

## AFRICAN WAR NEWS.

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**The Boers Contest Every Inch of Ground—A Report That Lord Dundonald's Flying Column Has Entered Ladysmith—Swarms of Locusts.**

London, Jan. 23.—Gen. Buller has reported nothing of his operations on Monday and official press intelligence leaves the British bivouacked Sunday night on the ground they had won after two days' fighting. Military men assume that fighting must have taken place and that it was probably more severe than on the preceding days. Gen. Buller would not be likely to give the Boers leisure to add to the elaborate entrenchments, to arrange their artillery and to concentrate their forces.

The Daily Chronicle's military expert says: "Even when a battle is won in a single day, as a rule pursuit is only possible when fresh troops are available. But in this instance it is not a question of mere pursuit, but of renewing an attack upon entrenched positions after a day's hard fighting and a night of lying on the battlefield."

The British in the other districts in South Africa continue inactive. Lord Methuen's 13,000 men are behind their works. Gen. French's 4,000 at Renberg were roused on Sunday by a general alarm that the Boers were attacking, but it turned out that there was no basis for this. Gen. Gatacre is quiescent at Colesberg.

At Ladysmith the deaths from enteric fever and dysentery average ten a day. Some fears are expressed that the garrison may be so worn by privation and disease as to be unable to do much in the way of helping Gen. Buller.

**Gen. Warren Continues Pushing.**

London, Jan. 23.—The Daily Chronicle has received the following, dated January 22, 4:15 p. m., from Spearman's Camp: "Gen. Warren continues pushing, though he is necessarily making very slow progress, as the Boers are numerous and strongly entrenched. Our infantry are working over parallel ridges, with Lord Dundonald's cavalry lying well out on the left flank and awaiting developments. The Boers contest every inch of the ground. This morning Gen. Warren's artillery reopened fire but the Boers did not reply and our fire became less hot. The naval guns in front here have been quiet. A Boer prisoner who was brought in boasted that it would take us three months to reach Ladysmith."

**Rumor That Boers Want Peace.**

London, Jan. 23.—The correspondent of the Times at Lourenço Marques, telegraphing yesterday, says: "News from the republics is exceedingly meager, but it is reported that Pretoria is much perturbed. This is confirmed from different sources, and to-day it is hinted that the Boers are about to sue for peace. This is improbable until they have played their trump card in the shape of an appeal for intervention. It is an undoubted fact that they are bitterly disappointed at the apparent apathy of the continental powers."

**Reported Relief of Ladysmith.**

Durban, Natal, Jan. 23.—The statement comes from an excellent source in Pietermaritzburg that Lord Dundonald has entered Ladysmith with 1,600 men. This is not confirmed from any other quarter, but it is known that Lord Dundonald's flying column has been acting well to the left of the line of advance.

**Swarms of Locusts Pass Over Camp.**

Sterkstroom, Jan. 23.—Affairs here continue quiet. Tremendous swarms of locusts are destroying the grass on the veldt. Commandant Oliver threatens to detain as prisoners of war any newspaper correspondents captured by his force.

**Half Tariff Rates on Seeds.**

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 23.—It is announced that the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Soo roads will, in February put into execution half tariff rates on grass seeds, clover seeds and dwarf Essex rape seed to points on their lines in Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana. This new rate applies to both car and less than car shipments. The new rate was brought about because of a desire on the part of railroad officials to plant with tame grasses the natural grass regions.

**Violence Anticipated at a Trial.**

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 23.—Eighty men from the local battalion of the state guard under Capt. C. W. Longmire are ordered to accompany William and Charles Kendall to Nicholasville to-day. The Kendalls are charged with complicity in the murder of Eugene Cassell of this county, three weeks ago. The feeling is high and the authorities are afraid of violence. The troops will remain until the examining trial is over and longer if necessary.

