

BULLER GOES BACK

Last Movement Declared Complete Failure.

HAS RE-CROSSED THE TUGELA RIVER

Desultory Cannonade, But No Active Fighting—First Report From Boer Headquarters Telling of Retreat Causes Consternation.

A Leipzig, February 9 dispatch says: The Neueste Nachrichten prints a special dispatch from a correspondent who claims that General Buller's third attempt to relieve Ladysmith has completely failed.

Mr. Balfour, the government leader, replying to a question in the house of commons as to whether any information had been received from the seat of war, said:

"Our information points to the fact that General Buller is not pressing an advance from the position he has occupied. We do not consider it right to press him for details of the operations which are in progress, nor if he gives such information do we deem it proper to make this public until such operations are completed. The government had no information as to whether General MacDonald has retired."

A dispatch from Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Thursday, Feb. 8, says: The British who were in possession of the kopje at Molen's drift abandoned it after a bombardment by Boer cannon this morning and retired across the Tugela river to their former position.

A desultory cannonade is proceeding at the Tugela this morning, but otherwise everything is quiet.

A London, Feb. 9, dispatch says: Up to the present time the war office has evidently heard nothing of General Buller's retreat as described in the dispatches from the Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, February 8.

When shown the Boer dispatch the officials appeared utterly dumfounded. Apparently they had not the least suspicion of the possibility of such an outcome of the operation.

It is said on reliable authority that General Buller's dispatch announcing Monday's and Tuesday's movements was particularly hopeful. He described the position gained as effective, so the news of another retirement is exceedingly bitter to the British, and, though it comes from Boer sources, there is little disposition to discredit it.

The news spread rapidly, and, naturally, disappointment was visible on all sides, although the long silence from the Upper Tugela had already aroused apprehension that General Buller might have found it impossible to go forward, in which case he would have no option but to recross the river.

APPEAL TO FEDERAL COURT

Attorneys for Minor State Officers in Kentucky Appeal to Courts.

A Cincinnati dispatch says: Judge William H. Taft, who has just been appointed as president of the new Philippine commission, has given notice to counsel that on February 12 he would hear arguments on the petition of the state officers of Kentucky other than governor and lieutenant governor or for a restraining order against the three members of the Kentucky state board of election commissioners and the contestants other than those of governor and lieutenant governor.

The legislature in Kentucky hears and decides contests for governor and lieutenant governor, but the contests for other state offices comes before the state board of election commissioners, sitting as a contest board and in which said board has final jurisdiction. This petition for an injunction against the present state board of election commissioners and the democratic contestants for minor state offices is therefore not one affecting Governor Taylor and Lieutenant Governor Marshall.

IRISH GIRLS GET FORTUNE

Declared Entitled to Property of John McClellan.

In the celebrated case at Sioux Falls involving the heirship to the estate of John McClellan, the wealthy pioneer who was crushed and killed in an elevator in the Vaneps building on August 2 last, County Judge Wilkes the other day handed down his decision, in which he holds that the Ireland claimants, Mary McClellan and Margaret Hamill, nieces of the deceased, have made the best prima facie case and, in accordance with their petition, William Vaneps, a prominent business man, was appointed administrator of the estate.

The Standard Food company, proprietors of the new Desipota factory at Aberdeen, S. D., have made an assignment. J. G. Neuman, late of Indianapolis, and W. L. Shunk, principal stockholders, declare the embarrassment is only temporary. The factory's product is manufactured from potatoes by patented processes.

For New Cabinet Member.

Senator Nelson has been authorized to report his substitute for a bill providing for a department of commerce with a cabinet officer. An amendment was made to take the patent office from the interior department and include it in the new department.

Becomes a Catholic Priest.

General W. A. Olmstead, who served through the civil war, has been ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic church at the church of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind.

PEACE PACT PUT OFF

Governor Taylor Refuses to Sign Agreement and Trouble Expected.

