

PLAN FOR PEACE

Rumor at Berlin that a Movement is Under Way.

MOST OF PAPERS DISCREDIT REPORT

English Prestige Demands a Continuance of War—May Not Win in the End—German Military Man Has His Doubts of English Success.

Sunday's news that a peace movement is growing in Great Britain is received in Berlin with incredulity. The Lokal Anzeiger says:

"It is impossible that the British government, in any event, could be influenced by such a movement. Great Britain's prestige imperatively demands, since she has gone upon the war path, that she should carry matters to a successful issue."

The Lokal Anzeiger contains an article by General von Schmeling, criticizing the war and saying that it is questionable whether Great Britain, even with Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener and 150,000 men will win.

The following dispatches show the conditions in South Africa:

Durban, Friday, January 12.—The entire absence of news from Chieveley or Frere Camp continues, but there is a persistent rumor here that Lady Smith has been relieved.

Boer Headquarters at Colenso, Jan. 11, via Pretoria, via Lourenzo Marques, Jan. 13.—Everything points to a great battle within the next few days. Ladysmith, for the last two nights, has been firing rockets. The object is not known here.

Ladysmith, Jan. 12.—(By Heliograph)—The besiegers have been quiet for two days, but can be seen in active movement on the distant hills. We have received two small bodies galloping with two machine guns.

The Boer heavy piece on Bulwana hill has not been fired for two days. More Boer dead have been found at the base of Caesars camp. All is well here.

President Kruger in the course of a stirring address just issued to the burghers, affirms that Providence is on their side; that their cause is just and that they must succeed.

Reports from Colesberg represent the position there as favorable to the Boers, but that the British concentrating for operations on a large scale. The official list of the Boer casualties in what is called the "Plat rand fight," on Saturday, January 6 (the attack upon Ladysmith), shows twenty-six killed and seventy-seven wounded. These figures are described as the "first return."

The embargo at Delagoa bay upon Transvaal imports is the question of the hour with the burghers. If it is not removed it is asserted that steps will be taken prejudicial to prisoners and aliens.

DETAINED AT QUARANTINE

Two Steamers Arrive From Plague-Infected District.

The Lamport and Holt line steamer Strabo, loaded with coffee which sailed from Santos December 19, arrived at Quarantine, New York. She remained at Santos for thirty days, during which time and during the voyage to this port there was not a case of sickness among her crew. She will be detained at Quarantine for disinfection. The consular bills of health of the Strabo report thirty-eight cases of plague and ten deaths from that disease at the port of Santos. The British bark Lancefield, which arrived from Santos in ballast, is also detained at Quarantine for disinfection. All on board are well.

REPORT MAY BE DELAYED

Roberts Committee Looking Into Every Phase of the Question.

The Roberts investigating committee say the outlook for reaching a conclusion is quite indefinite, as individual views were being expressed for the purpose of securing some common basis of understanding. The absence of Mr. Miles of Indiana, on account of a death in his family, may result in putting off a report until some time this week. Chairman Taylor states that the lack of a speedy report is in no way significant of disagreement in the committee, but it is owing to the mature consideration which is being given to the numerous important questions involved.

GERMANY TIRING OF DELAY

Anxiously Awaiting an Answer to Her Protest.

There is still great dissatisfaction in Germany at Great Britain's long delay in releasing the Bundesrath and in sending a formal answer to Germany's protest. A high official at the foreign office voiced the foregoing sentiment when questioned on the subject, adding: "Apparently the London government has tried to expedite matters, but the Durban authorities are unduly slow, seeming to be determined to open the last box of the Bundesrath's cargo in order to avoid an admission of error."

Run Down by Train.

Missouri Pacific train No. 132, south-bound, struck J. W. Burr south of Swift's packing plant. He was taken to the South Omaha hospital, where he died three hours later. Mr. Burr was an employee of the Armour Packing company, working in the cellar, and was on his way to work.

Buried by a Cave-In.

By a cave-in at the Barbee mine at Webb City, Mo., Joseph Cox, Charles Stone and John Lloyd, miners, were buried under fifty tons of earth and instantly killed.

INTERESTED IN WELFARE

King Oscar Watchful of Scandinavians in America.

