to surrender, provided the colonial rebels are ALARM CAUSELESS.

London, Dec. 28.—Kitchener returned to Pretoria Wednesday. The general view here is that the alarm caused by the Boer invasion of Cape Colony is causeless. All reports indicate that the colonial Dutch haven't joined the Boers and the invaders have been successfully checked.

According to a dispatch from Burghersdorp, dated December 26, Col. Grenfell, who commanded the British in the skirmish at Paistersthal, reports invaders numbered 700. They were hard pressed and abandoned the maxims, guns and carts. A number of belated dispatches from the Transvaal and Orange River show that the Boers are active in all directions.

THE DAILY NEWS CHANGES POSITION.

London, Dec. 27.—It is announced that the Daily News, the oldest liberal paper here, will cease supporting the government's policy and demand a cessation of the war in South Africa and the giving of liberal terms to the Boers. The paper has been strongly imperialistic since the beginning of the war. Arnold Morley, one of the proprietors, is chiefly responsible for the change.

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SENSATIONAL BEGINNING OF ENGLISH ARMY REFORM

Maj. Gen. Colville's Resignation Demanded, But is Not Given.

London, Dec. 27.—The war office has begun the promised reform of the army in a sensational manner. It has demanded the resignation of Maj. Gen. Sir Henry Colville, commanding an infantry brigade at Gibraltar and recently commanded the Ninth division of the South African field force.

Gen. Colville refused to resign and he is now on his way to England. The news is all the more startling as the question of Gen. Colville's responsibility for the yomanry disaster at Lindley last May was fully investigated by the authorities when Gen. Colville returned from South Africa last summer. After the inquiry Gen. Colville was reinstated in his command at Gibraltar in September last. The attitude of the war office indicates that a new regime in Pall Mall will reverse the decision of Lord Lansdowne and Lord Wolseley in regard to some of the recent commanders in South Africa.

Gen. Colville, like Gen. Methuen, has always been a great social personage in London and a prominent club man. He has had a most distinguished career, has been repeatedly mentioned in despatches, and is as familiarly known as "Ogdens." He is also a well known author and on the occasion of his marriage created a stir by going on his honeymoon in a balloon.

GRONJE AND HIS MEN ON ST. HELENA'S ISLE

They Are Still Hopeful of Boer Independence.

Boston, Dec. 27.—A letter has been received from George Gardiner of this city, who is on his way to South Africa, describing a visit to the Boer prisoners at St. Helena. He says:

"We saw Gen. Cronje and over 2,000 Boer prisoners. We had to climb 700 steps (688 feet) to get where the prisoners are. They were all singing church songs, and still think they will get their independence. Cronje is a quiet old fellow, and he would not talk much. He seems to be in bad health. The Boers are all big fellows, and nine out of ten of them wear full beards. They could go back home if they would sign allegiance to England, but they are game and won't admit that they are whipped. Cronje is well treated. The Boer prisoners at St. Helena are suffering from scurvy from lack of vegetables, which are very scarce there."

CHILD KIDNAPPED:

Mother Secures Possession of Seven Year's Old Son.

Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—Sidney Miller, the seven-year-old son of Samuel D. Miller and grandson of former United States Attorney-General Miller, who was kidnapped by his mother yesterday, was recovered this morning. Mrs. Miller and the child was found at Lawrence asleep in the home of a man named Marshall, where they had obtained lodging for the night.

The police reached the place at daylight. Mrs. Miller gave up the child and was not placed under arrest. The entire police and detective forces had been called into the case.

Mrs. Miller came here from her home in New York last Friday and stopped at the Denison hotel. By agreement with her husband, who has had charge of the child since their separation last summer, Mrs. Miller was allowed to see the boy once a day.

Yesterday afternoon the child was taken to the hotel by the governess and while there Mrs. Miller called a carriage. The governess objected to having the boy leave her sight, as she had been warned that an attempt to kidnap might be made.

Mrs. Miller said she was only going for a drive, but the girl insisted on going along. The carriage was driven to the union station and the girl became alarmed. She sprang out and telephoned the father to come to the station. This gave Mrs. Miller the opportunity she desired and she caused the police one of the longest chases they have ever experienced.

Mrs. Miller was formerly Miss Helen Karcher of Pittston, Pa. She married young Miller nine years ago. They have been living apart since last summer.

MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY IN INDIANAPOLIS

William H. Smythe Shot in His Office He Alleges, by a "Blonde Woman."

MYSTERIOUS VISITOR ASKED TO BE ALLOWED TO USE TELEPHONE AND THEN FIRED THREE SHOTS INTO HIM.

Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—William H. Smythe grand secretary of the Masonic Order of Indiana, was shot and probably fatally wounded at noon today while he was in his office in the Masonic Temple in this city in West Washington street. The shooting is a mysterious one.

The story told by Mr. Smythe, who retained consciousness for several minutes after the shooting, is that a blonde woman entered his office and asked to be allowed to use the telephone. As he was busy he told her he could not be bothered at the time. Without further words, he declares, the woman pulled a revolver from some where about her clothes and fired at him. He felt the sting of the bullet and after that he did not know what happened until after the woman had made her escape.

The police reached the scene only a few minutes after the tragedy and threw a line of patrolmen and detectives about the Masonic Temple, but no trace of the mysterious woman was found. Mr. Smythe was discovered by Lewis A. Coleman, an attorney of this city, who had gone to the Masonic Temple to transact business. Smythe, he says, was lying on the floor, half between his desk and the door of his office in a pool of blood. Coleman called the police.

Smythe's son says he can not imagine who the woman is who fired the shots. A medical examination revealed that three shots had been fired, each of which took effect. Three bullets were removed from the wounded man's head.

BOOZ'S BROTHER TESTIFIES ON HAZING

Sharp Admonition to Cadet Peace of North Carolina For His Admissions.

A PARTY TO THE CRIME IF HE SAW BRUTAL HANGING AND DID NOT INTERFERE. A MEMBER OF THE COURT DECLARES.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Horace Booz, of Bristol, Pa., who is now living in or near Buffalo, arrived here today to testify before the military court of inquiry regarding the alleged hazing treatment received by his brother, Oscar, lately deceased, while a fourth class cadet at the West Point military academy two years ago.

It is understood that a former cadet who lives in Illinois will be here tomorrow to give his version of the hazing practices at the post during the summer encampments of 1897-98.

When the court assembled Cadet Willie G. Peace, of North Carolina, of the first class, was the first witness. He said he knew former Cadet Breth and saw him hazing in the tent of ex-Cadet Beiter in 1897. The witness, after being frequently asked to describe the forms of hazing to which Breth was subjected, replied:

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Is Opposed Sternuously to the Reduction of the Chinese Forts.

ALSO TO INCREASE OF LEGATION GUARDS

PRINCE CHING DISCUSSES THE MATTER WITH THE EMPEROR—A MILITARY FORCE SENT TO EAST OF PEKIN TO QUIET DISTURBANCES, UNDER COMMAND OF A UNITED STATES OFFICER.

Peking, Dec. 27.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese peace commissioners have heard from the emperor Kwang Su. Prince called on the former for consultation remaining over an hour. The court objects strenuously to reducing the forts, and also to allowing permanent legation guards, which it seems to think could be made sufficiently large at any time it was desired, to menace the court itself. After the conference it was decided to hold further communication with the court before seeing the ministers.

TO QUELL DISTURBANCES. Peking, Dec. 27.—Continued receipt of reports of disturbances in this province has resulted in the sending out of a military force to the country east of Peking. The expedition included infantry and artillery, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Went of the United States. The object of the expedition is Lanhow where it was recently reported that native Catholics were in trouble.

The American consul at Tien Tsin has informed Minister Conger that two Japanese were killed and several wounded by Chinese in a village near Taku. The Japanese are sending an expedition to that place. A British subject was shot and killed in the British district today by a German soldier. The affair is creating a stir.

REPORTED DROWNING OF FORTY-NINE CHILDREN

Burlington, Iowa, Dec. 27.—It is reported through a telephone message to the Hawkeye that forty-nine school children were drowned at Foster, Iowa, today by the breaking of the ice on which they were skating. Fifty-one were in the party and only two escaped. The telephone and telegraph messages to all points fail to confirm the report.

BIG FIRE IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 27.—One of the most disastrous fires which have occurred in the east end of London during the last ten years broke out today at the East India docks. Five immense sheds filled with goods, including a thousand bales of hemp and quantities of jute, were consumed. The shipping in the neighborhood and other warehouses were only saved by the great exertion of the firemen.

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