Governor Taylor had not, up to Saturday morning, signed the Louisville peace agreement. He announced, moreover, that he had no intention of doing so for some time, and did not know whether he would sign it at all. On the other hand, the democrats were confident that he would affix his signature to the document. Friday was a day of conferences in Frankfort. They were in full swing from 10:30 in the morning until 5:30 at night, and outwardly nothing tangible resulted from them. The situation is now, to all appearances, exactly where it was when the peace agreement was first submitted to Governor Taylor.

The tension under which the republican members of the state legislature who are at London, Ky., has been laboring, especially during the past week, reached a crisis when the following message from Governor Taylor was received by a member:

"Have warrants issued for members of the house and put in the hands of sergeant-at-arms to serve."

The warrants were made out late Friday and given to Sergeant-at-Arms Cecil of the house. Lieutenant Governor Marshall telegraphed he would come to London.

Sergeant-at-Arms Cecil of the house and Howard of the senate left after 1 o'clock Saturday morning on the north-bound train armed with warrants for the arrest or absent democratic members of both houses.

LOOK FOR BAD NEWS

London Accepts as True Third Reported Reverse.

A London dispatch of February 10, 4:20 a. m., says: London accepts as true the Boer statement that General Buller has failed again. These statements were passed by the British censor at Aden and are read in the light of Mr. Balfour's announcement in commons that General Buller is not pressing his advance. Mr. Winston Churchill wires that Vaal krantz was impracticable for the lack of guns which were needed to support a further advance.

His cablegrams leaves General Buller on Tuesday night sending a fresh brigade to relieve the tired holders of Vaal krantz. The descriptive writers with General Buller were allowed a rather free hand again in explaining the ugly position which the British held and the natural obstacles which had to be overcome. So it is easy to infer with Boer riflemen and artillery defending them these hills, ravines and jungles have not been overcome and thus the public is prepared in advance for bad news.

Heliograms from Ladysmith, dated Monday, describe the effect General Buller's cannonade had on the worn garrison. Hope ran high that the long period of inactivity and tedium was drawing to a close. The crash of guns was almost continuous for ten hours and at times it seemed as if as many as twenty shells burst in a minute.

The Boers, preparing always for the possibility of defeat, were driving herds and sending long wagon trains towards the Drakensberg passes. Intense darkness and silence followed, broken only by frogs croaking and the occasional blaze of star shells, surrounding the town with a circle of light to prevent the unobserved approach of the enemy. A series of British mines laid for the Boers exploded accidentally, shaking and alarming the city and camp.

One Factory to Control.

Fruit jar manufacturers of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana, representing the entire production of the country, have completed an organization whereby hereafter, it is said, all the product will be sold from the Muncie factory, and each factory will share in profits as per capital invested. Jobbers have not been allowed to buy this year as yet and the entire season's business is yet in the hands of the manufacturers, who have advanced prices 25 per cent.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Colonel W. R. Thompson, who was secretary of the navy when Rutherford B. Hayes was president, died at his home at Terre Haute, Ind., at the age of 91 years.

Benjamin Royce, a well-to-do farmer near Dixie, Wash., was shot to death by his grandson, Frank Royce, who afterwards cremated the body and committed suicide.

Three persons were killed and three seriously injured in a head-on collision between fast freight trains on a branch of the New York Central at Gordon Heights, Pa. Both engines were demolished, and thirty-seven cars were wrecked.

The coremakers' strike, which was inaugurated at a number of foundries in Cleveland several weeks ago, has terminated in a victory for the strikers. They will get \$2.50 per day, time and a half for over hours and double pay for work on Sundays and holidays.

Word was received in Lincoln Friday that the plant of the Beatrice Creamery company at Harrington, Kas., burned. The entire plant was consumed. The insurance carried did not cover the entire property, but it was sufficient so that the loss will not be complete.

A London, Eng., dispatch says: Sir Henry M. Stanley, the celebrated African explorer and unionist liberal of parliament, was taken suddenly ill with gastritis in the house of commons Wednesday night and is in a somewhat serious condition.

Reuben Ross (colored) was hanged at Lambert, N. C., for criminal assault upon a white woman named Mrs. Bettie Ingram. He declared his innocence of this crime, but said he was guilty of assault on a young white woman of Rockingham, for which a negro named John Evans was hanged.

