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KITCHENER HOPEFUL

Believes the Cape Colony Invasion Checked.

FEELING NOT SHARED IN LONDON

De Wet's Raid Thought to Be a Well Planned and Serious Affair—Communication With Bloemfontein Cut Off.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener's dispatches, breathing a confidence hardly justified by their contents, are almost the only available news from the seat of hostilities in South Africa, but telegrams from Cape Town depict the situation in anything but rosy tints.

Without believing the assertion of the Transvaal agency in Brussels that 6,000 Boers have invaded Cape Colony, it is quite evident that the invasion was a serious and well planned affair.

The Cape Colony cabinet had an important sitting yesterday. It appears that the Boers have destroyed a railway bridge 90 feet long about 12 miles south of De Aar and that no Cape mails have arrived at Bloemfontein for three days.

Further anxiety has been caused in Cape Town by the discovery that during the last two months the public bodies in out of the way places have requisitioned supplies of dynamite. The colonial government is now endeavoring to recover possession of these explosives and is removing all stores of arms and ammunition from suspected depots.

Other advices from Cape Town represent the Dutch element in Cape Colony as greatly elated over the southward progress of the Boers and as boasting that the whole district of Victoria West will join the raiders. It is suspected in Cape Town that the force traveling from Zoutpansberg is not a body of Boers, but one of colonial hastening to join the invaders.

The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The Boers are active between Johannesburg and Pretoria, exchanging shots with the British outposts, and it is reported that parties of Boers are hovering around Johannesburg."

The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22:

"So far as it is possible for me to form an opinion from the reports of officers on the spot, I think the Boer movement into Cape Colony has been checked. Of the two forces that entered the colony, the eastern is still north of the Zoutpansberg range, while the one that entered west appears to have been turned in the direction of Britstown and Prieska. Our troops are getting around both bodies, and a special column is also being organized which will be dispatched immediately when I know where its services are most wanted."

"The Boers have not received much assistance in Cape Colony, so far as my information goes. We have armed some of the colonists, who are assisting our forces. Railway and telegraph communication has been much interrupted by the very bad weather."

"De Wet is in the neighborhood of Senekal. General French, in conjunction with General Clements, attacked a force under Beyers south of the Magaliesberg. The Boers broke away in a southwesterly direction toward Potchefstroom and were followed by General Gordon with a column of French's force."

"Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock Clements' force was engaged south of Oliphant's neck, but I do not yet know the result."

A later dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22, says:

"The western column of Boers occupied Britstown and cut the railway south of De Aar Junction. The enemy is being followed up."

Manchester Out of Debt.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—The Duke of Manchester's debts in his native land have been paid. His three castles and his 27,000 acres of unproductive land are no longer weighted with 100,000 incumbrances. These facts are practically admitted by Eugene Zimmerman, father-in-law of the duke. In all 130,000 good American dollars were deposited in London last Friday to cover and liquidate the indebtedness of the bankrupt duke. His grace at the early age of 23 can now begin life anew. As to just where the money came from Mr. Zimmerman is not so free in expressing himself. But in his reluctance there appears to be more of the natural cynicism of a father-in-law in touching upon the personal affairs of a prized son-in-law than anything else.

A Rochester Den Raided.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 24.—Late Saturday night a "Tivoli" raid was made on the Empire Music hall by the local police. About 200 women and men were present. After taking their names they were let go. William Abbott, manager of the hall, was taken to police headquarters, charged with running a music hall without a license. The "vandalism" entertainers, five in number, were also arrested. After giving bail in \$50 each they were released.

A Charitable Mayor.

SALEM, Mass., Dec. 24.—Mayor Elect John F. Hurley of this city, pawnbroker and real estate dealer, has planned to give his salary of \$2,500 a year, which he is to receive beginning Jan. 1, for aid to the poor. He will not hand over the money to a charitable institution, but will disburse the amount himself as fast as he can get it.

Population of Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The population of Berlin, including the suburbs, is 2,463,676, as compared with 2,076,946 in 1895.

ROGER WOLCOTT'S DEATH.

