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BULLER IS AT IT AGAIN

Report He Has Recrossed the Tugela at Three Places.

Fighting Proceeding all Day Long—Churchill Says Boers' Style of Fighting is More Telling Than Discipline—Boer Gunners Surprise the English by Their Accurate Shooting.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—4:30 p. m.—The St. James Gazette says it is reported on good authority that General Buller has again crossed the Tugela river at three places and that fighting has been proceeding all day long.

6:40 p. m.—The war office has no news of General Buller's alleged movements as reported by the St. James Gazette, but the paper says it has no reason to doubt the correctness of its information, although it has not yet learned the exact positions General Buller seized.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Jan. 27.—3:40 p. m.—Ladysmith is bravely resisting, which helps the Boers as a magnet to draw from the relieving army against the terrible positions beyond the Tugela. The Boers are already fortified for many miles. The difficulties of crossing the river alone are considerable, after which an unbroken wall of heights must be forced. These their pickets hold on top of kops and signal movements of the British columns to the main Boer army, which is held back on the plains behind a wall, moving quicker than we can to whatever point is threatened, therefore wherever the British attack they are confronted by the bulk of the Boer force and every turning movement becomes itself a frontal attack.

Moreover, time is required to cross the river, which enables the Boers to intrench and bring artillery. Yet the situation at Ladysmith compels ceaseless efforts to overcome these extraordinary difficulties.

The Boer strength in Natal, according to my information, collected at Pretoria, is 18,000, of whom 7,000 form a regular covering army, 7,000 maintain the investment of Ladysmith, 5,000 act with either force, according to circumstances. Curiously these figures tally with those collected recently by the intelligence department, now under Colonel Sanbach, which is very active.

Thus Buller to relieve Ladysmith must frontally force a tremendous position, held by 10 000 or 12,000 of the best riflemen in the world and supported by a superior artillery, intrenched with great military skill.

the attacking force should outnumber the defense threefold, therefore Buller ought to have 36,000 men on the fighting line. In spite of everything, all feel a supreme effort must be made. The troops are determined and officers are eager, but the public must prepare themselves for sacrifices of blood and treasure.

Admires Tenacity of Boers.

The Boers will fight to the bitter end in any case and it is impossible not to admire the tenacity of these wonderful people nor deplore this horrible war which has arisen. But viewing the vast military strength of the republics who can deny that hitherto British supremacy in the Cape has rested upon Boer sufferance? The only alternative offered the British is to fight or resign all its imperial claims. Besides we are not only fighting for the defense of our property, but in respect to our obligations to the loyal colonists, which are our most sacred duty. Although it was preceded by a wicked raid and urged in certain quarters by vile motives this war is not immoral or an operation of aggression, but it was inevitable.

The long expected trial of strength between two thriving, overbearing races for a right to plant their respective flags over half a continent is the sentiment and principal motive power on both sides.

"A united states under the Transvaal flag" is the cry of the Boers. "The union jack over Pretoria" the reply of the British. The only solution is to fight it out.

The consequences of the war may not be altogether evil. It has greatly increased the mutual respect of the combatants.

The public will find much consolation and encouragement in examining the course and effects of the American civil war. A union never was born without travail. It is a melancholy spectacle this new land, scorched by fire, but after the refining flames have cooled we shall find the pure gold of a more harmonious system. Let Great Britain persevere.

Good Ship Nebraska Safe.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The belated line steamer State of Nebraska arrived today from Glasgow, after a most tempestuous passage lasting nineteen days. From the time the steamer Clyde, on January 11, until its arrival at the Sandy Hook lightship, it experienced a series of terrific gales from the westwasd, with tremendous high seas and heavy squalls of snow and hail. The ship was unable to make much headway, owing to the weather, but succeeded in reaching port without the slightest damage to vessel or injury to passengers, consisting three saloon, fourteen second cabin and twenty-seven steerage.

Shinn keeps a full supply of candies, fruits and nuts. Perkins house block.