MAKES NEW ISSUE

Anti-Trust Conference Planning to Overthrow.

WOULD SEIZE THE MANY RAILROADS

Declaration Made for Government Ownership—Differ as to the Program—Some for Full Payment—Others for Only Part.

A Chicago, February 13 dispatch says: After a heated debate the resolutions committee of the anti-trust conference tonight decided to report in favor of government ownership of railroads and for their seizure on payment of actual value and without payment for "watered stock or other fictitious values." There was a sharp discussion in the committee and several tilts between members brought on by an effort to make the platform read as it had been drawn up, that the government seize the railroads on payment of actual value and without payment for franchise values. Unanimous action was finally obtained by cutting out the words "franchise values," inserting instead the phrase "watered stock or other fictitious values."

The committee also unanimously favored direct popular legislation as a means of obtaining the result.

The discussion in the committee room far outran the deliberations of the main body of the conference. Ignatius Donnelly, John P. Altgeld, A. P. McQuirk of Iowa and George Fred Williams urged the committee to strike from the resolutions proposed a statement that any payment for railroads should be of exclusive franchise value.

"This is a long fight," said Mr. Altgeld, "and it will be years before we come to the actual discussion of the proposition on which we are to base payment. Let us not encumber the discussion with it now."

Henry George, however, took the other side of the question. "We are going before the people," he said, "let us go with the whole, plain truth and let them judge of it."

Jerry Simpson also favored this view, declaring that he had had years of experience with this question in Kansas.

Many startling statements were made before the committee, among them one by President M. L. Lockwood, in which he said that before government ownership was finally secured it would be necessary to impeach at least one justice of the federal supreme court. The committee also considered a proposition to recommend to the attention of congress Senator Pettigrew's bill for government ownership of railroads, and it was voted down.

A number of set speeches were heard at the morning and afternoon sessions of the conference.

The night session was in the form of a mass meeting, which was held at the Auditorium and brought out some of the strongest speakers among the delegates.

GO BACK TO WORK AS USUAL

Contractors' Agreement at Chicago Regarded as Weak.

Of the 7,000 building trades men who took their half-holiday on Saturday, February 10, in defiance of the new rules of the building contractors' council, one-half, it was announced by the labor leaders, resumed work as usual on the big buildings Monday.

When the men quit work Saturday noon they were instructed to return to their jobs as usual, placing the responsibility of tying up building operations on the contractors, who, because of the fracture of their rules, were expected to declare a lockout. The fact that many of the men resumed their work is regarded by the labor interests as indicating great weakness in the building contractors' agreement to stand by one another. At the headquarters of the contractors it was declared that the men still at work were doing so under special agreements in order to complete certain portions of the work.

COUNTER STROKE OF BOERS

Assume Aggressive and Force British to Retire From Colesburg District.

The latest news from South Africa is the enforced retirement of the British from the Colesburg district, under heavy Boer pressure and probably after brisk fighting. Thus at a time when Lord Roberts is apparently to push an army into the Free State, the Boers make a counter stroke in unknown but seemingly great force, not far from the vital line of railway connecting De Aar and Orange river.

Military observers do not regard this as more than a menace. Nevertheless, the news produces an unpleasant impression at London.

Mother Shoots Her Son.

A Youngstown, O., February 12 dispatch says: At Hubbard last night, Elmer Egue, while under the influence of liquor, threatened to kill his mother, whereupon the latter drew a revolver and shot Elmer twice, probably fatally.

Archbishop Feehan Ill.

Archbishop Patrick A. Feehan of the Roman Catholic arch-diocese of Chicago, is ill with pneumonia at his residence in that city. The venerable prelate was taken ill on Friday with what seemed to be a severe cold. The archbishop's regular physician was called. He diagnosed the disease as pluro-pneumonia.

At the archepiscopal residence it is said that the prelate's condition is not regarded as critical. The archbishop is seventy-one years of age.

FOUND DEAD ON SIDEWALK

New York Congressman Either Jumps or Falls From Window.

