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**THE MORNING GUARDIAN.**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1899.

**THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.**

The Christmas truce affords an opportunity for calm reflection on both sides as to the progress of the South African war and the prospects. On the Boer side the more intelligent thinking portion of the two republics must be sadly disheartened. All hopes of conquering Natal and Cape Colony have vanished like a morning mist. Mafeking, Kimberly and Ladysmith still defy the Boer assaults. The tide of Boer invasion has been rudely checked and partly rolled back. The immense Boer superiority of two or three to one in armed force, in guns and cavalry is being rapidly equalised and must soon show a strong superiority on the British side.

More disheartening still to the enemy is the demonstrated superiority of the Briton over the Boer as a fighting man. The fond belief that one Boer could chase ten of his British foes has given place to the stern lesson that the Boer cannot be brought to face the Briton man to man in open warfare, and only dares to fight behind barriers of earth, rock, on untraced hill-tops or beyond an unfordable stream. He has not yet attempted to attack a British force in position. And there is the further discouraging fact that the Boer losses cannot be made good. Every man or horse killed or disabled, every gun or rifle captured, every round of ammunition or projectile wasted or fired away represents a loss that cannot be repaired.

The Boer country is now shut in its industries paralysed; its import and export trade cut off; its crop area enormously diminished and an era of short provisions steadily approaching. Kimberly and Ladysmith have fair prospects of early relief, but there is no prospect of relief for the beleaguered republics. The Boer forces may occasionally repulse a British attack, but only with the certainty that it will be renewed in stronger force of men whom the Boer has learned to fear. Already it has become to the more intelligent Boer mind only a question of how long they can hold out. It is a warfare without hope, an anticipation that Britain must conquer in the end.

It is well to pause amid our own embarrassments and difficulties and thus take stock of the enemy's desperate situation and despondent feelings. If we have met unexpected obstacles, the enemy has had even sterner lessons and faces a more portentous outlook than we do. We have been temporarily checked in our onward march toward Ladysmith, Kimberly and Pretoria, but no one, British or Boer, continental Anglophobe or Boer sympathizer, believes that our armies will be permanently halted on the Modder or the Tugela. Not in the days when Wellington crushed Napoleon at Waterloo was British valor and fortitude more conspicuous than they have been in South Africa. We have only begun to fight and the enemy has as yet only begun to realize what awaits him. The British empire is united in this war. Our cause is just. Our resources in men, material and money are almost boundless. We may therefore possess our souls in patience and in confidence.

Following the death of Lady Salisbury it is reported that Lady Cranborne, wife of Lord Salisbury's eldest son, is dying of an internal malady at Hatfield House.

A detailed statement of the British forces in South Africa gives Gen. Buller nearly 30,000 men of all arms, at

Colenso; Gen. White in Ladysmith fully 11,000; Gen. Methuen at Modder River about 10,000, with half as many more guarding his communications. These make a total of 58,000 men. The garrisons at Kimberly and Mafeking, the columns under General Gatacre and French, and guarding their lines, together with troops still in Cape Town and Durban are not in this account. These with 10,000 men now at sea, would make up a total of not less than 80,000.

There are reports that Russia is pressing Spain to sell Ceuta, the stronghold on the southern side of the Straits of Gibraltar. By the aid of modern fortifications and armaments Ceuta could be made almost impregnable. It is thought to be in view of this movement that the British special service squadron has just arrived at Gibraltar, making with the fleet already there an imposing naval force. British war vessels are also constantly patrolling the coasts of Spain and Portugal and of West Africa as far south as Cape Verde, along the route traversed by the transport ships carrying troops to Cape Town.

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**BORN.**

At Victoria, on the 20th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller, a son.

In this city on Saturday Dec. 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Driscoll a son.

**DIED**

At DeSabl., Dec. 8th 1899, James McKay, aged 87 years.

On Tuesday, 26th, at Winsloe, Annie Roper, widow of the late William Good, aged 78.

(Funeral will leave the residence of her son William Good, Winsloe, on Thursday 26th, at 2 p. m. to Milton Church Cemetery.)

**The Twanging Pains . . . of Rheumatism**

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**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Rev. Geo. Miller, Brookfield, was in the city yesterday.

Rev. K. Spencer, Montague, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. John White, O'Leary, is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Fred. M. Morris, Bradalbane, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. H. L. Huggs, druggist, Tignish, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Chas. T. Harris, New Glasgow, came to the city last night.

Mr. D. H. McDonald, North Bedouque is among the guests at the Revere Hotel.

Mr. A. P. Trowdale, Victoria, was in the city yesterday and returned in the afternoon.

Mr. W. H. Harris, late of the P. O. Department now retired and residing at New Glasgow is in the city.

Mr. William McMillan, Montague, is in the city spending his Xmas holidays. He returns to Montague today.

Capt. McKinnon of the steamer Brant returned to the city yesterday after spending his Christmas holidays in Summerside.

Mr. W. C. Lea, Victoria, is registered at the Revere Hotel. He leaves for Sydney C. B. this morning with a large quantity of poultry for the Cape Breton market.

Dr. Dickey and Mrs. Dickey returned to the city last night by the S. S. Princess, after spending the Christmas holidays in N. S.

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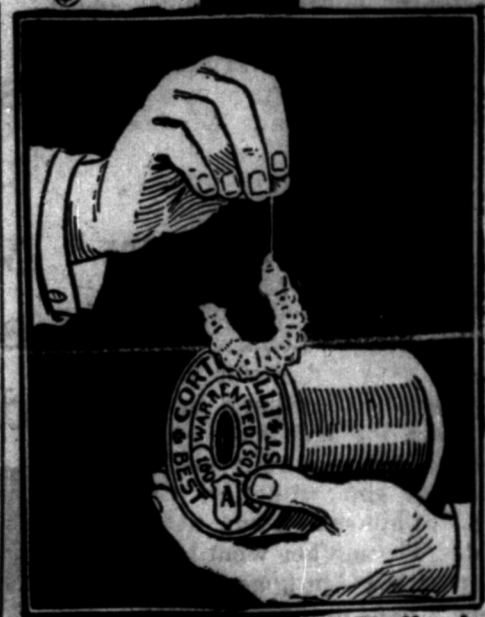
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