LA GUERRE

New-York, 4—Les dépêches de Londres donnent de longues descriptions de l'équipement qu'apportera en Afrique, le duc de Marlborough, si ses services sont acceptés. Il emmènera quatre chevaux, quatre mules d'Espagne, et une voiture construite spécialement pour les routes rocailleuses et les défilés. Son havresac renferme tout un magasin d'articles propres à donner le confort. Il emmènera quatre serviteurs, dont l'un sera spécialement chargé de bagages.

Reste à savoir si le ministère de la guerre permettra au duc de partir avec tout cet attirail.

New-York, 4—Une dépêche de Kimberley au "Herald", en date du 29 décembre, dit : "Les Boers prennent de grandes précautions pour cacher les pertes qu'ils ont subies dans les récentes batailles. Boshof est remplie de blessés et il y en a au moins deux cents cinquante à Jacobsdale. Un hôpital, attaché au camp d'Olifantszam, en contient une centaine.

New-York, 4—Le "Times" dit que le steamer "Sabine", partira d'ici, aujourd'hui, avec cargaison mystérieuse, que l'on croit être composée de provisions, d'armes, de munitions, etc., destinées aux soldats anglais d'Afrique-Sud

Londres, 4—Le Bureau de la guerre a reçu un rapport de Cape-Town, en date d'hier, définissant la situation dans le district du général Gatacre Voici la dépêche : "Dordrecht a été évacuée par Montmorency qui est maintenant à Birds Siding, sur la ligne Indove

"Les Boers ont attaqué Molteno, aujourd'hui, et ont entouré la station de police. On dit qu'ils ont été repoussés. Du renfort a été envoyé par le général Gatacre.

"Une compagnie d'infanterie à cheval sous les d'Alderson, a fait une reconnaissance à Prieska. Des coups de feu ont été échangés avec les rebelles, sur la rive Nord"

Camp de Frère, 4—A la suite d'une vigoureuse canonnade, ce matin, des Boers ont été forcés d'abandonner leur position.

Londres, 4—On rapporte de Berlin que la réponse de la Grande-Bretagne aux représentations de l'Allemagne, au sujet de la saisie du "Bundersrath", est considérée comme non satisfaisante.

Londres, 4—Une dépêche de Naauwpoort, datée du 2, dit que les Anglais ont pris possession du pont Norval avec deux canons, ainsi que celui de Colesberg, et que les Boers n'ont plus d'autre retraite que par la route de Normberg. La dépêche ajoute que l'on s'attend à de grands développements pour demain.

Belmont, Colomie du Cap, 4—Une note officielle annonce que le colonel Pilcher, étant incapable, pour des raisons militaires, d'occuper Douglass d'une manière permanente, a évacué la vile, emmenant avec lui tous les loyalistes. Il est maintenant revenu sain et sauf aux environs de Belmont. Lorsqu'il annonça son intention d'évacuer la ville les habitants déclarèrent que leur vie serait en danger, après son départ. C'est pourquoi il les a invités à l'accompagner, à Belmont. Les préparatifs furent promptement terminés et le départ s'affectua sans encombrement.

Les Canadiens ont servi d'escorte aux réfugiés. Ils portaient dans leurs bras les enfants et les femmes, que la fatigue accablait, et, relevaient le courage des vieillards, par des chants joyeux qui faisaient paraitre moins pénible la marche à travers les rochers.

Le général Buller a félicité les soldats sur le succès de leur expédition.

Londres,4—Les dernières dépêches d'Afrique disent que le général French a presque cerné la ville de Colesburg. Les Boers, cependant, défendent leurs positions avec acharnement et tiennent les Anglais en échec.

Une dépêche de Censberg dit qu'une vive canonnade a commencé, ce matin.

De nouveaux détails sur le combat qui a lieu aujourd'hui entre les troupes du général Gatacre et Boers indiquent que ces derniers, au nombre de 3,000, ont attaqué un avant-poste, entre Cyphergat et Molteno. Le général Gatacre, avec des troupes, à cheval et de l'artillerie, s'est avancé en face de Stormberg et a délogé les Boers d'une forte position qu'ils occupaient, L'ennemi s'est enfui dans la direction de Stormberg.

Les Boers se sont servis des canons dont ils se sont emparés, le 10 décembre.

Paris, 4—La rumeur circulait à la Bourse, ce matin, que le général Buller a subi un autre échec, sur les bords de la rivière Tugela.

Berlin, 4—Le ministère des affaires étrangères d'Allemagne a informé le représentant de la Presse Associée que la Grande-Bretagne n'a pas encore répondu à la note de l'Allemagne, protestant contre la saisie du steamer allemand Bundesrath, par le croiseur anglais Magicienne, au large de la Baie Delagoa.

Le ministre des affaires étrangères anglais veut, paraît-il, prendre des informations, à Durban, avant de répondre.

On a de bonnes raisons de croire que le Bundesrath portait à son bord, des munitions et des armes.

The Best Work on South Africa

From the Guelph Daily Herald, Dec. 20.

The war in South Africa has caused several publishers to advertise forthcoming histories of that country. We have several of the prospectus books before us. One is from the pen of a newspaper correspondent who was in South Africa a short time ago, but is not there at all now. Another is a rehash of Livingstone's and Stanley's travels, with a few engravings and pages added. Apparently newspaper reports and paste and scissors are relied on to make up nearly all such forthcoming books on South Africa. But we are glad to know that South Africa, with the added interest of the war, is going to be the subject of one first class book by the best known authors of the present day, and that the same is not being run through with lightning speed, but has been in preparation for several years. John Clarke Ridpath, L. L. D., author of "Cyclopaedia of Universal History," "Life and Times of Gladstone," "History of the world," etc., is undoubtedly the best American historian living, and the equal of any historian of any land. He is assisted by Edward S. Ellis, M. A., author of the Standard History of the United States, a work that has made Mr. Ellis a world wide reputation. A considerable part had already been written when hostilities commenced, and a great number of photographs and drawings obtained while official sources were easy of access.

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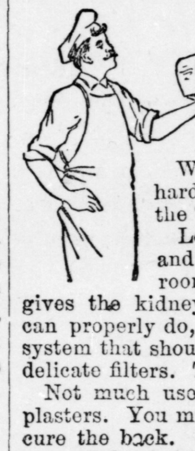

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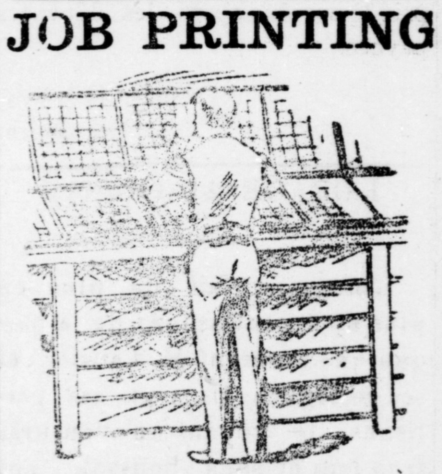

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