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BULLER IS ADVANCING.

British Surprise Boers and Gain Important Vantage Point.

WARREN CROSSES THE TUGELA.

Done Under the Face of a Hot Fire From the Enemy's Guns—Lytleton Ford's Potgieter's Drift and Seizes a Line of Low Ridges Near.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—General Buller completely surprised the Boers and occupied the hills beyond Potgieter's drift, 15 miles west of Colenso, on Jan. 10. He followed up the movement by shelling the Boer trenches. This news completely disposes of the statement that Sir Charles Warren's forces went in the direction of Weeman and it tends greatly to restore confidence in General Buller's tactics. The supposition that he had divided his forces into three columns had given cause for anxiety. It is now seen that such a view was erroneous, as General Buller's forces are concentrated.

In Cape Colony General Methuen has made a demonstration in force, shelling the Boer works. General Gatacre is skirmishing around Molteno and General French has been throwing a few shells at the Boers at Rensberg. Colonel Plumer is moving to the relief of Mafeking from Bechuanaland. He is now in command of less than 2,000 men. Mafeking is in a bad way, the siege is being pressed with determination and the Kaffirs are deserting because of pinched rations and the necessity of eating horse meat.

The Standard's vivid account of the assault upon Ladysmith shows that the garrison was surprised and that several times the situation was critical. Out of a detachment of 30 Gordon Highlanders who surrendered, every man was wounded, says the correspondent. The Boer repulse at Ladysmith was the heaviest counterstroke of the war. The government is relaxing its efforts to send out reinforcements. It is quite undecided as to when the Eighth division will be shipped. The war office declines the offer of a third battalion of Northamptonshire militia, saying that no militia will be sent abroad. It seems probable that only 5,000, in of 10,000, yeomanry will be mobilized.

WARREN CROSSES TUGELA.

Lord Dundonald Takes the Boer Forces Completely by Surprise.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Spearman's farm, dated Jan. 17, 9:30 p. m.:

"The force marched westward on Jan. 10. Lord Dundonald, by a dashing movement, occupied the hills above Potgieter's drift, 15 miles west of Colenso, 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 the Boers are holding a position five miles from the river."

The other morning papers are out with extra editions confirming the dispatch from Spearman's farm to the Times.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Spearman's farm describes Lord Dundonald's advance and says: "General Lytleton's brigade was sent to hold a position on Swartzkop hill. Leaving a strong force to hold Colenso and General Hildyard's brigade at Springfield, our whole force advanced without delay. The ferry pont at Potgieters was on the further side of the river, and in order to bring it over Lieutenant Carlisle and five men swam over and brought it over."

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

Today from Mount Alice, near Swartzkop, naval guns effectually shelled the Boer position, which is strong. General Warren also today crossed the Tugela six miles further to the west, near Wagon Drift, with all arms, in the face of a hot and heavy fire from Boer cannon and rifles. He has effected a most satisfactory lodgment two miles further on toward Spreonkop."

Many Boers Near Kimberley.

MODDER RIVER, Cape Colony, Jan. 17.—There was a demonstration in force under General Methuen yesterday, a division being engaged with the object of ascertaining the strength and disposition of the Boer force, and also in order to try and draw the Boers from Kimberley, where lately they have been active. The British discovered the Boers in great force and being reinforced from the direction of Jacobsdal.

At 4:30 the artillery opened fire, the shells dropping in the Boer entrenchment with great precision. The attack was directed against the Boer left. The firing continued until sunset, mostly with artillery, although the guards on the right fired some long range volleys. The Boers reserved their fire until the British were returning to camp in the darkness, when six shells followed them. There were no casualties among the British troops.

Buller Making Satisfactory Progress.
LONDON, Jan. 18.—The Daily Mail has the following dated yesterday, from Pietermaritzburg: "News has been received that General Buller is making satisfactory progress."

STERKSTROOM, Jan. 18.—General Gatacre has warned the Boer commandant that if the women are not removed they

must take their chance of being shot in the event of an attack. All is quiet here.

Woman Who Was a County Recorder.
SIBLEY, Ia., Jan. 18.—Mrs. Alice C. Hill, a pioneer and former county recorder of this county, died here yesterday.

