

ROBERTS IS AT CAPE

New Britain Commander-in-Chief and Lord Kitchener Arrive at Capetown.

CRITICAL CONDITIONS BEFORE HIM

Difficulties of Present Situation Said to Be Inside British Lines—General Buller Not in Good Health—He and Methuen Likely to Be Superseded by McDonald and Tucker.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—(New York World Cablegram)—Lord Roberts and General Buller arrived at Capetown today.

The military experts who give private points in the campaign that the editors do not permit them to print, declare that more difficulties of the present situation for them are found inside the British lines than any presented by the operations of the Boers.

Mail advices of the Magersfontein battle and disaster to the Highlands, with Colonel Wauchop's last words to his men: "Boys, don't blame me for this; I had orders and was carrying them out," show that there was some fault with the commanding officers.

Colonel Gough, who commanded the cavalry department under General Buller, is in London, pressing for a court-martial upon Methuen's report that he declined to carry out the orders given him by the general in charge. Gough has been temporarily placed and urged to postpone his personal demands until the war situation is more settled.

General Buller, who conducted the retreat from Dundee after General Buller's death, is also in London, but in strictest seclusion, suffering, it is said, from physical and mental collapse growing out of an attempt to follow orders and save the troops that were in deadly peril from trying to hold advanced posts in Natal without sufficient strength of cavalry and artillery.

The London newspapers, without making any direct charge, carry veiled announcements that General Buller is not in good health. It is known here that the war office receives little, if any, information from him directly. On the other hand, Lady Audrey Buller gets a message each day from her husband briefly announcing that he is well. The gossip goes that this is exactly the step a thoughtful husband would take to reassure his wife if he was not up to the mark.

General Buller, in an uncorroborated report, is declared to have been seen sitting in the Maitland railway station with his head in his hands bewailing the repulse of his troops.

The general in command of the communications first reported disaster to the Suffolk regiment under General Buller's command.

Thus Roberts and Kitchener's first task, the critics urge, must be to arrange the generals in charge of the various British forces so that all may be brought up to an effective fighting point.

Hector McDonald and Tucker are now on the way from India. It is suggested that the two generals from India will be sent to supersede or aid Methuen and Buller and that the new commanders now at Capetown will make every effort to throw all the reinforcements toward Colesberg or Sterkstroom and then reversing to the original plan of campaign, one or other of them will attempt to unite Buller and French's forces and move against the Boers through the Orange Free State.

WHAT UNITED STATES MEANS.

House Committee Names a Special Committee to Report on It.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The ways and means committee of the house today held a meeting today, at which a resolution was adopted upon motion of Lewis and Clark, as follows:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to report to the authorities and the law as to the meaning of the term "United States" in that provision of the constitution which declares that "all duties, imports and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States," viz.: Whether it includes simply the area actually included within the boundaries of states or whether it covers also the territories belonging to the United States.

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AMERICAN FLOUR RELEASED.

England Finally Decides Foodstuffs Not Contraband Unless for an Enemy.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The American flour seized off Delagoa bay has been released.

United States Ambassador Choate had an interview with the marquis of Salisbury this afternoon and received a verbal reply to the representations of the Washington government. The British note on this subject was sent later to the United States embassy. The gist of it was cabled to Washington.

In brief, foodstuffs are not considered contraband of war unless intended for the enemy.

The foreign office only arrived at a decision today and it was not until after Choate's interview with the marquis of Salisbury that a note embodying the provisions was drawn up. Several of the government's advisers wanted to make a regulation regarding canned goods, but this was decided to be impracticable. The decision to make flour and grain in transit to the enemy contraband is evidently hedged in by many difficulties of execution, but the foreign office believes that the investigation will generally determine whether the grain is really meant for consumption at Lourenzo Marquez or in the Transvaal.

Ambassador Choate cabled Lord Salisbury's note to the state department at Washington tonight and Secretary Hay is expected to reply accepting the terms. The latter step was not taken by Choate, as he had first to receive authority from the state department to do so.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Senator Hale of Maine offered a resolution today calling upon the state department for information as to what had been done regarding the seizure by Great Britain of American products in Delagoa bay. The resolution declared the property was now detained unjustly and without warrant. To the statement that the property was unjustly detained Platt of Connecticut took exception, believing it ought to be modified. Hale said the resolution presented a matter of vital importance and believed Great Britain ought to be informed of the sentiment of the United States. The resolution went over.

