

# THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS.

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## ROBERTS AT THE CAPE

With Kitchener He Assumes Command in South Africa.

FACES CRITICAL CONDITIONS.

Presence of Old Commanders Expected to Do Wonders—Methuen's Health is Broken Down—No Inkling of the Situation Given Out by War Office.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—During the interlude of apparent military inactivity and official secrecy, Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener have arrived at the seat of war. It is assumed that their clear vision, supported by 30,000 fresh men, who are due to arrive in South Africa within 30 days, will alter the situation and that the fourth month of the campaign will witness the beginning of victories for the British arms.

They are not, however, expected to produce definite results for some days, but their mere presence will restore the shaken confidence of the men at the front in their generals. Lord Roberts finds 120,000 men on the defensive or watching for an opening. Lord Methuen's health, according to the Daily Mail, has broken down and the field marshal may relieve him. Possibly



GENERAL LORD ROBERTS.

some others will be relieved of important commands. There is certainly plenty of rank in evidence in South Africa. In addition to the field marshals there are two full generals, four lieutenant generals and 12 or 14 major generals. There is an uneasy suspicion that when the Ladysmith casualties are announced they will be disheartening and will partly destroy the patriotic glow produced by General White's "victory." The list of victims of disease issued by the war office gives 22 deaths from enteric fever and dysentery in Ladysmith in four days, revealing the fact that the besieged are existing amid bad sanitary conditions.

The Standard summarizes the general situation thus: "Well, the campaign has lasted three months. We have something like 120,000 troops in South Africa. With this huge army distributed over the country we are powerless to relieve three garrisons from investment. We have still to see large portions of both colonies in the hands of the enemy. We have driven the invaders back to no single point. We are actually farther from the hostile frontiers than we were on the day that the ultimatum was delivered. The work which ministers believed could be effectually performed by 25,000 men has not been done, has not even been begun by four or five times that number. Can any one fail to admit that this is evidence of a grave miscalculation of forces and facts?"

The Times, in an editorial criticizing at great length the government's conduct of the war, alludes to the "stupid and perverse mistakes" that have been made and demands that the practice of the "non-revelation of facts" be abandoned. It insists strongly upon knowing "the truth and the whole truth about the situation," and finds fault with Mr. Balfour's defense piece-meal.

**BULLER'S CURIOUS REPORT.**  
Gives Boer Losses at Ladysmith but No Mention of British.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The war office announces that the list of British casualties at Ladysmith last Saturday has not yet been received. The following dispatch, dated at Frere Camp, Jan. 10, noon, has been received from General Buller: "A Transvaal telegram gives the enemy's loss at Ladysmith on Saturday as four killed and 15 wounded, and this after, it is admitted, they had endured a withering fire from six masked batteries and been defeated at all points. Natives here assert that the Boer loss in one commando alone was 150 killed and wagonloads of wounded. The heaviest loss is said to have been among the Free Staters, who were forced by the Transvaalers into the most dangerous places."

This curious dispatch is all the war office issued last night. It makes not the slightest mention of the position or doings of the British forces. It may be interpreted to mean that Ladysmith is safe, but it is more likely intended to prepare the British public for a terrible list of casualties.

**Only Usual Shelling Occurs.**  
LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Daily Mail has the following dispatch, dated Jan. 8, from Frere camp: "With the exception of the usual shelling of the Boer positions by the naval guns, the British force remains inactive. Eight Boer

camps were seen today by a patrol along the Tugela in a westerly direction. All were quiet. Natives say that when the British reconnoitered near Colenso on Wednesday the Boers hurried from Springfield. This supports the belief that Colenso was weakened to attack Ladysmith."

**PUT FREE STATERS IN FRONT**

British Story That They Behaved Better Than Transvaalers.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Standard has received the following dated Jan. 8, from its special correspondent at Frere Camp: "I hear on good authority that President Kruger sent word to the Boer headquarters asking why Ladysmith had not been attacked and that the reply was: 'We should lose too many men.'"

"His answer to this excuse was the suggestion that the Free Staters might be put in the forefront. This hint was taken and the attack delivered. President Kruger's advice was so far good, that the Free Staters behaved better than the Transvaalers have done. At all events they managed to seize a hill. Later in the day the Transvaalers retired before General White's counter attack amid the jeers of the Free Staters who actually stuck to their position until they were bayoneted in the ditch. After this affair it is almost certain that the allies will quarrel."

"A heavy gun mounted on Umbulwana hill has been firing since day-break. Evidently the siege of Ladysmith is still maintained."