## PLEADED THE STATUTES.

**Capt. Frederick J. Mills, of Salt Lake City, Acquitted of Killing a Man Who Despoiled His Home.**

Salt Lake City, Jan. 21.—Capt. Frederick J. Mills, former lieutenant governor of Idaho, was acquitted of the charge of murder. The jury was out only a quarter of an hour, just long enough to elect a foreman and take a ballot. Capt. Mills killed John O'Melveny, chief engineer of the Oregon short line in this city on October 3 last. The evidence showed that while the defendant was absent serving as an officer of the volunteer army of the United States, his wife and O'Melveny became criminally intimate. The captain learned of these facts on the day of the tragedy, his wife making a full confession. The killing followed. The defendant pleaded the Utah statute which justifies the act of a husband who kills his wife's seducer and also sets up the plea of insanity.

## OVER FIFTEEN MILLIONS.

**War Department Gives Out a Statement of the Entire Receipts for the Year from Cuba.**

Washington, Jan. 21.—The war department gave out the statement that the total receipts for the entire island of Cuba for the month of December were \$1,733,221. The total receipts for the entire island for the calendar year ended December 31, 1899, by items were: Customs, \$14,072,114; internal revenue, \$757,233; postal receipts from July 1, 1899, to December 31, 1899, \$94,514; miscellaneous receipts from July 1, 1899, to December 31, 1899, \$293,534; total receipts, \$15,217,497.42.

**Hard Blow to Needy Ones.**

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 22.—The failure Saturday of the Knights and Ladies of the Fireside with about \$1,000 assets and more than \$15,000 liabilities, will bring disappointment and sorrow to many a family in Kansas. The majority of its 2,300 members live in Kansas. Most of them have been paying increased assessments for years to try and keep up their insurance in the order. Many of them are widows and orphans whose death claims against the order have been in litigation. Now all of these members and beneficiaries alike, may rest assured that they will never get a dollar because the treasury is practically empty.

**Disastrous Earthquake in Mexico.**

Colima, Mex., Jan. 22.—An earthquake shock began here at 11:45 Friday night and assumed serious proportions at Tenimata, many houses being badly injured and some of light construction were wrecked. There was great consternation and people rushed into the streets, some barely escaping with their lives. Seven people were killed outright and 60 were wounded and are being cared for by local surgeons.

**Dowager Empress Decried.**

Yokohama, Jan. 3, via San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Lively interest has been aroused by the publication of the secret decree of the empress dowager of China, in which she shows a sense of the danger which threatens the empire from foreign aggression. "The various powers," she says, "are casting upon us looks of tiger-like voracity, hustling each other in their endeavors to be the first to seize on our innermost territory."

**A Grant to Land in Kansas.**

Columbus, O., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Edgar A. Storer, wife of a Columbus broker, recently discovered among some old papers that had belonged to her mother, a grant of 80,000 acres of land in the west to her grandfather for distinguished services in the revolution. The grant is signed by one of Washington's generals. The matter has been investigated and it is said the family has a valid title to the land, which is located in Kansas.

**The Canal as a Waterway.**

Summit, Ill., Jan. 21.—To demonstrate the practicability of the drainage canal as a link in the deep waterway between the lakes and the gulf, the sanitary trustees Saturday aboard their private yacht, the Juliet, made the first trip between Chicago and Lockport over the new water course. The 25-foot depth of the canal afforded ample room for the trim yacht and the voyage was made in quick time.

**Army Chaplain's Wife Acquitted.**

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Mrs. M. A. Swift, wife of an army chaplain now in the Philippines, is under arrest here, charged with embezzlement and forgery. It is stated that the accused obtained goods to the extent of several thousand dollars from merchants here by forging her husband's name to a number of checks. She denies her guilt, and has appealed to Gen. Shafter for aid.

**Will Found M. E. Church in Havana.**

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 22.—Bishop Warren A. Candler, of the Methodist church south, will leave Atlanta Tuesday next for Havana to establish a church in that city. He takes with him \$5,000 raised by his personal efforts in Georgia. This will be the first church and school of the Methodist denomination to be established in Cuba.