King Oscar, in the course of a private audience recently granted a correspondent of the Associated press, dictated the following message to the Scandinavians in the United States:

"Tell those of my two peoples who have taken up their abode in the United States, and their descendants, that I follow their path with love and interest, and that I feel their joys and their sorrows as if they were my own."

"I am glad to hear that the Swedes and Norwegians are among the most respected citizens of your great country. May it always go well with them."

His majesty, who talked in a charming manner of events in the United States and elsewhere, seemed greatly interested in hearing of the evidences of prosperity in America, showed himself well informed regarding the American problems in the Philippines, and expressed a fervent wish that the war there, as well as the war in South Africa, might soon be over.

MAY REORGANIZE MILITIA

Annual Meeting of Iowa National Guard Association.

The annual meeting of the Iowa national guard association, held at Des Moines recently, discussed the reorganization of the militia. A legislative committee was instructed to take measures to assure that the reorganized guard shall be given equipment equal to the regular army.

A resolution was offered demanding that the state pay to the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth and Fifty-second Iowa volunteer regiments a bounty equal to the amount expended in furnishing transportation to the Fifty-first from San Francisco to Des Moines when the regiment came home from Luzon. This was voted down unanimously. The guardsmen preferred the money be devoted to equipping the guards.

CANNOT SCALE DOWN TAXES

Decision Rendered by Illinois Supreme Court.

The Illinois supreme court at Springfield has handed down a decision declaring void section 49 of the new revenue law, which provided for the scaling down of the tax levy. The law applied to all the state and all the assessed valuation of the property has been heavily increased in some sections, the knocking out of the limitations clause of the new law will result in a large increase in the tax levy, as by this ruling the old scale will be used. In Chicago and Cook county the increase will range from 10 to 50 per cent. The decision has created considerable surprise.

Preparing to Withdraw.

It is authoritatively stated that the boss rod rollers of the Cleveland district of the American Steel and Wire company have tendered their resignation with a view of withdrawing from the rod rollers' association. It is understood that this action was taken because as they say they have no grievance and believe that in the interest of themselves and the mill employes it is unfair to insist upon the present demands particularly in face of the voluntary advance in wages already made.

Bellboy Charged With Theft.

Edward Callahan, alias Callaghan, alias Will Parr, was arrested at the Washington hotel at Kansas City where he was employed as a bellboy, on the strength of a telegram from Chicago stating that he is wanted there on a charge of stealing \$1,000 worth of diamonds from a guest in the Hotel Saratoga. Callahan, who is twenty years old, says he will fight against being taken to Chicago.

First Moody Controversy.

A Chicago dispatch says: The Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman has resigned as vice president of the Moody Bible institute, as the result of a controversy as to who should write the official life of the dead evangelist—himself or Will R. Moody. Both claim the biography is authorized, but Mr. Moody says he has the indorsement of the family. Dr. Chapman is pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church, New York.

More Money for Drake.

Ex-Gov. F. M. Drake of Centerville, Ia., for whom Drake university of Des Moines is named, has increased his donations to that institution \$32,500, which will be used in making immediate necessary improvements. He said he hoped to see the university have an endowment of a million dollars and expected to furnish at least one-fourth of that sum.

Has His Skull Fractured.

J. S. Harrison, a real estate man of Kansas City, a brother of ex-President Harrison, was kicked on the head by a vicious horse at Beaumont, Tex., and his skull was fractured. He is resting easily and his physicians hope for his recovery.

Three Burned to Death.

A Blanchard, aged sixty-five, his wife, aged forty-three, and a boarder named William Money, aged fifty-eight were burned to death in their home at Merrimac, N. H. The cause of the fire is unknown.

In Order to Secure Better Protection

against cattle swindlers and workers of fraud, several representatives of Chicago live stock commission firms enroute to the Fort Worth cattle convention stopped off at Kansas City long enough to form what will be known as the live stock commission merchant's protective association. M. P. Buell, of Chicago was elected president. Twenty Chicago and Kansas City firms were represented at the meeting.

The national officers of the Women's Christian Temperance union are moving to Evanston.

QUOTES THE BIBLE

Kruger Finds Justification for His Position.

