

GOOD BRITISH RUMOR

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ANXIETY OVER LACK OF NEWS

Sudden Stoppage Worries Londoners—Expert Says Butler Would Not Hold Good News.

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BOERS ADMIT CASUALTIES

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—[Special Telegram.]—The movement to rebuild the Indian school on the Winnebago agency has taken definite shape, the delegation from Nebraska being largely interested in the reconstruction of the school, which was destroyed by fire some two years ago.

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TWO WHITE MEN WOUNDED—RESULT OF ATTEMPT TO ARREST NEGRO MURDERER AT MASON.

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DEFENDING IN GREAT BATTLE, THEY BREAK UP INTO SMALL ROVING BANDS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—A special to the Tribune from Nogales, Ariz., says: A message from Ortiz, a station on the Sonora railroad, reports that carriers from Macoyate confirm the account of the last stand of the Yaqui Indians against the Mexican general, Lorenzo Torres.

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"In view of the new and critical phase into which the war is now entering, I send to the people of America a few words on the subject of any eventual proposals in regard to the suspension of hostilities, a desire for which appears to be gaining strength on both sides of the Atlantic.

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