Massachusetts' Former Governor Passes Away.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Former Governor Roger Wolcott died at his residence on Commonwealth avenue late yesterday afternoon. He became ill with typhoid fever several weeks ago.

The disease was probably contracted either while on shipboard or soon after he landed in New York after his European visit. When seized, he was almost in perfect physical condition, said his attending physician. He was possessed of a stalwart constitution, but all the resources of medical science were exhausted in the endeavor to save his life.

Roger Wolcott was born in Boston July 13, 1847, the son of J. Huntington and Cornelia Frothingham Wolcott. He is a descendant of the Roger Wolcott who was second in command in the expedition of Sir William Pepperell against Cape Breton in 1745, which resulted in the capture of Louisbourg.

Another ancestor was Oliver Wolcott, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Both of these Wolcotts were governors of Connecticut. One of his ancestors, on his mother's side, was active and prominent during the Revolutionary period as a member of the Charlestown committee of safety, and another took part in the Boston tea party.

Roger Wolcott was educated in Boston private schools and at Harvard university, from which he graduated in the



ROGER WOLCOTT.

class of 1870. In college he ranked high and was the choice of his classmates for orator. He was graduated from Harvard Law school in 1874 and was admitted to the Suffolk bar in the same year. He practiced but little, however, his time having been largely occupied by his duties as trustee of various estates and in the management of financial matters.

Governor Wolcott's public career began in 1877 as a member of the Boston common council, in which he served three years. Then he was elected to the lower house of the legislature, where he served from 1882 to 1884, taking a position among the leaders and winning distinction as a hard and trustworthy worker.

He was elected lieutenant governor in 1883, 1894 and 1895 and upon the death of Governor Greenhalge became acting governor in 1896. In the fall of 1896 he was chosen governor, and in 1897 and 1898 he was re-elected.

Shortly after the resignation of General William F. Draper as ambassador to Italy in 1900 President McKinley tendered the post to Mr. Wolcott. The offer was declined on account of the pressure of private business affairs.

On Sept. 2, 1874, Mr. Wolcott was married to Miss Edith Prescott, granddaughter of William H. Prescott, the historian, and great-granddaughter of Colonel William Prescott who commanded the provincials at the battle of Bunker Hill. They have four sons and one daughter now living.

The Nebraska Senatorships.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary of War George D. Meiklejohn has arrived in Lincoln to assume personal management of his canvass for a seat in the United States senate. The Nebraska legislature, which convenes on the first of the new year, will have two senators to elect, a successor to John M. Thurston and one to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. L. Hayward, which is being filled at present by William V. Allen by appointment of the governor. Both houses of the legislature are Republican, but the majority is small in both branches. There are a dozen candidates for the vacant seats, the more prominent aside from Mr. Meiklejohn being Edward Rosewater and Congressman Mercer of Omaha, former Congressman Hainer of Aurora, L. D. Richards of Fremont, E. H. Hinshaw of Fairbury and former Governor Lorenzo Crouse of Fort Calhoun, himself a member of the state senate.

Freight Rates to Be Reduced.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 25.—Railroad officials announce that the freight traffic managers of the initial roads leading out of Pittsburg have decided to reduce the rate on coke from the Connellsville region 30 cents a ton to Philadelphia and Baltimore and proportionately to other points on the eastern seaboard. It is stated that the rates west to Pittsburg and Chicago will not be touched for the present. About one-fourth of the entire output of the Connellsville region goes out east. The reduction will mean much to the Connellsville operators and eastern buyers. The operators have demanded reductions for some time, but they were particularly interested in the rate to Pittsburg and the west.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Lord William Leslie de la Poer Beresford is ill. He is suffering from peritonitis. His condition is reported as slightly improved. In consequence of Lord Beresford's illness the Christmas festivities at Decoyne, his seat at Dorking, have been abandoned.

AN AUTONOMY PARTY

Loyal Filipinos at Manila Adopt a Platform.

FORMER INSURGENT AT THE HEAD

Newspaper Man Named to Rule Ben-gue—Thirty-nine Priests Have Proffered Submission to American Rule.