## WORK OF A KANSAS MOB.

**George and Ed Meeks Taken from Jail at Fort Scott and Hanged to Nearby Trees.**

Fort Scott, Kan., Jan. 22.—George and Ed Meeks, convicted murderers of Leopold Edlinger, of Bates county, Mo., were taken from the jail in this city Saturday and lynched by a mob of 500 men. Amos Phillips, a convicted accomplice, was barely saved by a faction of the mob and the officers, because there is some doubt of his guilt. The lynching was conducted in a quiet manner.

The indignation that resulted in the lynching was provoked by a desperate attempt on the part of the Meeks men to murder a deputy sheriff and break jail on last Saturday evening. They felled the officer to the floor of the jail, and the death blow was awarded off by another officer, who arrived at the scene just in the nick of time. A battle of from 20 to 30 shots followed, during which George Meeks, one of the murderers, was shot in the leg. The nerve displayed by the two victims of the mob was only equaled by their utter indifference to the trial and the court which convicted them.

George Meeks, the older of the two, was carried to the tree, from which he was swung in front of the jail, smoking a cigarette, and was evidently as unconcerned in the matter as the least interested man in the crowd. His brother, Ed Meeks, attempted to make a statement, but the mob would not listen.

The atrocity of the crime of which the men had been convicted, and their sullenness and indifference to the sullen approbation of the court had infuriated the citizens four weeks ago, almost to the extent of lynching, and extra precautions were taken to prevent it. Officer Allen, who was so brutally assaulted, was a popular man, and the crowd that gathered around the jail during the battle never left until the lifeless bodies of the Meeks were hanging to trees 25 feet from the jail door.

## A PACK TRAIN CAPTURED.

**A Small American Force Ambushed by Filipino Insurgents and Compelled to Abandon Horses and Supplies.**

Manila, Jan. 22.—The escort of 50 men of company C, Thirtieth infantry, Lieut. Ralston commanding, which was ambushed near Lipa, consisted of 50 convalescents from the hospital, who were going to rejoin the regiment. The insurgents hid in the bushes along the road and opened fire upon the pack train from three sides. The Americans, in addition to their casualties, were compelled to abandon the train, which consisted of 22 horses. The latter, with their packs, all fell into the hands of the insurgents, who pursued the retreating escort for three miles along the road, until the Americans were reinforced.

**Missourian for Vice President.**

Washington, Jan. 22.—National Committeeman Payne, of Wisconsin, went over to New York Saturday. Before his departure he industriously circulated eulogistic stories regarding E. O. Stannard, of Missouri, with especial reference to that gentleman's availability for the republican vice presidential nomination. According to Mr. Payne, there is a large influx of settlers into Missouri, whose republican proclivities will materially assist in a republican victory there next fall.

**Boers Know They Must Be Defeated.**

Rome, Jan. 22.—Charles E. Macrum, former United States consul at Pretoria, who arrived here Saturday, left yesterday for Paris. Mr. Easton, of the Washington Post, who accompanied Mr. Macrum, said, in the course of an interview at Naples, that the Boers know they must ultimately be defeated, but are determined to resist to the last.

**Remembered Her Rescuer.**

Hamilton, O., Jan. 21.—Charles Scott, an itinerant banjo player, received word that he is heir to 215 acres of land near Anderson, Ind., and \$15,000 left to him by a woman whose life he saved five years ago. The woman broke through the ice on the White-water river and Scott jumped in and succeeded in bringing her to the shore.

**Lawton to Be Buried at Arlington.**

Washington, Jan. 21.—According to arrangements already made by the war department the remains of Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton, who was killed at San Mateo, Luzon, December 19, last, will be interred in the national cemetery at Arlington, with full military honors, the day after they reach this city.

**Reisen Gould's Latest Gift.**

New York, Jan. 21.—Miss Helen Gould's latest benefaction is for the sailors of the United States navy stationed in Brooklyn. She has given another large sum, said to be \$150,000, toward the building of a new home for the Seamen's Retreat, near the entrance to the navy yard.

**Osman Digna Imprisoned.**

Suakin, Jan. 22.—Osman Digna, principal general of the late Khalifa Abdullah, and who was captured last Thursday in the hills near Tokar, was brought here yesterday and imprisoned.