**Boer Successes Cause Enthusiasm.**

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Monday, says: "The Boer successes have been followed by a tremendous outburst of enthusiasm and Boer sympathy in the western part of the colonies. Reports from Paarl say the whole district is made hideous at night by bands of young men parading in the villages and singing the Transvaal volkslied, while the children are everywhere practicing the national songs of the republics. The following are specimens of statements believed by the western Dutch: 'Buller and Rhodes are prisoners' and 'Two thousand Boers secretly sailed and captured Cape Town.'"

**Resume Bombardment of Ladysmith.**

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph dated Monday noon, from Frere Camp, says: "Firing from the Boer position around Ladysmith began early today. It still continues, being a steady and light and in-

**GIVES UP AMERICAN FLOUR.**

England Finally Decides Foodstuff Not Contraband Unless Destined For 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 yesterday 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 cables to Washington. In brief, foodstuffs are not considered contraband of war unless intended for the enemy.

**Triple Tragedy at McPherson.**

MCPHERSON, Kan., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Joseph Christie of this city, last night cut the throats of her two children, both under 6 years old, then cut her own throat and set fire to the house. The children died at once and Mrs. Christie died soon afterward. On Monday Joe Christie, her husband, was arrested for drunkenness and is now in jail because he could not pay his fine.

**TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.**

J. P. Bradbury, chief justice of the Ohio supreme court, has resigned to become counsel for the salt trust.

H. A. Longton & Co., Frankfurt, Ind., have received a rush order for 125,000 gunstocks for shipment to South Africa. W. J. Chandler has been appointed receiver of the Coos Bay and Eastern railroad and the Beaver Hill Coal company in Oregon.

The foundry and machine shops of the F. M. Davis Iron Works company of Denver were destroyed by fire Wednesday. Loss, \$150,000.

At the annual meeting of the Illinois board of health Wednesday, the board unanimously recommended the establishment in Illinois of a state sanitarium for consumptives.

The Ohio Wool Growers' association Wednesday adopted resolutions protesting against the commercial treaty with the Argentine republic, insofar as it affects the wool industry.

J. H. Tietelbaum and Michael O'Sullivan have been arrested at Santa Fe on the charge of maintaining a lottery connected with a proposition to establish a sanitarium for consumptives.

The Atlantic liner, Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, made the trip from New York to Cherbourg in 5 days 15 hours and 50 minutes, establishing a new record by two hours and six minutes.

William L. Wilson, former postmaster general, passed through Kansas City Wednesday on route to Arizona, where he will spend the winter in the hope of finding relief from pulmonary troubles.

Judge Parker of Santa Fe overruled the motion for a new trial in the Elephant Butte dam case. The attorneys for the government gave notice of appeal to the United States supreme court, which was allowed.

Representative Clyburn introduced a bill in the Ohio legislature providing for the printing and sale by the state commissioner of railroads of mileage books at 2 cents per mile, the books to be good on all roads in the state.

Private reports from Paris indicate that the reciprocity treaty between the United States and France is in a hazardous position, with more than a possibility of a defeat when it comes to the final vote in the French chambers.

## SUIT AGAINST U. P.

State Brings First Case in Freight Rate Contention.

INTERESTS OF STATE SHIPPERS.

Numerous Similar Suits Will Follow on Account of Alleged Rate Violation. State Board of Transportation Is Collecting Additional Evidence.

OMAHA, Jan. 11.—Attorney General Smyth has filed suit in the Douglas county district court against the Union Pacific railroad, wherein it is charged that the defendant company has violated the regulations made by the state board of transportation relative to freight tariff on livestock shipments. The suit was filed Wednesday afternoon and it is said to be only the forerunner to other suits of similar character, in which nearly every road entering Omaha will be involved.

In November, 1887, the state board of transportation made an order directing the railroads of Nebraska to restore carload rates on shipments of live stock and forbidding them to charge rates per 100 pounds on such shipments. This order was accepted by the railroads until last month, so Attorney General Smyth says, when the roads abandoned carload rates and restored rates per 100 pounds, thus greatly increasing the cost of shipments of live stock within this state. The board for some time has been collecting evidence to show violation of the order.

Evidence showing such violation by the Union Pacific was submitted to Attorney General Smyth by the board and upon this showing that official began suit in the name of the state to recover the statutory penalty, which is not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000 for each offense. The suit is for the maximum penalty.

**RACING CIRCUIT IS FORMED.**

Nebraska Speed Association Organized at a Meeting at Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 11.—The Nebraska Speed association was organized at a meeting here and a state racing circuit arranged. Horsemen from these towns were present: Fremont, York, McCook, Kearney, Orleans, Indianola, Geneva, Hubbard, Superior, Osceola, Clay Center and Hastings.