Congressman Charles A. Chickering of Copenhagen, N. Y., was found dead outside the Grand Union hotel in New York. He had either fallen or jumped from a fourth-story window of the hotel.

The body of Mr. Chickering was found on the sidewalk of the Forty-first street side of the hotel, under the open window of his room, which was on the fourth floor, by a milkman who was driving through the street at 5 a. m. Evidently it had been lying there for some time, as the clothing was saturated with rain. It was clothed in underwear, socks, night shirt, trousers and vest. There was a bad gash in the right side of the head.

Mr. Chickering had been in the hotel all of the day before. He had complained considerably of rheumatism, but nothing irrational in his actions had been observed by those at the hotel.

Members of congress were greatly shocked at the news of Representative Chickering's death in New York city. The news of the death was kept from Mrs. Chickering for fear the shock would prove too great, and arrangements were made for her to leave for New York at noon. Mr. Chickering was one of the well-known and universally esteemed men of the house. He was last seen at Washington when the vote on the financial bill was taken. He insisted on coming on crutches in order to record his vote for the bill.

SALOON CONSENT PETITION

First Case Under the New Law is Argued at Des Moines.

The first saloon consent petition to be filed in Iowa since the recent decision of the supreme court that all counties must secure new ones, has been filed in Des Moines. The new law requires that the board of supervisors shall pass on the sufficiency of such petition. When the board sat to take up the petition for Des Moines, the question was immediately raised whether the board was to sit as a judicial body to pass on all the legal questions involved to determine the genuineness of the signatures and to hear all arguments, or whether its duties were simply to count and canvass the number of names without going into the judicial investigation. The attorneys for the saloon men insisted that the board could only canvass the number of names. The anti-saloon attorneys declared the board must investigate the genuineness of every questioned signature. The board adjourned without reaching a decision. Whichever decision the board reaches, the matter will at once be taken into the courts to test the law.

ANOTHER DEPARTMENT

Mining Industry of the Country Wants Representation in Cabinet.

A new cabinet officer, to be known as the secretary of mines and mining, is provided in the bill favorably acted on Monday by the house committee on mines and mining. Another mining measure favorably acted on establishes a mining experiment station in each of the mining states, similar to agricultural experiment stations, and provides for the appointment of a government geologist at \$3,500 a year and an assayer at \$2,500 in the several mining states. These officers are to furnish assays, issue public bulletins and to conduct explorations of mining regions.

M'GIFFERT ESCAPES TRIAL

New York Presbytery Simply Disavows His Teachings.

The New York presbytery decided by a vote of seventy-seven to thirty-nine not to try Dr. Arthur G. McGiffert of the Union theological seminary on the charges of heresy preferred by Rev. G. W. Birch, the stated clerk of the presbytery, at the January meeting. A resolution was adopted declaring in effect that the action of the presbytery in December, when it decided not to try Dr. McGiffert for heresy, but to disavow his teachings, was sufficient under the circumstances and that the opinion of the presbytery was that the charges should not be considered.

Working for Convention.

Mayor Rose of Milwaukee and former Governor Peck of Wisconsin are in New York, to secure, if possible, the democratic national convention for Milwaukee. Mayor Rose said that Milwaukee had made an active and he believed a successful canvass to secure the next convention. He said that the people of Milwaukee had raised a guarantee of \$100,000 for that purpose.

To Adjust Indebtedness.

Mr. Powers of Vermont has introduced a bill in congress for a commission to adjust the indebtedness of the central branch of the Union Pacific railroad to the governments. Other bills introduced were: Mr. Smith (Illinois), amendment to the interstate commerce law so as to give the committee greater powers; by Mr. Noonan (Illinois), prohibiting the transportation of convict-made goods.

Find the Dead Body.

City Treasurer King of Grand Island has received information from Payette, Idaho, that the body of Walter King, his brother, who was drowned in the Payette river in November had been found. The remains will be brought back to Grand Island.

Wedding of Physicians.

Dr. F. H. McCall, osteopath, and Miss Della Healy, also a practicing osteopath, were married in Grand Island, by Rev. T. C. Clark.