GOLD MINES TO BE DESTROYED

Final Proclamation Issued to Burghers—Crossing of Border by British the Signal for Work of Demolition—All Burghers Ordered Out.

A London Daily Mail dispatch dated Lourenzo Marques, January 13, says:

President Kruger has issued a proclamation ordering burghers to the front. The Volksstem, the Transvaal official organ, suggests that the moment the British cross the border the gold industry should be irretrievably destroyed.

President Kruger issued a circular dated January 8, to Boer commanders and burghers, urging them to show more energy in the Transvaal cause. He quotes psalm 33, verse 7, as God given instructions to the burghers, and says that the British have fixed their faith in psalm 83. He also quotes psalm 89, verses 13 and 14, and asserts that he has searched the Bible without being able to find any other mode which can be followed by the Boers, who must fight "in the name of the Lord."

"Commandeering is proceeding busily at Pretoria, where the town guard is exchanging Mausers for Martins, as the former are badly needed at the front. It is said that there are nearly 3,000 British prisoners in Pretoria."

General Buller's latest authentic word as to what he and his 30,000 men are doing has been wired from Springfield after his first forward step. Striving to think out the unknown, London is confused by surmise and rumor and disquieted by suspense. Spencer Wilkinson, the lucid military expert of the Morning Post, asserts that the Boer force in northern Natal is larger than General Buller's and Sir George White's together, so that the Boers are able to leave a force around Ladysmith larger than that within the town, and yet to oppose General Buller with a force superior to his own.

Reports from the Boer camps affirm that the circle of investment has been drawn closer by the occupation of some hills nearer the town, thus liberating reinforcements to oppose General Buller.

A telegram from Newport, Wales, says Rutherford Harris, formerly resident director in South Africa of the British South Africa company, has received a cablegram to the effect that General Buller has suffered another reverse. Later Mr. Harris denied having received the cablegram referring to the alleged repulse of General Buller.

EACH SIDE CLAIMING SUCCESS

Contrary Reports Concerning Columbian Revolution.

Advices just received from Columbia, says a Kingston, Jamaica, dispatch, reiterate the statement that the main body of the Columbian revolutionists, after occupying Bucaramanga on January 6 and securing large quantities of stores, proceeded toward Socorro, to which other bodies were converging, with a view of forming a junction and delivering a concerted attack upon Bogota. In this attempt the Columbians expected the assistance of a considerable body of Venezuelans, understood to be advancing from the frontier.

On the other hand, the government dispatches reaffirm the reports of a complete rout of the main body of the insurgents in two heavy battles near Bucaramanga and Cerrita, entirely frustrating the insurgent plans.

As against this, advice from yet another quarter declares that the government is completely disorganized and that the government troops are retreating toward Bogota, avoiding conflicts. In this connection it is pointed out that the drafting of troops into the capital is a significant indication of the government's position.

Poison in Wedding Feast.

Nearly a hundred guests who assembled at 569 Canal street, Chicago, Ill., to witness the wedding of Morris Pollock and Anna Sehan, were poisoned during dinner which followed the wedding ceremony. In less than half an hour after dinner nearly everyone in the hall was in a helpless condition. What article of food contained the poison no one has yet been able to learn, but the most popular belief is that it was the chicken, which had been prepared in a copper kettle. So far no deaths have been reported, but many are seriously ill, including the bride and groom.

Bonfilis is Better.

The condition of Frederick G. Bonfilis of the Denver Post, who was shot on Saturday last by Attorney W. W. Anderson, has improved considerably and strong hopes for his recovery are entertained. His partner, H. H. Tamm, whom Anderson also shot, is believed to be practically out of danger.

Life Mileage of a Letter-Carrier.

David Ramsay, a letter-carrier who delivers mail in Alyth, Scotland, from the Kirriemuir postoffice, has just been retired at the age of 80. He figures that in the thirty-seven years he has been delivering mail he has traveled 232,000 miles.

Britain's Match Consumption.

More matches are used in Great Britain than in any other country in the world. It has been estimated that British people use an average of eight matches each person per day, and annually over 1,700,000,000,000 are burned.