GREAT DEAL IN RANCH LAND.

Thousands of Acres of Grazing and Ranch Ground Bought.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 11.—Probably the largest deal in realty ever consummated in the Rocky mountain region has been closed here whereby the Warren Live Stock company, of which Senator Warren is president, gains control of thousands of acres of grazing and ranch lands south of this city and extending into Colorado for a distance of several miles. Some weeks ago one or two ranches were bought up and now the company has purchased the property of N. E. Wheeler of Carr, Colo., which includes the famous Willow Springs ranch near Carr and twelve other ranches, together with thousands of sheep, cattle and horses. The amount of the purchase is not known. The Warren company now has control of one of the largest ranches in the west and upon which there is ample feed at all seasons of the year for hundreds of thousands of sheep and cattle.

TO THE MEMORY OF HOBART.

Tribute to His Public Service and Private Character.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Beautiful and impressive tributes were paid by the senate today to the memory of the late vice president. His intimate personal relations with many senators and his close official affiliation with all of them rendered his death a distinct loss to every member of the body, as well as to the country. It was a commemoration of his illustrious career that the senate set apart the session today for the pronouncement of eulogies upon him.

Personal friends and associates and party friends and party opponents joined in paying such sincere and eloquent tributes to the memory of Mr. Hobart, as have seldom been paid to any public man.

FOR FIVE YEARS' MILITARY RULE.

Congressman Weeks Presents a Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Representative Weeks of Michigan has introduced a joint resolution citing the unsettled status of the people in the islands acquired from Spain and providing that for five years the president as commander-in-chief of the army and navy, shall continue military authority in said islands, and that congress shall deal with the subject at the expiration of this five-year period. In the meantime, it is provided that the reciprocity reductions now in force shall be continued.

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MEETS WITH CABINET

Secretaries to Have Full Powers Over All Officers in Their Districts.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PLANTERS

Scheme to Secure Ozen and Agricultural Implements is Voted by Governor General—Veterans Ask Universal Suffrage—Gen. Wood's First Meeting With the Cabinet.

HAVANA, Jan. 10.—General Wood held the first executive meeting of the cabinet today behind closed doors. After the session several of the secretaries declared that perfect harmony existed between the cabinet and governor general. The secretaries are to have full power over all officers in their respective districts subject only to confirmation by General Wood, who told the cabinet that he had noticed Cubans in public office who seemed to think three hours' was a day's work. He advised them that officeholders' hours of work should be from 9 to 11 a. m. and from 12 to 5 p. m., allowing the hour from 11 to 12 for breakfast. The secretaries agreed to enforce this rule, which will eventually be applied to all insular officials.

General Wood also told the secretaries that in giving them absolute power for appointments and discharges of employees in their respective departments he designed to hold each one personally accountable to himself. "There is a great deal of work ahead," he remarked, "and it can only be done by the heartiest co-operation and support. This you have promised and this I feel sure you will ungrudgingly accord."

The Society of Planters inquired of General Wood whether anything was to be gained by the society's advocacy of the scheme according to which the government was to be urged to furnish the peasants with oxen and agricultural implements. He replied that the society would do better to turn its attention to other matters, as it was practically impossible to attempt to get the scheme through.

The veterans of Santa Clara have telegraphed the veterans of Havana a strong expression of their desire for universal suffrage as "being in accordance with the principles of the revolution."

STORY OF HORRIBLE MURDER

Iowa Physician, While Insane, Kills a Young Child.

HAMPTON, Ia., Jan. 10.—Dr. J. W. Appleby, for several years the leading physician at Bristol, Butler county, last evening, in a fit of insanity, killed a 10-months-old child of Henry Wearly of this place, while making an examination of it in Dr. Hobson's office in this city.