FIGHT FOR A BRIDE

Story of Two Suitors for Dodge County Widow.

A GUN FIGURED IN THE CONTROVERSY

Hired Man of the Wealthy Widow Attempted to Take Life of the Successful Suitor—A Marriage Pits End to Matter.

On Saturday evening of last week Mrs. Emma Chibburg, aged forty-one, a wealthy widow with a farm four miles south of Oakland and owning Fremont property was married to William D. Acor, aged fifty-three, whose headquarters are in Fremont.

There were circumstances attending on the wedding which were of a very exciting nature. Mrs. Chibburg was sought by two suitors and the unsuccessful one tried to get the better of his fortunate rival by alleged foul means about a month ago, according to the story which Mr. Acor does not now hesitate to tell. Mrs. Chibburg lived on a farm between Craig and Oakland and was well to do. Her hired man, it is claimed, was anxious to get into the good graces of the widow, but Acor, who had met her while selling patent medicine in the vicinity, was the favored one. About a month ago Mr. Acor and Mrs. Chibburg drove back to her farm after stopping a day in Fremont. The widow went into the house when the farm was reached, and Acor went to the barn to put up the horses. He says that his rival was waiting for him and shot at him twice with a rifle, luckily missing him. Acor's story after this is that the hired man struck him on the head with a heavy club, and with a second blow crushed his hand which Acor had thrown up to ward off the blow. Acor says he then fell down, and his assailant striking at him in the darkness, beat him on the ankle. Acor's cries brought help from the house and he was carried in, his wounds keeping him in bed some days. Acor said he could not swear to having seen his rival's face, or he would have had him arrested ere this. He kept strict silence, hoping to get evidence some other way. Now that he has won his bride he does not care so much for revenge.

IN BEHALF OF CONSTITUENT

What Congressmen Are Securing for the People of Nebraska.

Congressman Burdett has just secured the allowance of the claim of Captain L. Wilson of \$365, and has also secured an order for general repairs of the Lincoln postoffice. This does not include new paving or walks.

Congressman Sutherland has secured a ruling by the land commissioner affecting the rights of county judges in taking final proof entries. The matter came up on account of the refusal of the MeCook office to designate Judge Pyle of Frontier county to take final proofs. The department holds that the register must designate the court officer whom the applicant requests.

The president has nominated Peter Jansen as one of the commissioners to the Paris exposition. This was to fulfill a personal promise made by President McKinley over a year ago.

Claire Roberts has been appointed postmaster at Rising City, Butler county, Neb., vice A. Roberts, resigned.

Comptroller of the Currency Dawes has approved the application of H. E. Adams, N. P. Nelson, Theo. Windhusen, Christ Kruger and H. B. Treat for authority to establish the First National bank of Hooper, Neb., with a capital of \$50,000.

The postal receipts at Omaha for January, as reported to the postoffice department, were \$34,315 against \$30,044 for the same period last year. This is an increase of \$4,301.

UPHOLD SHERIFF SECORD

Killing of Hawkins Justified at the Dead Man's Home.

The body of "Smoky Jack" Hawkins the man killed by Sheriff Secord at Davenport was taken to Harvard and buried in the cemetery. Theodore Clark, one of the gang to which the dead Hawkins belonged, had a leg badly injured while attempting to hold up a couple of men near the cemetery at Harvard. He has been lodged in jail at Clay Center.

The shooting of Hawkins by Sheriff Secord is all the conversation at Harvard. While the killing is deprected, yet there are not many who do not think that the sheriff was wholly justified.

Bodies Arrive.

Adjutant General Barry has received messages from the depot quartermaster at San Francisco showing that all the bodies of Nebraska soldiers that arrived on the transport Ohio had been forwarded to the state with the exception of the following: H. Guy Livingston, company M; George J. Smith, company H; Edward Day, company A; Guy C. Walker, company G. So far as known the transport Indiana has not arrived.

Distress Grows Greater.

The India office at London has received a dispatch from Lord Curzon, the India viceroy, in which he says that the distress arising from the famine is steadily increasing, and that there now in receipt of relief number 3,784,000.

