

## How about your Christmas list



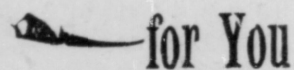
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#### BALANCE TO BE ARTILLERY

#### Men will Sail Early in Next Month

Parisian will probably be chartered—Preparations going on smoothly—Men need not be trained Volunteers—No word in London of our First Contingent—Lord Roberts on the Irish Soldiers

#### SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The composition of the second contingent to join the British forces in South Africa is no longer a matter of speculation.

In the first place, said the Minister of Militia, I may say that the expression trained men was used in the cable received from the War Office, and in regard to that point the following cable was received by His Excellency the Governor General, last evening, from Mr. Chamberlain:

LONDON, Dec. 20.—With reference to the expression "trained men," the Secretary of State for War explains that the volunteers must be good shots and competent riders, but need not be members of any regular drill force.

(Signed) CHAMBERLAIN.

Now as to the composition of the contingent, continued Dr. Borden, is the first place the entire contingent will be 1040 in strength.

There will be three squadrons of mounted rifles making 531 of all ranks.

One squadron and a half squadron will be taken from the North-West Mounted police.

The other squadron, with a half squadron, will be selected from the different cavalry corps and dragoons throughout the Dominion and from good shots and riders wherever they are to be found, as there are quite a number of them to be had in Western Canada.

The squadrons will have 536 horses. Let us now take the artillery, the Minister of Militia went on to say. There will be three batteries, the strength of each being 171 or 513 in all.

They will have 393 horses. The artillery will be taken from batteries all over the Dominion.

There will be no infantry—nothing but artillery and mounted troops.

I am trying now to arrange for transport. I expect that the troops will be ready to sail early in January. That is about all that I can say at present.

But you may depend upon it that there

will be as little delay as possible. The contractors have had their orders two days ago and everything seems to be going on like clockwork.

Has anything been done yet about the command? was asked.

No, there will be lots of time for that.

It is about as good as settled that the Parisian will be chartered from the Allan Line for the conveyance of the troops, and probably the Laurentian of the same company, will carry the horses.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—General Roberts in an interview yesterday, said:

"I cannot too warmly express my admiration for the spirit which prevails in our colonies. The action of Canada will always be a glorious page in the history of the Sons of the Empire. I look for great things from the men she has sent, and is sending to the front. The reports which indicate that disloyalty exists in the Irish regiments are absolutely untrue. In the hour of danger, my countrymen have ever been among the first to lay down their lives for Queen and country, and whether it be against the Boers or men of any other nationality, the Irish soldiers will be found loyal to the Queen and brave in battle. You cannot deny these reports of Irish disloyalty too strongly."

General Roberts entertains great friendship for Lord Kitchener, though they have never served together, and the combination of generalship creates the greatest satisfaction in military circles. As an officer of General Roberts' staff said:—"It really makes life worth living once again."

LONDON, Dec. 21.—There is no news whatever of the Canadians at the War Office.

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#### MOUNTED INFANTRY

Volunteering in the Mother Country.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The government has at last consented to mobilize a force which General Buller is credited with having demanded all along as an essential of success in South Africa, namely 10,000 mounted infantry. This morning the war office issued an order to the effect that the government had decided to raise for South Africa a mounted infantry force, to be called Imperial Yeomanry, and to be recruited from yeomanry, volunteers and civilians possessing the requisite qualifications.

The lord mayor of London, Alfred Newton, is raising and equipping a force of a thousand volunteers among the city corps. The large city firms are contributing the necessary expenses.

Col. Sir Charles Howard Vincent, commandant of the Queen's Westminster volunteers, has also offered to raise a regiment of a thousand picked marksmen.

Rudyard Kipling addressed a meeting at Rottmangean last evening called for the purpose of forming a volunteer company.

The Queen has announced her intention of entertaining at Windsor Castle on Dec. 26th the wives and children of soldiers serving in South Africa who reside in the neighborhood. Tea will be served, Her Majesty presiding probably in person, and there will be a Christmas tree 25 feet high laden with gifts.

The British second-class cruiser Isis will convey General Lord Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam at 16 knots.

A correspondent of the Associated Press at Chevaler Camp says that the Boers excuse themselves for firing on the stretcher-bearers by asserting that two squads of the Connaught Rangers took cover under civilians bearers of the Red Cross, and that this act drew the Boer fire, three being killed and several wounded.

Statements are published from Boer sources in Brussels and Berlin that President Kruger is willing to conclude peace on the basis of the status quo, but that otherwise he will call upon the Boers in Cape Colony to join in proclaiming the independence of the Cape Territories of Great Britain.

#### Situation at Kimberley and Modder.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A despatch to the Times from Modder River, under date of Dec. 16, says: "A full moon prevented the use of the searchlight tonight, but Kimberley availed itself of the eclipse to send through important despatches." The present situation is a complete dead lock. The Boers are increasing and extending their fortifications on both flanks, but are unable to make an attack. It is equally impossible for the British to turn the Boers' flank, which rests on the river on the east and rapidly approaches the river on the west. The Boers have a continual line of entrenchments capable of rapid connection at many points. Their only disadvantage is the scarcity of water and food."

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