## SURPASSES THE WORST FEARS

**Famine in India Has Reached a Terrible Stage, Over 47,000,000 People Being Affected.**

Calcutta, Jan. 20.—The council Friday considered the famine situation. The official estimates show the cost to the government of the relief work, etc., to the end of March will be \$40,000,000 of rupees. About 22,000,000 persons are now affected in British territory and about 27,000,000 in the native states. The viceroy, Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, said that the famine area had expanded, surpassing the worst fears and they were now facing a cattle, water and food scarcity of a terrible character. About 3,250,000 persons, he continued, were already receiving relief.

While in 1897 the world shared India's sorrow and contributed hundreds of thousands of pounds towards the relief fund, the viceroy pointed out, India would now have to struggle alone, for thoughts of every Englishman in the world were centered on South Africa. It would be the duty of the government to pursue the task of saving millions of lives and it would spend its last rupee if necessary to do so.

## DENIAL FROM GROSVENOR.

**Makes a Statement Regarding Charges of Mr. Lenz About the Appointment of Polygamists.**

Washington, Jan. 20.—The investigation as to the alleged polygamist status of certain federal appointees in Utah was resumed by the house committee on post offices and post roads. Mr. Grosvenor made a flat denial of the statement made by Mr. Lenz as to the use of the words, "We have not let the grass grow under our feet," in reference to his charges. He said his statement to Mr. Lenz was in substance that the investigation would fail, there was nothing in the charges and that he had taken steps to learn the facts at the time of denying them on the floor of the house. His denial was based on his knowledge of the character of the president. Subsequently, during a call at the white house on another matter, Mr. Grosvenor said the president remarked to those present that he had never had a suspicion that he was appointing anyone guilty of polygamy as he had never heard of the charge until it was made in the house.

## HAS ITS ADVANTAGES.

**In an Address to Young Men Carnegie Said He Was "Born to the Blessed Heritage of Poverty."**

New York, Jan. 20.—Andrew Carnegie addressed the young men's Bible class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church last night on "Stepping Stones to Success in Business." He said in part:

"As a young man I had the best education in the world with which to begin life. I was born to the blessed heritage of poverty. I hope I speak to poor young men to-night. It is my earnest hope that none of you are burdened with the care of riches. When this burden is laid on a young man and he acts his part well he deserves double credit. He is surely the salt of the earth. In these days we hear a lot about poverty. The cry goes up to abolish poverty, but it will indeed be a sad day when poverty is no longer with us. Where will your inventor, your artist, your philanthropist, your reformer—in fact, anybody of note come from then? They all come from the ranks of the poor. God does not call his great men from the ranks of the rich."

## SHOT THEIR WAY OUT.

**Robbers Loot an Indiana Bank of \$2,500 and Escape from a posse That Surrounded Them.**

Rochester, Ind., Jan. 20.—The Commercial bank at Silver Lake, Kosciusko county, was last night robbed by burglars of \$2,500. Five charges of nitro-glycerine were used to open the safe. The robbers shot their way through a posse of citizens who attempted their capture and went to North Manchester on a handcar. William Price, a clerk, was severely wounded. One of the robbers cried "I'm shot," but escaped with the others. The posse was reported about 15 miles behind the robbers at Columbia City. The marauders are believed to be the same that have been committing many depredations in northern Indiana.

## OPINION WITHHELD.

**State Department Refuses to Forecast Status of Montague White, the Transvaal Consul, En Route Here.**

Washington, Jan. 20.—The state department has not been advised from any official source that Montague White, the consul of the Transvaal republic at London, is coming to Washington as a diplomatic representative of the Transvaal republic. In advance of his coming, the officials do not care to forecast the decision of the department as to his claim for recognition.

**The Chicago Drainage Canal.**

Chicago, Jan. 20.—By unanimous vote the committee on federal relations of the Chicago sanitary district yesterday decided to petition congress to assume control of the new \$33,000,000 drainage canal and convert it into a deep waterway connection between the great lakes and the gulf of Mexico.