GOEBEL IN BAD CONDITION

Only One Physician Out of a Dozen Has Hopes of Recovery.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 1.—Goebel has passed on the whole an unfavorable day, though he was fairly comfortable when night came on. He has a dozen doctors around him and the reports of his condition vary, according to the last physician who leaves his room. One doctor is confident that he will recover and another generally allows him an hour or two before he breathes his last. His strength is maintained to a great extent by injections. He has had several sinking spells, out of which he was brought with some difficulty. He seemed to rally less rapidly from each successive collapse, but held his own steadily throughout the afternoon. His kidneys have practically ceased their functions and slight symptoms of pneumonia have appeared, but have not as yet become so serious as to cause alarm in themselves. The doctors, as a whole, entertain no hope of his recovery.

At 9:30 tonight Dr. McCormick, the optimistic physician, declared that in his opinion there was no reason why Goebel should not recover. The traces of pneumonia which had appeared he declared to be the usual occurrence in cases of this kind. The most serious symptom was, he said, the refusal of the kidneys to operate and consequent danger of blood poisoning.

CORPSE IN DRY GOODS BOX

Discovery in the United States Express Office at Sioux City.

SIOUX CITY, Jan. 31.—A corpse in a box marked "Books" was found in the United States express office this afternoon. The body was received on January 19, from Baltimore, Md., addressed to J. S. Bradford, but the express officials failed to find him. The dead man appears to be a German, fifty-five to sixty years old. The only garment on the body was a shirt. There was a frightful wound on the back of the head, apparently made by a blow from a blunt instrument. The dead man is bald, but wore a stubby beard and moustache. The face is so distorted that recognition will be difficult.

This afternoon the local manager had occasion to go into the office and [illegible] covered the dead body of a man wrapped in cheesecloth and newspapers. These were Baltimore newspapers—The World, Sun, Herald and a German paper, dated from the 6th to the 10th. His gray beard looked as if it had been hastily chopped off with a pair of shears. There is no thought that the body was shipped to the local medical college. It was packed in a small dry goods box, doubled so that the feet and head were together and on everything on the inside was blood in great stains.

Civilizing the Island of Guam.

Gov. "Dick" Leary of Guam is civilizing the island on the lightning express method. It will be completely Americanized in about a year. In a letter to his brother, an army officer, the governor announces that he has abolished slavery (which was exactly right), compelled some friars to leave the island, amended the marriage laws with regard to polygamy, prohibited the liquor traffic, and forbidden drunkenness. In his drink order the governor sternly said: "Drunkenness is the chief source of all crime and trouble in this island, and must and shall cease." That he is a "benevolent despot" cannot be gainsaid. For example, this order: "For the protection of government interests and as a safeguard against the machinations, devices and schemes of speculators and adventurers, it is hereby ordered that all persons who claim ownership of and in this island or its dependencies are prohibited from selling or transferring any portion of such property without first obtaining the consent of the governor. Violation of this order may be punished by fine or imprisonment or both."

Advertised.

A new and verdant postmaster in a small rural town had received instructions to advertise all letters uncalled for at the end of a certain length of time. He obeyed orders by inserting the following advertisement in the village weekly paper at the end of the first week of his term of office: There are ten letters in the postoffice that nobody has called for. If them they belong to don't take notice and call by the end of the month the letters will be sent to the dead-letter office. Anybody expecting letters they ain't got can come and see if any of these letters belong to them. All take notice.

KITCHENER TO TRY IT

Rumor That the Hero of Khartoum Has Started for Natal.

War Correspondent Does Not Consider Spionkop Episode a Disaster—Boer Guns Superior to British Pieces—English Forces Retreat in Regular Order—Recross Tugela in Good Shape.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—It is rumored that General Kitchener left Capetown for Natal today. TUOHY.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 28.—9:35 a. m.—Throughout the day the transport of baggage recrossed the Tugela river, leaving only the fighting troops on the northern banks. The Boers shelled the lines capriciously. The British batteries replied. The howitzers threw occasional salvos of lyddite, raising enormous clouds of dust.