W. P. McCleary of Hastings was made chairman and A. H. Farrens secretary. A committee on program was appointed. By vote the committee was instructed to arrange for three days' racing at each place.

**Petition to the President.**

PITTSBURG, Jan. 11.—Pursuant to the order of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States the permanent committee on temperance has prepared a petition to President McKinley against the sale of liquor in new territory, and this paper will leave Pittsburg today for Washington, with a prayer to the president that he look into the matter at once and give the committee some recognition of their action.

**Tanner a Candidate for Senator.**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 11.—Governor Tanner yesterday confirmed the report that he was a candidate for United States senator, against Senator Cullom, to numerous political callers who visited the governor's office and the executive mansion. All the day and evening he spent in conference with his local lieutenants. Both Cullom and Tanner will endeavor to secure the endorsement of the Sangamon county Republican committee.

**Cannot Garnish for Alimony.**

ATCHISON, Mo., Jan. 11.—Judge Hook of the United States district court for Kansas issued a restraining order preventing Mrs. Ermina C. Butters from garnishing the wages of her divorced husband, John Butters, for alimony. Butters married again and set up a claim that his wages could not be garnished by his divorced wife for alimony, as he needed all his salary for the maintenance of his second family.

**Monument to Nelson Kneass.**

CHILlicothe, Mo., Jan. 11.—The Nelson Kneass monument association, organized in Chillicothe yesterday, has for its object the erection of a monument over the grave of Nelson Kneass, who wrote the music for "Ben Bolt." His body is buried in the Chillicothe cemetery. Kneass died here in 1879 and the slab which marked his grave has been clipped away by relic hunters until nothing remains of it.

**Kansas Physician Ends His Life.**

CHEROKEE, Kan., Jan. 11.—Dr. L. J. Forney, a prominent physician, was found dead in his office this morning. On a table were bottles of morphine, acetic acid and chloroform, and a note saying: "I had rather leap into the unknown than longer endure what I know." Forney came here with his family from Des Moines, Ia., 12 years ago. He had suffered from inflammatory rheumatism.

**Implement Dealers Organize.**

SIoux Falls, S. D., Jan. 11.—The convention of implement dealers in session here perfected an organization. John Colvin of Mitchell was elected president and W. S. Hill of Alexandria secretary-treasurer. The new organization is named "The Retail Implement Dealers' Association of South Dakota, Northwestern Minnesota and Northwestern Iowa." Manufacturers, jobbers and traveling men were excluded from membership by a vote of 2 to 1. It will, therefore, be composed exclusively of retail dealers.

## FUNERAL OF DR. M'GLYNN.

Services at Newburg Presided Over by Archbishop Corrigan.

NEWBURG, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The funeral of Dr. McGlynn was held yesterday in St. Mary's church, which was crowded to the doors. The services were presided over by Archbishop Corrigan, head of the diocese of New York. Occupying seats in the church were all the Protestant clergymen of the city, who had been specially invited to attend the services.

New York, Jan. 11.—Clad in the robes of priesthood and a crucifix in his hands, Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn lay still in death last night on a catafalque just outside the sanctuary in St. Stephen's Roman Catholic church. When the doors of the church had been closed at a late hour and the remains of the venerable prelate had been taken charge of by the immediate relatives and watchers from the Holy Name society, who kept vigil through the night, it was estimated that fully 25,000 persons had viewed the body during the five hours it was exposed to public view.

**ROCKEFELLER ON TRUSTS.**

Writes Legislative Commission that Combines is Necessary for Large Business.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The industrial commission received from John D. Rockefeller, president of the Standard Oil company, replies to questions sent him by the commission. He says the company received rebates from railroads prior to 1880, but received no special advantages for which it did not give full compensation. No profits came from such rebates, as whatever advantage was received in this way was deducted from the price of oil. The enterprise has been successful because of the cheapness of its commodity.

Combinations, he says, are absolutely necessary in order to carry on a large business. He recommends federal legislation, under which corporations may be created and regulated and if that is not possible, to have uniform state legislation encouraging combinations and permitting state supervision which will not hamper, but be sufficient to prevent frauds.

**ADVANCE OF OUR FORCES.**

Two Thousand Armed Filipinos Have Retired to the Mountains.

