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Hon. J. G. Blair, a leading attorney of Northeastern Missouri, is in the city for a visit with his son, Professor Blair, the magnetic healer.

## A BIG BATTLE IS DUE

**Buller in Position to Strike a Blow to Relieve Ladysmith.**

**Enemy's Position is Being Bombaraded—Gatacre Reports Movement of Troops in Vicinity of Sterkstroom—London Military Expert Confident British Will Win.**

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The London Morning Post's war critic writes in the issue of today (Friday): "The expected battle was not fought yesterday (Thursday), but it can hardly be delayed beyond today.

"General Buller has five-sixths of his force with him and will strike with all his might. The plan is to flank the new position prepared by the Boers and to attack the enemy from the west and south in the trenches they hold north of the Tugela river."

**Rumor of Relief at Ladysmith.**  
LONDON, Jan. 18.—The rumor early this morning that Ladysmith had been relieved after the battle of the Tugela would not confirm or deny. The clerk on duty said the rumor was premature, but he hoped it was true. Figuring on the latest positions with maps the experts think Warren was about seven miles from White's outposts late Wednesday night.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—12:30 a. m.—At midnight the war office announced that it had no further news for publication.

When questioned with regard to the rumored British victory and the relief of Ladysmith the officials replied that they had received no information to bear out either feature of the rumor and were inclined to think that serious fighting must precede the relief of the town.

A special from Durban, dated Wednesday, says: "Advised from Potgietersdrift, dated yesterday (Tuesday), says that Sir Charles Warren has arrived within seventeen miles of Ladysmith and that the British wounded are arriving at Mooi River hospital by every train, indicating that there has been severe fighting. Neither report is yet confirmed.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The Leader expert predicts that General Buller's force is able and willing to threaten both passes to the Orange Free State and the roads to Ladysmith. He declares they are in a position to flank the Boer entrenchments on the point and west of Potgietersdrift and expects General Buller to join forces in a day or two without great difficulty.

**Battle Expected Today.**  
LONDON, Jan. 19.—4 a. m.—Military critics in affiliation with the war office consider that the expected battle south and west of Ladysmith can hardly be delayed beyond today. From Durban it is reported that fighting has already begun. General Buller's forces in the flanking operation across the Tugela are some 1,300 or 1,400 bayonets. The disposition of his other 15,000 or 20,000 men is not known, but the assumption is that the whole army will be in action when the hour for combined movement arrives.

Three weeks ago General Buller had 30,000 men. Considerable reinforcements have since reached him, giving him probably 35,000 men and eighty guns all told. Estimates as to how many men and guns the Boers have to oppose him are mere guess work.

In not replying to General Lytleton's shelling they are using the tactics that proved so successful in the battle of Magersfontein and Olenso, lying low in their trenches, hoping thus to conceal their precise position until the infantry advances.

**General Wheeler Forfeits Seat.**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A special to the Times from Washington says: "If General Joseph Wheeler expects to return to Washington to take a seat in congress without further formality, it looks as if he would meet with disappointment. Inquiry has been made since the announcement that he has been relieved from further duty in the Philippines and it is found that there is general agreement on both sides of the house that it has been clearly shown by the examination of the case of Low and other precedents that he has forfeited his right to a seat in congress and that the only thing open to him is to go back to his district and seek re-election if he desires to continue service in congress."

**Customs Receipts at Havana.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—According to a statement issued by the War Department the customs receipts at the port of Havana for the year ending December 31, are \$14,072,114.79. The total value of imports into the port of Havana for the eleven months ending November, 1899, was \$52,183,738. Of this amount \$7,658,438 was gold and silver coin. The total of imports from the United States was \$19,746,318. The total amount of import duty collected during the year 1899 was \$8,500,582.

**There is a Class of People**  
Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called Grain-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c and 25c per package. Try it. Ask for Grain-O.

## TO PENSION VOLUNTEERS.

Nearly All the Members of One Regiment File Applications.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—A large number of claims for pensions are being received by the pension office as a result of the Spanish war. Statistics prepared by the bureau show that the percentage of applications from volunteers is much larger than from the regulars. The battle of San Juan was selected by the bureau as a basis for calculation, as the greatest number of calculations occurred there. There were 192 regulars killed, 1,097 wounded and fifty-five missing. Claims for pensions from the regular army number 2,962.

At that battle thirty-four volunteers were killed, 177 wounded and forty-five missing. The claims for pensions from volunteers number 3,568. There were twenty-three regiments of regulars and three batteries engaged in this fight, as against nine regiments of volunteers.

One regiment lost none in killed, wounded or missing, but has 912 applications for pensions.

## HE WILL FIGHT NO MORE.

President Said to Favor Wheeler's Retirement as a Brigadier.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—It is said at the War department that there is no special significance in the fact that General Wheeler has been relieved from further military duty in the Philippines and ordered home. Although he made no complaint, it is understood that active duty in the field has undermined General Wheeler's health and that it was dangerous for him to remain in the tropical climate of the Philippines much longer.

While it is not officially admitted that General Wheeler has resigned his commission, it is stated positively that if he has taken such a step the president will suspend action until he has had an opportunity to confer with him on the subject, with a view to dissuading him from such a course. He is nearly sixty-four years of age, the statutory limit of active service in the army, and but for that fact would have been appointed a brigadier general in the regular army.

The president is said to favor legislation authorizing the appointment of General Wheeler, General Lee and perhaps one or two other brigadier generals on the retired list in acknowledgment of their faithful services to the country during and since the Spanish war. It is said that one of the reasons why he is summoned home at this time is his orders, which were issued several days ago, require him to come to Washington, by way of San Francisco, for consultation with the secretary of war.