At nightfall the whole party had recrossed the Tugela, two brigades accomplishing it in intense darkness and a rain mist, but arrangements for the transportation were excellent. The force silently and bloodlessly withdrew across a rapid stream in the face of a powerful, enterprising and exultant enemy. No one is downcast and it is generally understood a supreme effort to pierce the Boer lines is impending.

General sympathy is felt for the people at home, whose anxiety is shown by letters and newspapers, and touches everyone.

The troops of the Boers suffered sharp loss in the actions around Spionkop, at least half that of ours. This is heavy, considering they stood entirely on the defensive, except on the 24th. The Boers also are oppressed at the realization of no less of life after the British resolve to retire. Immediate anxiety as to Ladysmith is needless, though cavalry horses are likely to suffer. Men like White, Hunter and Hamilton never surrender. Buller will persevere. "Allee Soll Recht Komm." CHURCHILL.

Spionkop Not a Disaster

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 27.—6 p. m.—The action on the summit of Spionkop was one of the most fierce and furious conflicts in British military history. Guided by Thorneycroft the troops surprised the Boers, carried their trenches by the bayonet at 3 o'clock, with little loss. The troops entrenched hastily, but the ground was broken by large rocks and unsuited for defense. At dawn a heavy Boer shelling commenced. Ge[illegible] was urgent demands for a new commander and reinforcements, which were sent, strengthening the defense.

Thorneycroft was appointed brigadier, commanding the whole force on top of the hill. A bitter, bloody struggle followed throughout the day, the Boers concentrating every man and gun on the summit and attacking with the greatest spirit. The British artillery was unable to cope with the superior long-range Boer guns. During the afternoon it became evident that the infantry could not endure another day. It was impossible to drag guns to the summit without elaborate preparations or fortify the hill enough to protect the defenders from unassailed artillery. Therefore Thorneycroft's decision to abandon the hill was both wise and necessary. The troops were still stubborn and formidable. They marched back to the camps in regular order. Every effort is now being made to succor the wounded, of whom many are still lying on the summit. Official lists will give the loss. The defense of the hill by the English infantry, particularly the Lancashire regiment, was a glorious episode and the whole army is proud of it.

The Boer positions before Ladysmith are perhaps impregnable to 25,000 men, but the troops are resolved to have another try. The public must imitate their equanimity. Spionkop is not a disaster. No guns were lost, nor unwounded made prisoners. It was simply a bloody action, in which the lodgement of the enemy's entrenchments were effected, which proved untenable. The Boers, sometimes within thirty yards, have also suffered. Their loss is greater, compared to their strength, than ours. The process of attrition must ultimately settle the war. The British troops bear the worst cheerfully, and the nation must remain calm, dignified and determined. CHURCHILL.

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Force of Habit.

Hamlet—"I wonder where Horatio acquired that peculiar, mincing walk." Laertes—"He came home over the P., D. and Q. railroad. The ties are very close together on that road."—New York Journal.

Must Learn a Trade.

Every boy in Germany, from the Crown Prince to the meanest subject, is obliged to learn some useful trade.

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NOT FOND OF CARLYLE.

The Ecclefechan Folk Bear Him an Undying Grudge.

Some unpublished stories of Carlyle are told in the current number of Saint Andrew. "I happened," says the writer, "to enter into conversation at Ecclefechan with two men of the drover or small farmer class. To a remark of mine that I was surprised to see the stone over Carlyle's grave looking rather green, one of them replied in quite a surly fashion, 'Ay! maybe sae; but it'll be greener yet, for a' the Ecclefechan folk care.' 'But surely you are proud of Thomas Carlyle?' I said. 'Humph!' was the answer, 'I suppose he was muckle thocht o' about London an 'thae parts, but what did he or his ever rae for Ecclefechan? I hae kent the Carlyles a' my life, an' they were a thrawn lot, the whole o' them.' This other little story was told me by one who had the pleasure of calling upon Carlyle in London not long before the great man died. The visitor was kindly received, for he had gone with introductions and messages from home friends. During conversation he as the helpless if he ever wrote answer rather painfully, 'these hands are useless now. I am just waiting—waiting and wearying to go back to my Maker.'"

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Big Battles and Rain.

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