MANILA, Dec. 24.—The recently organized Autonomy party was launched at a meeting attended by virtually all the loyal Filipino leaders in Manila. The declaration of principles was read and after a discussion, adopted by a vote of 125, more than half a dozen declining to vote. All signed an indorsement of the platform, including Senor Paterno, one of the most influential of the former insurgent leaders, whose real attitude toward American authority has been much questioned.

The program of discussion was with reference to the organization of the government of the party. A council of 25 members was elected, together with an executive committee, including Senor Cayetano Arellano, chief justice of the supreme court; Mr. Frank H. Bonifacio, Senor Amosoa Flores, a former insurgent general; Senor Florentino Torres, attorney general for the Philippines; Senor Jose Near, prosecuting attorney, and Senor Tomas del Rosario. The smallest number of votes received by any candidate was 80.

Advices brought yesterday by steamer from southern Luzon say that a lieutenant and 60 men of the Ninth United States cavalry attacked a large body of insurgents last Wednesday near Guinobatan, province of Albay. After the battle 45 dead insurgents were counted, together with many wounded. The only American casualty was the wounding of a sergeant who was cornered by several rebels and struck in the leg by a bolo. The rebel loss was the heaviest recorded among recent encounters. The cutting of the wires has delayed the official report of the engagement.

The Philippine commission has appointed H. Phelps Whitmarsh governor and Otto Scherer secretary of the province of Benguet.

Thirty-nine priests, 17 of them belonging in the province of Bulacan, the strongest of the Tagal provinces, have signed and forwarded to the Philippine commission a paper proffering their submission and loyalty to its authority, adding that the promise is made voluntarily and without mental reservation. Judge Taft has replied, welcoming their assistance in the pacification of a people "over whom you will have so great an influence."

A detachment of the Sixteenth infantry has captured Bautista, the head of the Kaipunan society, in northwestern Luzon.

A detachment of the Forty-ninth infantry recently attacked a barrio on the Cagayan river, in Isabela province, drove out the insurgents, killing several of them, and captured a thousand rounds of ammunition. The Americans also burned the insurgent quarters. The latest reports from Iloilo say that the islands of Panay and Cebu since the rainy season set in are being rapidly cleared of the enemy and that in a few weeks the only opposition encountered will be that offered by scattering bandits. The Twenty-sixth infantry in Panay and the Forty-fourth in Cebu are conducting an actively aggressive campaign. The American casualties have recently been slight.

Governor Tamm Pardons Furlong.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Former Policeman Patrick Furlong, who in February, 1900, killed Edward Leach, a brother officer, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for 14 years, has been pardoned by Governor Tamm and will take his Christmas dinner with his family in Chicago. Furlong, who is of Irish parentage, and Leach, an Englishman, became involved in an argument about the Boer war. Leach's declaration that England could whip any country on earth led to blows, and both men drew revolvers. Furlong shot first, with fatal effect.

Crazy Man Shoots Two.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—John Galletus, a Brooklyn mechanic who has recently shown evidences of insanity, became violent in his home and, taking a revolver, ran out of his house. At the time Nathan Ruth, 9 years old, and Lawrence Kelley, a man, were passing. Galletus, without warning fired at both of them. Ruth was shot under the right eye and Kelley in the breast. The boy may die, but the man is not seriously injured.

Germany Wants Her Pay First.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24.—The expected imperial irade authorizing the signature of the contract for the construction of a cruiser for the Ottoman navy by the Cramp Shipbuilding company, together with the initial deposit of \$100,000, has not yet been issued. It appears that the German embassy has protested to the porte against the payment to the Cramps before the amount owing to Herr Krupp for naval guns has been paid.

Railway Wreck in Texas.

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—Texas and Pacific and St. Louis and Southwestern passenger trains collided at the crossing of the two roads nine miles west of Texarkana. Fireman Edward Cotterson was killed and Engineer James Hubbard fatally injured. The mail and express cars were demolished.

Mild in Stockholm.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24.—The weather in Stockholm is the mildest that has been known here for many years at the Christmas season.