The parents had taken the child to Dr. Hobson's office to be treated for some trifling ailment and before he had time to attend to it he was called out. Dr. Appleby, who was visiting Dr. Hobson, was in the office and the latter suggested that Dr. Appleby should make the necessary examination, which, as soon as Dr. Hobson left the office, he proceeded to do.

He took the child in his arms and handled it so roughly that the parents protested, but of no avail. He suddenly put his thumbs under its chin and with his fingers on top of its head, crushed its face in so that the blood gushed out of its nose and mouth.

Then he seized the child by one foot and began swinging it around his head, resisting all efforts of the terror-stricken parents to stop him, and it was not until help was gotten that the child was taken from him. It was quite dead.

The insane commission was immediately convened and at midnight Dr. Appleby was on his way to the hospital for the insane at Independence. Three or four hours after the occurrence he seemed comparatively rational and said he knew what he was doing when he killed the child, but could not help it. The cause of his insanity is supposed to be religious insanity.

STOP WINDOW GLASS FIGHT.

Slaughter of Prices is Over—Old Rates to Be Restored.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 10.—Window glass will soon be quoted again at its normal price. It is highly probable that when the restoration has been accomplished not another advance will follow.

The cut of 33 1/3 per cent made by the American Window Glass company, the combination, is to be called off. The slaughter of prices may be said to be over and peace will reign in the market. This has been accomplished by the formation of an organization of the independent and co-operative manufacturers held at the Hotel Lincoln today. There were about 740 out of a possible 940 pots represented. It was decided to form a selling agency to be known as the Independent Window Glass Manufacturers association.

Rural Free Delivery.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The legislative committee of the National Congress, consisting of Messrs. Hollis, Bachelor and Aaron Jones, called on First Assistant Postmaster General Heath to urge a measure which will be presented to congress for an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for rural free delivery.

Bryan to Speak at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 10.—Arrangements for the mass meeting for W. J. Bryan at Music hall, January 17, have been completed by the Hamilton County Bimetallic council. Free silver clubs of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky have been invited. Dr. R. H. Resemlein is chairman of the entertainment committee and H. Grosbeck of the escort committee. Mr. Bryan's subject will be "The Political Problems of the Times." Bryan will be at Frankfort, Ky., on January 16 to participate in celebrating the re-election of Senator Blackburn and will stop here on his eastern tour.

Was Willing to Die.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 10.—William Wasco, a Hungarian, was hanged in the yard of the county court house at 10:10 o'clock this morning. Wasco met his fate without flinching. On the scaffold he prayed and then said: Goodbye, people, I gladly give my life for my sweethearts. I loved her. After the trap was sprung death resulted in a few minutes from strangulation. The crime for which Wasco was executed was the murder of Annie Sestek, a Hungarian girl, who had refused to marry him. He shot himself at the same time, but recovered.

South Dakota Bank Falls.

PLANKINTON, S. D., Jan. 10.—The State bank, owned by D. L. Stevens, failed to open its doors this morning. Owing to Stevens' absence nothing could be learned as to the particulars of the failure. Stevens went east Saturday, presumably to secure assistance, and wired his cashier not to open the bank today. Stevens owned a drug store, which he transferred to his head clerk. It being the only bank here, nearly every business man was caught in the failure. Aurora county, it is said, had about \$6,000 on deposit.

BULLER A DISAPPOINTMENT.

Belief He Should Have Attacked When Battle Was on at Ladysmith.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Further news of General Buller's victory is anxiously awaited as it is generally realized today that there was little warrant for the exultation which followed the announcement of his repulse of the Boers. The remarkable revolution in Boer tactics has been another complete surprise to the British, who had not reckoned on the weakened garrison at Ladysmith being subjected to such a courageous assault, and it is realized that General Buller's troops cannot be expected to greatly prolong such an arduous defense. In some quarters it is considered unaccountable that General Buller did not press his attempt to effect a passage of the Tugela river while the Boers were engaged northward, and the comments on his apparent supineness are now complimentary.

From the Boer headquarters it is reported that General Buller is constructing a subsidiary railroad from the main line to Colenso westward in the direction of Potgieter's drift. Advice from the Modder river says the Boers continue to extend their operations, and it is estimated that 30,000 men are required to defend them.