Vote Bonds to Build a Road.

By a vote of about four to one Valentine has decided to bond itself in the sum of \$1,200 for the purpose of building a road across the Minnehadagan canyon.

FRED KELLEY IS ARRESTED

Apprehended in San Francisco on Return From Manila.

Frederick S. Kelley, formerly an employe of a prominent insurance company in Omaha, but who left that city about two years ago when defalcations, amounting to about \$5,000 were about to be discovered, has been arrested by detectives in San Francisco. The arrest was kept a secret for some time when it was learned that Kelley left for Chicago in the custody of detectives. He was accompanied by his young wife, formerly of Oakland. Since his departure from Omaha Kelley has traveled much and held a good position in Manila, but his love for his own country got the better of him and he returned. Kelley's relatives are wealthy and prominent people of Lincoln, Neb.

CANNOT BE EXCLUDED

Interesting Case of Violation of School Regulations at Grand Island

The police court at Grand Island, Judge Abbott presiding, was the scene of an interesting case recently. On Thursday of last week, Principal Matthews of the high school suspended Ed Hayman, a young man in his room, for not complying with the recently-made regulation, declaring it compulsory for male students of the high school to take the cadet work of the school as a physical exercise. The young man appeared willing but his father objected. On Friday morning the young man returned and took his seat. The principal took from him his books and in a friendly conversation with him asked him to obey the order of suspension until the matter causing the suspension, over which he, the principal had no control, was otherwise settled. The young man obeyed and went home, but returned in twenty minutes. He had seen his father and told the teacher that he must remain and continue his work in school. The principal asked the student not to cause any more trouble, but the student persisted and the principal swore out a warrant against the student for the disturbance of the school discipline and the trial was had before a jury. The defense tried to go into the cause of the suspension, but was warned by the court that the only questions to be decided were if the principal had power to suspend, and whether, if he had, the pupil was creating a disturbance to the discipline of the school in refusing to leave the room when requested. The jury took the case into consideration, evidently, for it took but a few minutes for it to bring in a verdict of not guilty, and the result will probably be that the young man may be allowed to sit in the rooms, without books and without study, as long as he pleases, or be asked from day to day to leave the room. That is to say, the question really at issue, the compulsory, was not decided.

DIED AT POST OF DUTY

Funeral at Stanton of Another Nebraska Soldier Boy.

The funeral services of Elmer Vaughan, late of the Twenty-third infantry, who died in Manila, P. I., in September, 1898, were held at Stanton Saturday. They were in charge of Captain Gagner of Madison, Neb., late of the Fighting First Nebraska, and now captain of company F, N. N. G. The body arrived Thursday. It was taken in charge by the local ex-soldiers of the Spanish war and by them a guard of honor was maintained until the hour of the funeral exercises. At 3 o'clock assembly was sounded and the funeral procession, headed by the Stanton military band, was promptly formed on Pacific avenue and marched to the cemetery. Here a short address and prayer was made by Rev. Klopp. Then three volleys were fired over the open grave by a detachment of the Madison company of national guards. The services at the cemetery were concluded by the sweet, sad notes of "Lights Out."

Planning Another New Depot.

It is authoritatively stated that the St. Joseph & Grand Island road will begin the erection within the next month of a new passenger depot at Hastings on the east side of Denver avenue on the ground now occupied by Heiler's coal yard. The coal yard will be removed across the avenue to the place now occupied by the charred wreck of the old depot and the old grain elevator standing on St. Joe avenue will be removed to the south side of the tracks and east of the flouring mill. This will bring the St. Joe depot within a block of the site selected for the Burlington's new passenger depot.

The Methodists started a revival at Centerville Sunday.

County Commissioners Meet.

County Commissioner F. Beckman, of Lancaster county, president of the county commissioners' association of the state, has sent out a call for the annual meeting of the association at Hastings, beginning on February 20. The meeting this year will be none the less interesting than last year when the legislature was in session. Secretary Will Brookley joins with President Beckman in asking all members of the association to attend the meeting.