SAVED FROM AWFUL FATE

Woman in a Trance Almost Buried Alive.

An East St. Louis, Ill., January 15 dispatch says: Mrs. Christian Hirth emerged from a trance this morning to find herself under process of being embalmed and prepared for the grave. The discovery of life was the result of the merest accident and astounded the undertakers. A movement of an eyelid saved the woman from death at the hands of the undertaker or from burial alive.

This morning, while her husband watched at her bedside at the hospital, she gave a deep sigh, and then seemed to breathe no more. When the county physician arrived he felt her pulse and made other tests and then pronounced her dead. The county undertaker was called and shortly afterward proceeded to embalm the body in the dead room. During the operation the undertaker noticed a faint quiver of the eyelid and at once applied the most powerful test known to undertakers and was rewarded with a faint sign of life. He summoned assistance and the body was removed to a bed in the hospital. The doctor was called and restoratives applied.

Gradually the woman came out of her trance and was able to move her body. It is expected that she will regain some of her strength and live for a while at least.

"Goose Plant" in Bloom.

The "goose plant" is in bloom in the Washington Park tropical house for the first time since the experiments with the flower in 1895. A score of blossoms have reached maturity on the vines, which are rapidly covering both sides of the hothouse. The blossom is eight inches in length, and consists of a single green leaf so shaped that it has the appearance of a goose with head and neck drawn back into its body. A long filament-like tail swings from the end of the blossom. The plant is a native of Guatemala.

Harrison Won't Run.

Mayor Carter H. Harrison has made a declaration that his declination to make the race for governor of Illinois on the democratic ticket is final. Adlai Stevenson's friends are urging him to accept the nomination.

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Senator Mason of Illinois has introduced a bill to prevent adulteration of foodstuffs.

Marion Manola Mason, the comic opera singer, has sued her husband for divorce on statutory grounds.

At Belgrade, Mont., Frank Rogers, a merchant, shot and killed his landlady, Mrs. Etta Davis, and then killed himself. Jealousy and a drink caused the deed.

The question of a new depot for Hastings has been practically settled by the B. & M. starting condemnation proceedings against the property in block 25.

Austin K. Wheeler, treasurer of the Lemon & Wheeler Wholesale Grocery company of Grand Rapids, Mich., committed suicide by shooting. The cause is unknown.

The rolling mill of the Danville and Bessemer Steel company at Danville, Pa., was damaged by fire to the extent of \$50,000. During the fire six men were injured.

James Nichols has sued the city of Schuyler, Neb., for damages amounting to \$1,500 for injuries sustained by his little daughter in falling through a defective sidewalk.

Emperor William is still furious over the seizure of the Bundesrath. He is not satisfied that the seizure was made at the instance of the admiralty and not of the foreign office.

E. P. Spencer, of Fremont, Neb., an Elkhorst brakeman, met a terrible fate at Howells. While trying to cut off the air between moving cars he was caught beneath the wheels and his body ground to shreds.

The United States supreme court has declared that the conviction of Henry Bolln, formerly city treasurer of Omaha, was right. The decision was by Justice Brown. The opinion refused Bolln's application for a writ of error.

Roland Reed, the actor, who has been in St. Luke's hospital, New York, for some weeks, is reported as somewhat better. The attending physicians say that while Mr. Reed was by no means out of danger he had continued to improve during three or four days.

The trans-Atlantic steamship lines have increased their passenger rates between New York and Europe, owing to the heavy travel that is expected to the Paris exposition. The Holland-American line has specified a general 10 per cent increase on its principal steamers.

At Lewiston, Ill., the grand jury returned an indictment holding William R. Thomas of Vermont, Ill., on a charge of murdering his mother-in-law, Mrs. Jane Fowler. Shortly after taking supper with Thomas Mrs. Fowler was taken violently ill and died. Arsenic was found in the stomach in large quantities.

Seen in the Rough.

Tortoise shells as they are unloaded from the ships are far from beautiful. To be classed as rough they must be just as they were when taken from the tortoise's backs. It is not until washed and scoured with acids that their exquisite coloring shows. The same is true of the beautiful sea shells which come here from the shores of India and other tropical lands. There is almost as much difference between them in the rough and when finished as there is between uncut diamonds and those that have passed through a lapidary's hands.