MANILA, Jan. 11.—Reports from the movements of the American command south of Manila show that General Bates and General Wheaton are at Perez Das Marinas and General Schwan at Silang, all awaiting the arrival of provision wagons. Reconnoissances have shown that 2,000 armed insurgents have retired to the mountains from the district between Indang and Matang, and they are retreating toward Batangas.

Last night Nolan's squadron of the Eleventh cavalry drove a body of insurgents from Maig. One American was killed and two were wounded. Thirty dead Filipinos were found. The movement largely resembles General Schwan's experience in the same country, except that the towns are now being garrisoned and that the insurgents refuse to fight, retreating southward and dividing into small bands, with the apparent intention of reassembling later. The plan of catching a large number between two brigades has failed. About 200 insurgents have been killed, but comparatively few arms have been taken.

**SMOKE STRANGLES FIREMEN**

About Forty Overcome, but All Are Rescued Before Seriously Injured.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—During a fire which burned a five-story building occupied by bowling alleys and a gymnasium at 208 and 310 West Fifty-ninth street three engine company crews who responded to the first alarm were with few exceptions overcome by the smoke, though nearly all of the men returned to work. Many had to be dragged out of the smoking apartments.

Altogether about 40 men were overcome by the dense smoke from the pine boards of the bowling alley.

Later the flames broke out again. The firemen who were endeavoring to locate the fire were overcome so quickly that soon the sidewalks were covered with unconscious men, over whom physicians were working. Fifteen who failed to revive were sent to hospitals.

**White Nominated by His Party.**

DES MOINES, Jan. 11.—The Democrats of the legislature last night in joint caucus, nominated for United States senator Fred E. White of Webster, who has twice been Democratic candidate for governor. The name of Cato Sells of Vinton was proposed and a discussion followed, indicating that the result would be close. A ballot was decided on and was about to be taken when Representative Theophilus of Davenport read a telegram from Mr. Sells, asking that Mr. White be made the nominee without opposition. Mr. Sells' name was then withdrawn and Mr. White named by acclamation.

**Iowa Sanitary Commission.**

DES MOINES, Jan. 11.—Fifty leading stockmen, veterinarians and surgeons, in convention, organized the Iowa Sanitary commission, its objects being to take steps to eradicate tuberculosis in domestic animals. The first effort will be to educate the public on the subject and secure needed legislation. The officers elected are: President, J. A. Scriggs, Keokuk; secretary, Dr. G. A. Johnson of Sioux City.

**Boy On Trial for Murder.**

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 11.—John Kornstett, a 15-year-old boy who murdered his 9-year-old cousin, Nora Kornstett, in the country south of Anthon, June 20, is on trial in the district court here. The court room is crowded with specta-

tors. Kornstett attempted to kill the girl by swinging her head against a tree, after which he threw her into an old dry well. The girl was alive when found the next morning, but died soon afterwards. The boy confessed the crime. The boy's youth and his utter lack of concern in the matter has attracted the attention of criminologists over the country.

**Vanderbilt Connecting Link.**

LEWISTON, Ida., Jan. 11.—The Pacific and Idaho Northern railway, now being built from Weiser, in the southern part of the state, north to Seven Devils is the most mysterious piece of railroad building in the country. It begins nowhere and ends nowhere, yet over 100 miles of the finest roadbed have been built and cash is paid for everything. No one knows who is furnishing the cash or why the road is being built. It is believed, however, to be the Vanderbilt connecting link between the east and west. The Oregon Railway and Navigation is to build 77 miles from Riparia to Lewiston, and eventually this piece of road will connect the Navigation company with the Oregon Short Line. This will make it possible to start a car at New York city and pull it to Portland, Or., on tracks owned by the Vanderbilts.

**Finnish Junta Active.**

CALUMET, Mich., Jan. 11.—The Finnish junta, which is agitating for American aid in restraining the czar from oppressing Finland, has headquarters here. Its members estimate that as many as 55,000 Finns will immigrate this year and that practically all of them will come to the northwest.

**Release a German Steamer.**

DERHAM, Jan. 11.—The British authorities have released the German steamer Horzog, which was seized Jan. 6 while on its way to Lorenzo Marquez.

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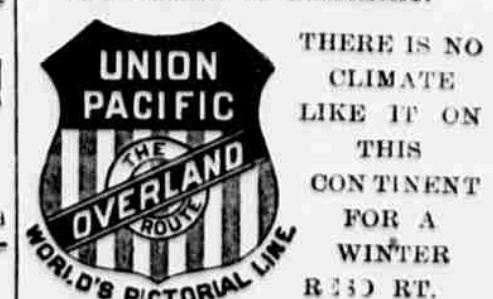
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