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BRITISH GUNS DEMOLISHED

The Boers Again Stampede Gun Carriage and Limber Horses.

AN ARTILLERY DUEL

Apparent British Advantage Near Colenso Turned Into Failure by Well-Directed Fire from Boer Artillery - Force Demanded by General Buller to be Mobilized - Rudyard Kipling Heard from - Buller Commanded at Tugela River.

(By telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) London, Dec. 20.-4:45 a. m.-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, ten thousand 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. Enlistment will be for one year, or during the continuance of the war. The men must be between 20 and 35 years of age, and of equal physique to the ordinary cavalry soldier.

EQUIPMENT. Officers and men are to provide their own horses and to wear neutral tint cloth shooting jackets, not necessarily uniforms; felt hats, breeches and gaiters. All must be good riders and marksmen.

The same order invites every volunteer regiment that is linked with a regular battalion serving at the front to supply a full company, which will take the place of the mounted infantry of the regiment.

These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force. The enrolled strength of the Yeomanry forces, which originated in the troublous period of the French revolution, is now 10,433. Their services have never been before called for in war.

The enthusiasm of volunteer enlistments continues, and promises to give the government ample material.

RUDYARD KIPLING SPEAKS. Rudyard Kipling addressed a meeting at Rottinegan last evening, called for the purpose of forming a volunteer company.

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

Special reports regarding the fighting at the Tugela river are still filtering through, but all the newspapers complain that these are severely censored, and it is still impossible to get an accurate idea of the battle.

BULLER IN COMMAND. From the latest accounts, however, it appears that General Buller was in personal command.

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

Much anxiety is caused by the fact that the War Office has not yet received a full list of the casualties at Tugela river.

PORTUGAL HELPS BOERS. The Standard hints editorially this morning that if Portugal continues to allow supplies of war material and foreign volunteers to reach the Transvaal through Delagoa bay, England will have something to say in the matter.

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.

ANOTHER ARTILLERY DUEL. Chieveley Camp, Natal, Dec. 15.-The relief column continued its advance early to-day, intending to assault the Boer positions, which were known to be strong to the westward and north-west of Colenso. During the two preceding days the Boers had allowed themselves to be bombarded without responding to reply with a single shot. They further gave half an hour's opening this morning without an exchange, when suddenly they belched out a stream of fire from all their entrenchments, beside opening a fearful cannonade with all their quick-firers, field and siege guns, which were posted from end to end of their positions.

When their presence and actual positions had been determined the British naval brigade commenced shelling all the ridges north of the town with marvelous accuracy. At this time the artillery attached to General Buller's division was busy among the entrenchments on the hill, on the British left, under cover of which the Irish infantry brigade marched out in extended order to cross the river and attack. Undoubtedly aiming at this battery the Boers sent several shells near the ambulance train, which was forced to change its position.

BRITISH AGAIN REPULSED. While this was transpiring the field artillery, on the right, were busy shelling the ridges of the Boer left flank.

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