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**THE CHRONICLE.**

DURHAM, Nov'r. 16th, 1899.

Reports from the Transvaal contain such an element of uncertainty that it is difficult to separate the false from the true condition. A report from Kimberley, however, tells of the bombardment of the place on Thursday last. From General Buller's message on Sunday to the War Office at London, it is learned that Kimberley, though bombarded on the 7th met with few losses.

It is supposed also that another battle took place at Ladysmith on Thursday last as heavy firing was heard at Estcourt, Natal about day-break.

On Monday a fierce engagement is reported from a point about fifty miles south of Kimberley. The news is not such as brings any change in the situation but indicates the determination of the Boers to make the best of the opportunity before the British are able to concentrate their forces.

The British will have about 95,000 men in the field by Christmas. A second contingent is now on the way. About New Years it will be in order for the Boers to "trek" again.

The speech of Lord Salisbury on the Transvaal situation has inspired the British world with confidence through his review of the amicable relationship between Britain and the rest of the world.

A special despatch by native runners dated Nov. 9, says "The Boers suffered a severe defeat at Ladysmith. Their guns were silenced after four hours fighting. Boer losses were heavy."

Reinforcements of 12,000 troops are reported to have arrived at Cape Town of which 6,000 are on their way to Durban to relieve General White.

It will be hard to conceive of a more convincing instance of Boer treachery than was shown last week when the white flag of surrender was displayed, till the British army came within close range only to be treacherously fired upon and cut down in large numbers. To retaliate however, the British mowed their way through the enemy and when the white flag appeared again no attention was paid to it.

The Allan Line steamer Sardinian with the Canadian contingent on board reached St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, on Sunday last. The remainder of the journey will take about twelve days.

From the interior of Africa it is difficult to get news to the coast for transmission to the War Office in London, and even when received there it seems to be withheld from the public until the officials feel disposed to make it known. Special correspondence to The Globe of fighting around Mafeking as far back as the last of October only appeared in Tuesday's issue. Under the circumstances it is hard to tell just how things now are. The British, however, are holding their own, and when re-enforcements arrive British successes may soon be looked for.

Though we may learn of the arrival of the British troops from day to day we are kept in dense ignorance as to their movements after landing. A special cable despatch from London to the Mail and Empire says,—"Regiment after regiment lands and vanishes up the country. The men do not know their destination and the officers have the vaguest idea of where they are going. The other night a naval brigade was slipped ashore. Almost instantly after landing the brigade disappeared, as if it had never existed." Little is known of the plans of the British, but in the face of such ignorance the "great expectations" of the British loving people will soon be realized.

An Associated Press Despatch from Manila, Nov. 13, says Col. Hayes has captured Aguinaldo's Secretary, and that Aguinaldo and his army are surrounded. It also adds that the recent encounters were too one-sided to be called fights, also that the insurgents are suffering more from disease than the Americans owing to poor food, lack of medicine and filthy hospitals.

There's money in the marl beds, but it needs something heavier than gas to get it out.

Mr. Neil McKechnie, who knows more than any other living man about marl deposits in the vicinity of Durham says The Chronicle underestimated the output in placing it at 500 bbls. a day for the next hundred years. He claims that it would be no exaggeration to double those figures.

#### On the Canadian Contingent and the War.

When the Boer ultimatum became a fact and it was known fighting would begin in South Africa the British Colonies quite naturally became interested. The Montreal Star then sent all over Canada to the Mayors of certain cities and towns asking them to do your people approve of Canada sending men to South Africa, and received the reply "We do," a statement which eventually proved to be the wish of the people. Then the Government stated it disapproved of "the wish of the people." The Government newspapers told us that in despatching a Contingent to the scene of hostilities Canada would make a new departure, and take a new position in the councils of the nation. The Dominion has had no voice in making the war, and we were told that our statesmen would not be consulted as to the terms of settlement, when the bellicose and obstinate Boers are brought to their senses. Then they told us that in some of the other colonies the public voice had not been so unanimous, which did not indicate a less intense feeling of patriotism for the mother country, than did the Dominion, but that it would be better to attribute our greater unanimity of opinion to greater impulsive ness rather than to Staunton's loyalty. Then Hon. J. T. Tarte said that before Canadians should go to war for Great Britain, they should have a voice in Imperial affairs. He said he fully agreed with the Prime Minister that no action should be taken until the Canadian Parliament had been consulted. The Government's action quite naturally shocked every Canadian, and many newspapers have read behind this insinuation of treachery, a disloyalty of the growing French Canadian, which can hardly be surprising. The French newspapers are of the same tone, and they have advanced many arguments as to why Canadians should have nothing to do with the wars of the British Empire. One of these newspapers while commenting upon the statement of His Excellency the Governor-General, that if the Cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not accede to the popular demand from the English speaking provinces, he (the Governor) would dismiss them and call on some one else who would permit British subjects in a British Colony to go to the defence of the British Empire, said "We are no longer Canadians, we are Britons."

The same newspapers called upon its readers to agitate for the severance of the which binds the province of Quebec to the rest of the Dominion. Speaking of the attitude of the French and the Government on this matter, a local newspaper said, "The true inwardness of it is, as we have said before, and as we have quoted La Verite to-day, that the real leaders of the French people are praying for the disintegration of the British Empire and the erection of a French Republic upon the American Continent." Over and against this disinclination of the Laurier Government to follow the will of the people can be observed the attitude of the Conservative party. At the rally in Ottawa, October 30, Mr. Bergeron, and applause referred to Sir Wilfrid's half-hearted way of sending a contingent to the Transvaal, and caused roar of laughter by saying that, after much persuasion, Sir Wilfrid had decided to send the contingent. Wallace said that Sir Wilfrid was first in the jubilee procession, but last in the performance of his duty. Sir Wilfrid had said that it was illegal to send Canadian troops out of Canada, but the troops sailed at 4 o'clock to-day. Sir Charles Tupper disclaimed any attempt at gaining party advantage in the course he had taken in the Transvaal matter. He reviewed the circumstances of the contingent being sent, and reiterated the statement made at knowledge that if the Government did not do its duty and pay the whole expense of the contingent he would take means to get an expression of opinion on that question. He referred to the insurance of the contingent, and was glad to learn that the Government had been shamed into putting another million of dollars on the lives of the brave fellows who had gone to uphold the unity of the Empire.

The assurance has come from Sir Charles, and the Conservative press that a Government should rise above party questions in such times and recognize that the interests of the whole country were greater than those of either party, but on this occasion we have seen that the Liberal Government has failed to do so. Not only has it failed to do this but it has even failed to consider its own interests and been led into an action by its master "Hon. Tarte" that is not only an insult to all loyal Canadians, but it is also one that will eventually cut its own throat. The Government, and its organs,

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