## AGITATING THE FILIPINOS.

**Question of the Future of Friars Almost Overshadows That of the Insurrection—Working for Conciliation.**

Manila, Jan. 20.—The insurgents are apparently attempting to return to Laguna province in considerable force under command of Gen. Malbar. Small bands are concentrating east and west of Santo Tomas and attack supply trains which have been sent along the road. Hereafter the supplies will be shipped from Manila to Batangas province. Nine Americans are believed to be prisoners in Tayabas province. The merchants here are taking the fullest advantage of the opening of the ports. No news has been received from a large number of the hemp plantations for a year, and in some cases their owners have not seen them in that time.

Prominent merchants and leaders from the south visited Gen. Otis some months ago and discussed with him the future of the friars. They said that if Gen. Otis would shut his eyes the difficulty would be quickly ended, meaning that the friars would be expelled or murdered. Gen. Otis condemned the proposition, and cautioned the deputation that justice would be impartially administered.

Luzon is only one of the many islands deeply interested in the subject. While the necessity of meeting the issue is recognized, every effort is being made to conciliate the people until the insurrection is completely suppressed. Religious excitement remains as one of the few incentives capable of provoking resistance to the Americans, and it would be an easy weapon in the hands of unscrupulous leaders and the Hong Kong junta.

## THE CASTELLANE SCANDAL.

**Debts of Anna Gould's Husband May Reach \$4,000,000—Fashionable Friends in Paris Have Reputed Him.**

Paris, Jan. 20.—Social Paris is wild with excitement over the financial collapse of Count Boni de Castellane, who has been making such reckless plunges into society and political life with the Gould millions, brought him by his wife from America. Announcement is made that Castellane is enormously involved on the bourse by stock speculation and has lost everything. This was followed by the discovery that Castellane and his wife sailed secretly last Saturday for New York. The first reports that Count Boni had lost \$600,000 rose to \$1,600,000, while there are many reports that the total loss is \$4,000,000. His impetuosity has been the gossip of the boulevards, clubs and cafes for many months. His so-called "bills of honor" have been left unpaid, so much so that his fashionable friends have cut him and the aristocracy have declined to receive the Castellanes for months. It is generally believed in Paris that the object of the visit to New York is to raise money to tide over the present difficulties. Creditors are not alarmed. They believe the Gould millions are obtainable and inexhaustible.

**Philippine Postal Service.**

Washington, Jan. 20.—Beginning April 1, the Philippine postal service will be placed upon an improved footing, as in Cuba and Puerto Rico. Heretofore the Philippine service has been under the supervision of the postmaster at San Francisco. When the new order goes into effect money orders can be drawn upon points in the islands and registered letters sent between post offices there. Instead of making returns through the San Francisco office, auditors at Manila will be in charge and returns made directly to the post office department.

**Fire at Barnum & Bailey's Place.**

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 20.—Fire at the Barnum & Bailey winter quarters last night destroyed one of the large car barns containing eleven cars and also the quarters of the Italian laborers on the railroad improvements nearby, causing a loss estimated, all told, of \$70,000. Among the cars destroyed were two sleepers, the Buffalo Bill show buffet car and Mr. Bailey's private car, formerly used by the late P. T. Barnum.

**Preachers Must Pay the Costs.**

Toledo, O., Jan. 20.—The jury in the case of the Toledo Pastors' union prosecution of the "Wicked London" company for giving theatrical performances on Sunday, returned a verdict of not guilty and the costs were all assessed against the prosecution, about \$150.

**Wild Story About Otis.**

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 20.—J. P. Molera, who arrived from Manila, tells of an attempt on the life of Gen. Otis. He said that Gen. Otis once appeared on the firing line and a shot from one of the American soldiers whizzed uncomfortably close to his head. No one could learn who fired the shot.

**Two Western Appointments.**

Washington, Jan. 20.—The president Friday sent the following nominations to the senate: Thomas B. Hildebrand, of Albia, Ia., to be receiver of public moneys at Rampart City, Alaska; Daniel H. Wheeler, of Omaha, to be supervisor of the twelfth census for the Second district of Nebraska.