## THE CHINESE AMBITION.

It Is to Save Money to Spend in China.

A somewhat superficial law in this country shuts out John Chinaman from citizenship. That is not good to John. He doesn't yearn for the enlightenment of western civilization typified by foreign devils who attempt to restrict his use of opium and even go so far as to deny him the right of gambling. What he wants to do is to live here on 20 cents a day, while making \$2 a day, and, as soon as he gets enough surplus, go back to his ancestral hills, where he can support a family in great comfort on something like 12 cents a day. The copyright on this article doesn't prohibit persons with a taste for mathematics from using these figures as a basis for calculating how long it will be before, under present conditions, America has a permanent Chinese population. Of course, John sometimes marries here and settles down. His wife may be a Chinese woman, to whom he was betrothed years before, when she was a baby, and who comes over here in the steerage and under chaparral to fulfill her obligation entered into by her parents and to find herself the center of considerable celebrations, extending through the streets of the quarter. In the last wedding of this sort the bride was 21 and the bridegroom 54. They betrothal had lasted since her second year. More often the bride is one of the debauched victims of the quarter, and the wedding ceremony is after the American custom, for which the Chinaman has little regard. It matters the less in that the wife commonly dies in a year or two, rarely leaving any offspring. Opium does it. To the Mongolian it is one of the blessings of life. To the Caucasian it is mental, moral, and physical decay, then insanity; then death. There is a third class of marriages not pleasant to contemplate—the union of Chinamen to young Sunday school teachers. There was a time, not long ago, when associations of this kind resulted in several weddings. Many more might have followed had not several outspoken and courageous clergymen delivered warnings from the pulpit of the folly and danger of such alliances; whereupon they were, as a matter of course, denounced in round terms from many other pulpits as enemies to the propagation of the Christian faith.—Leslie's Weekly.

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## VICTORIES ON PAPER.

London War Expert Tells What Buller May Have Done.

**Secures Two Passages of Tugela—May Have Suffered Small Reverse on His Right Wing—General Warren Crosses the Tugela Under a Hot and Heavy Fire From the Enemy.**

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The anxiety in regard to General Buller is steadily increasing. The public and most of the war experts are inclined to take a gloomy view of the situation. Williams, the Londoner's expert, says: "Floods in the Tugela river may have postponed the action. We mentioned Thursday as the day upon which news would be officially promulgated. Our own information goes only till Monday night. It is to the effect that Warren holds the Tugela passages.

"The war office will probably communicate this statement to the records and commentators simultaneously with the news of the relief of Ladysmith. We are bound to say that the midnight bulletin of the war office made a bad impression. It is as certain as anything well can be that Buller has secured by yesterday morning the two passages across the upper Tugela. He may have pushed forward and been defeated later.

"It is not impossible that he may have had a small reverse on his right, where he could not be very strong, but it is just as likely he is steadily pushing on toward his goal. If there should have been another reverse, the shock will be felt all the more by the country on account of the apprehensions excited by the maladroitness of the midnight placard."

**Occupies Potgietersdrift.**  
LONDON, Jan. 18.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Spearman's Farm, dated January 17, 9:30 p. m.: "The forces marched westward on January 10. Lord Dunderburg, by a dashing movement, occupied the hills above Potgietersdrift, fifteen miles west of Olenso, taking the Boers completely by surprise.

"The same evening the infantry followed. General Lytleton's brigade crossed the river yesterday, and today shelled the Boer trenches beyond with howitzers.

"General Warren is now crossing Trichard's drift, five miles above. He is not opposed, although he is holding a position five miles from the river."

LONDON, Jan. 18, 5:25 a. m.—The other morning papers are out with extra editions confirming the dispatch from Spearman's Farm to the Times. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent, under yesterday's date, says: "I am permitted to wire from Spearman's Farm that General Lytleton yesterday forced Potgietersdrift and captured, with little opposition, a line of low ridges a mile from there. During the night a howitzer battery was carried across. Today, from Mount Alice, near Swartzkop hill, naval guns effectively shelled the Boer position, which is strong."

"General Warren also today crossed the Tugela six miles further to the west, near Wagondrift, with all arms, in the face of a hot and heavy fire from Boer cannon and rifles. He has effected a most satisfactory lodgement two miles further on toward Spreonkop."

A dispatch to the Daily News from Spearman's Farm describes Lord Dunderburg's advance to Swartzkop hill, commanding Potgietersdrift, and says: "General Lytleton's brigade was sent to hold a position on Swartzkop hill. Leaving a strong force to hold Olenso and General Hildyard's brigade at Springdrift, our whole force advanced without delay. The ferry port at Potgieters was on the further side of the river. Lieutenant Carlisle and five men swam the river and brought it over.

"After a four days' halt on the south side of the Tugela, our advance northward began January 16. General Lytleton's brigade crossed the drift that evening and held the kopjes on our right.

"Sir Charles Warren's division has made an attack on the enemy's left. The column is now crossing the river."

**A Yachting Suit.**  
The newest thing in yachting suits is one of white duck, with a band of blue linen around the skirt, headed with four rows of very narrow white braid. A panel effect in front is simulated with bands of the blue outlined with braid.

The tight-fitting waist has a box plait in the back and the front fastens with interlacing tabs of blue, buttoned with small pearl buttons. The notched sailor collar is of blue, trimmed with four rows of white braid. The blue cuffs have the interlacing tabs, fastening with pearl buttons. The edge of the waist is defined with a band of blue, outlined with white, showing a line of blue at the top and a small American flag ornaments the center of the plain white collar, and a similar decoration is on the top of the left sleeve.

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