The prisoners captured by the Canadians and Queenslanders at Sunny-side are going to Capetown for trial as rebels. The Canadians expressed intense indignation on learning that the prisoners were British subjects.

The colonists are continuing to earn warm praise on all sides, the latest example of their effective work being recorded in the dispatch to the London Times, dated January 5, from the Modder river, cabled to the Associated Press last night, which said that the news from Belmont showed that the Canadians and Queenslanders had been so energetic that it seemed to hold each the Boers had been compelled to desert a large belt of the Orange Free State territory across the border.

Little change is apparent in the position at Colenso. General French reported to the war office Sunday morning, January 7, that he had reconnoitered with a squadron of the Household Cavalry on the Boer west flank two miles from Achterlang and drew a considerable force of the burghers, who, being desirous for their communications with Novalisport, withdrew.

The casualties of the Suffolk near Colenso were:

Killed—Colonel Watson and Lieutenants William Carey and Witte and twenty-three men.

Missing—Captains Brett, Thomson and Brown and Lieutenants Allen, Wood-Martin and Rutler, and 107 men. Wounded—Twenty-one men.

General French further reports that the casualties of the other regiments to January 4 were: five men killed and forty-four wounded.

The queen has telegraphed her congratulations and thanks to General Buller and his troops of Ladysmith.

DONATE MONEY FOR MISSIONS.

Foreign Board Receives a Total of \$633,016 During the Year.

BOSTON, Jan. 10.—The American board of foreign missions made public today its eighty-ninth annual report. The summary for the year follows: Donations, \$291,280; legacies, \$102,219; donations for school fund, \$6,745; donations for Merion Missionary, \$2,887; donation for young missionaries, \$3,416; donations for debt of September 1, 1898, \$13,002; donations for mission work for women, \$206,002; income of funds, \$7,491; total, \$633,016.

The eastern Turkey mission has been active in pressing the claims and needs of the Armenians of Turkey and educating them until it is now difficult to find a Protestant woman who cannot read and large numbers of the Gregorian women are equally educated. A multitude of purely Gregorian committees are asking for Christian teachers, to which requests missionaries are unable at the present time to respond.

Allows No Representation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—A special from Washington says: The Transvaal government has informed the United States that W. Stanley Hollis, American consul at Pretoria, will not be permitted to represent British interests in the republic during the war; it being against the Transvaal's policy to permit any British representative in Pretoria. Consul Hollis, however, will be permitted to care for British prisoners of war confined in Pretoria, in his personal capacity.

Pressing Damage Claims.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—There is some reason to believe that the United States and German embassies are trying to find a common basis on which they can co-operate in pressing their respective demands against Great Britain for the Delagoa bay seizure. A high official of the German embassy had a long conference today at the American embassy and the diplomats are believed to have discussed the steps each country has already taken and the best future procedure.

Killed Between Trains.

SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 15.—Ed Burr, who lived at Twenty-fourth and W streets, was crossing the Missouri Pacific tracks enroute to his work at one of the packing houses, when he stepped between tracks to avoid a train going one way and was hit by one bound in the opposite direction. He was taken to the South Omaha hospital suffering from what was pronounced concussion of the brain and internal injuries, which proved fatal.

Missing Bank Cashier Returns.

SHUBERT, Neb., Jan. 15.—G. A. Argabright, former cashier of the defunct Farmers' State bank, left here in July about seven years ago, said to be short \$22,000 in cash. Nothing has been heard from him since then until his appearance here a few days ago. It is said he has been in Kansas City for the last two years engaged as a portrait painter. Argabright says he is willing to tell all he knows about the bank's affairs, but declares there was nothing criminal in the causes of the failure.

Caught Upon Shafting.

OMAHA, Jan. 15.—William Rowe, aged about 30, employed in the car shops of the Omaha Packing company, was caught upon shafting, twisted up on the shaft and instantly killed. Mr. Rowe lived at 1821 Leavenworth street, Omaha, and leaves a wife and a little daughter. He has been employed by the Omaha company a number of years and was well respected among his fellow workmen and highly respected by his employers.

SMILEY IN HARD LUCK

Loses a Valuable Stock of Goods Besides His Wife.