A DUEL IN A HOTEL

Kentucky Feud Ends in a Fearful Tragedy.

THREE LIVES WERE WIPED OUT

Former Congressman Plays a Principal Part—Non-Participating Bystander Killed and Another Mortally Wounded—War the Cause.

A Frankfort, Ky., January 17 special says: A shocking tragedy, in which the lives of three prominent men were sacrificed and that of a fourth hangs on a slender thread, while two others miraculously escaped with painful injuries occurred here at 1 o'clock yesterday. The principals in the tragedy were ex-Congressman David M. Colson of Middleboro and Lieutenant Ethelbert Scott of Somerset. Scott was shot six times by Colson and almost instantly killed. Luther W. Demaree, assistant postmaster at Shelbyville, an innocent bystander, was shot three times and died instantly. Charles Julian, another bystander, was shot and died a half hour later, and Captain B. B. Golden of Harboursville, commonwealth attorney of the Twenty-seventh judicial district, was shot in the back and is not expected to survive the night.

Colonel Colson himself was shot twice in the arm. Harry McEwing of Louisville was shot in the foot and W. O. Ridpatch of Chicago sustained a broken leg by the lifeless form of Scott, falling against him as it rolled down the stairway. The tragedy is one of the most sensational in the history of "the dark and bloody ground."

The killing occurred in the lobby of the Capital hotel, the principal hostelry of the state capital, the room being well filled at the time with politicians and others who are here attending the contest for state offices before the legislature. Colonel Colson is in jail tonight charged with murder, but he claims self-defense.

The witnesses to the affair were taken so much by surprise when the shooting began that most of them were almost panic-stricken, and there are many conflicting stories as to how the fight began.

Colonel Colson, who killed Scott and who is charged with the killing of both Demaree and Julian, and with shooting Golden, has long been a prominent figure in Kentucky politics. He was elected to congress in 1890, but resigned to accept a commission as colonel of a regiment during the Spanish war, in which Scott was a lieutenant and Golden was captain of a cavalry troop, and the trouble which led to the tragedy began then.

A feud sprang up between Colson and Scott while the troops were in camp at Anniston, Ala., and in this it is said by Colson's friends that Captain Golden was a warm partisan of Scott. The trouble between them at that time culminated in a meeting between them in a restaurant which resulted in Colson being shot by Scott. The regiment was shortly afterwards mustered out of the service as a result of the feud between the officers and the serious charges and countercharges which they had made at Washington against each other as officers. Since then the parties had not met until yesterday, and it has generally been believed that blood would be spilled should they meet, as both were known to be looking for each other. Colson was the most widely known of those who figured in today's tragedy, but none of the others were obscure.

JUDGES FOR ALASKA

Senate Committee Has the Bill Under Consideration.

The senate committee on territories has considered a bill creating three judicial districts for Alaska and for a revision of the laws of the United States applying to the territory. A number of Alaska men were present with the committee and made suggestions which they desired to be incorporated in the law. They were asked if there was any sentiment in favor of dividing the territory of Mount St. Elias, making the southeastern portion the territory of Seward. The reply was that the people believed such a division would be necessary at some future time. The judicial bill was referred to a sub-committee.

May Abandon Exposition.

Directors of the Ohio Centennial company have announced that unless \$338,000 stock subscriptions are forthcoming from the public within one week they will abandon the project of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Ohio into the Union in 1902. The directors of the enterprise have been trying for nearly a year to raise \$500,000, which amount is necessary before government and state appropriations are available.

Three Boys Drowned.

Three boys, Richard French, Thomas O'Brien and Charles Pacho, were drowned in Gas House pond, Louisville, Ky., while playing on the ice.

Wants Farm Statistics.

Director of the Census Merriam suggests that they use some of their spare time between now and June next in thoroughly preparing themselves to answer promptly and accurately the questions relative to the acreage, quantity and value of crops; the quantity and value of all farm products, animal and vegetable; the cost of fertilizers and farm labor, and, in fact, all the items of farm operations for the calendar year 1899, which the census enumerators are by law compelled to ascertain.

THEY WANT MORE POWER

Interstate Commerce Commission Appeals to Congress.

The interstate commerce commission has made public its thirteenth annual report. The feature of the report is the strong plea made that congress uphold the hands of the commission by amendments making the interstate commerce law more effective. The report says that the commission a year ago called attention to the fact that in vital respects the present law has proved defective and inadequate and that until further legislation is provided the best efforts at regulation must be feeble and disappointing. The requests of the commission for needful amendments have been supported by petitions and memorials from agricultural, manufacturing and commercial interests throughout the country, yet, says the report, not a line of the statute has been changed and none of the burdensome conditions which call for relief has been removed or modified. The existing situation, and the developments of the past year, it is added, render more imperative than ever before the necessity for speedy and suitable legislation. Nine-tenths of the people know that any railroad company can charge for its service whatever it pleases, without any real power in this commission or any other tribunal or court to limit the amount of such charge when complaint is made by the aggrieved shipper, and they are substantially of one mind in desiring that this and other defects in the statute be promptly remedied. Shippers generally also have been practically unanimous in favor of a single classification of freights, one that will be uniform for all roads and all sections of the country and reasonably stable when established.

FLOODS IN WEST RECEDING

Trains Tied Up, But No Further Known Loss of Life.

A dispatch from Spokane, Wash., says: The floods in the Potlach and Clearwater rivers are receding. The wires to Kendrick and Juliaetta are down, hence meagre information comes from there, but enough to show that no further damage has been done. Lewiston has mail for the first time in three days. All traveling in that vicinity is by wagons. Trains are everywhere tied up in the valleys on account of damage to the roadbeds.

The weather has suddenly turned cold in the vicinity of Tacoma, and the waters of the rivers which have been causing damage by floods in the valley have gone down. In the mountains the streams are all reported to be frozen up and the meltings of snow has stopped. The Northern Pacific has cleared its tracks and fears no more trouble.

NOTHING HEARD FROM HIM

Strange Disappearance of Hamilton Stafford Unexplained.

The strange disappearance of Hamilton Stafford of Cortland from Lincoln on the afternoon of January 3 still furnishes considerable cause for speculation among those most interested. Mr. Stafford came to this city to transact some business on that day. He was last seen on the streets, so far as current knowledge goes, at about 1:30 in the afternoon by Elmer Salisbury, a young man who worked for him when he was farming near Raymond two years ago. Since that time nothing has been heard from or of him and he has dropped completely out of sight. The efforts of the friends of the family to get trace of him have not been successful, and Mrs. Stafford says that she knows no more about him or his whereabouts now than the day he disappeared. She suspects foul play.

A BABY ABANDONED

Depot Police in Omaha Makes a Find of Boy Infant.

When Depot Master Simpson went on duty at the union depot in Omaha he noticed an odd looking bundle stored away in one corner of the basement. It looked like an old overcoat which some one had tied up in a bundle and cast aside, but when he picked up the strange package a plaintive cry issued forth. He hurriedly investigated. After unwrapping several rolls of clothing the depot master brought to light an infant—a little boy—apparently four or five days old.

Simpson made known his discovery to the police and Sergeant Hudson was sent to bring the little stranger to the station where he was placed in charge of Matron Tiedeman. During the morning several persons called and offered to give the baby a home. It was finally taken in charge by Mrs. Ida Baldwin, 1712 California street, who desires to keep it.

Havana Customs Receipts.

The war department has given out for publication a statement for the receipts from customs at the port of Havana, Cuba, for the month of December, 1899. The total receipts for the month were \$1,108,180. Attention is invited to the fact that though there were only twenty-six working days in the month of December, the total collections exceeded those in any other month of the past year.

Forty-five Year Sentence.

A Carbondale, Ill., dispatch says: In the trial of Frank Davis, charged with the killing of his wife and sixteen year old girl near Murphysboro, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty and fixed the penalty at forty-five years in the penitentiary. Davis is thirty years old.

A negro named Anderson Gause was found hanging to a limb of a tree near Henning, Tenn. It is supposed he was lynched for aiding in the escape of the Ginerly brothers, colored, who recently murdered two officers near Ripley, Tenn.