NEW TURN IN CLARK CASE.

Committee of Investigation Adjourns Until Friday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—William J. Cook and William F. Reitor were before the senate committee on privileges and elections in the Clark investigation yesterday. Mr. Cook is an official connected with the Thomas Cruze Savings bank of Helena, and his testimony related solely to the deposit of large sums of money in the bank by persons who were regarded as representatives of Mr. Clark.

Mr. Reitor proved to be a somewhat impressive witness, volunteering more information than he was asked for. He thus brought the Lewis and Clark county grand jury investigation into the committee, contrary to the intentions of the committee, which was not to take it up at all. The intrusion of the matter caused the defense to raise the point as to whether the charges in connection with the grand jury should be entered upon, and the committee adjourned until Friday next without deciding it. To take up that phase of the question would materially extend the inquiry.

LIGHTENING UP WAR TAXES.

Stamps on Telegrams and Express Receipts the First to be Taken Off.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—In view of the excess of revenue over expenditures and the probability that receipts will be larger next year than now, and that the treasury will not need the money for current expenses, the attention of the ways and means committee has been directed to the subject of the internal revenue, with the idea of amending the law if reduction is favored. Several propositions have been mooted, among them being the demand of the brewers to have the beer tax cut in half. This suggestion has been taken under consideration by a subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Payne, Steel and Dalzell, and it is understood to be their opinion that if any of the taxes are soon dispensed with the first to be taken off will be those on express receipts and telegraph messages, both of which are added to the cost of carrying.

SETTLEMENT IS REACHED.

French Government Pleased With the Outcome of Santo Domingo Affairs.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—The French government expresses itself pleased with the settlement of the Santo Domingo trouble, which, according to a telegram from Admiral Richard, was a complete victory for France, Santo Domingo undertaking to pay the indemnity demanded, a responsible minister to make a public declaration that no affront was ever intended for France and the foreign minister to write to the French government expressing the regrets of his government at the anti-French demonstrations.

Shallenbarger Wants Nomination.

LINCOLN, Jan. 14.—A. C. Shallenbarger a prominent Democratic politician from Alma, Neb., was a visitor here yesterday and announced himself as a candidate for the Democratic congressional nomination in the Fifth district. Mr. Shallenbarger said that the withdrawal of W. H. Thompson of Grand Island from the race left the field open to Congressman Sutherland and himself.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Marquis of Lothian, former keeper of the great seal of Scotland, is dead, aged 67 years.

Trading in puts or calls will hereafter be a dishonorable transaction if carried on in the exchange room of the Chicago board of trade.

Frederick Kimball Stearns of Detroit has presented the university of Michigan a valuable musical library, containing about 1,600 titles.

President and Mrs. McKinley entertained the members of the diplomatic corps at a state dinner at the white house Wednesday.

The principal bridge manufacturers of the United States met in Pittsburgh Wednesday to form a combination with a capital stock of \$25,000,000.

Orders were issued Wednesday formally detaching Captain Sigbee from the command of the Texas and assigning him to the head of the naval intelligence bureau.

Firemen and possibly conductors and engineers all over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad system proper are to be the subjects of a 10 per cent wage advance, dating from Jan. 1.

Members of the Illinois association opposed to the extension of suffrage to women have started an active campaign against Susan B. Anthony and the advocates of woman suffrage.

Owing to their refusal to advance the government money, the directors of the banks of Caracas and Venezuela, including a Frenchman, M. Montauban, have been arrested and thrown into the fortress.

Governor Tanner has refused to call a special session of the Illinois legislature to enact a relief law made necessary by the recent decision of the Illinois supreme court declaring unconstitutional the limitation clause of the new revenue law.

The Chicago Union Traction company will in the near future inaugurate a buffet service on street cars. Besides coffee and luncheon, cigars and liquors will be obtainable. An extra fare of 5 cents will be charged for riding on the buffet.

Lieutenant Commander Colwell, the United States naval attaché in London, witnessed Wednesday at Yoevil the test of an invention offered to the United States government for steering torpedoes and submarine craft by means of a wireless electrical device.

JOINT VOTE FOR GEAR.

Present Incumbent Gets Another Term In the Senate.

BOWEN DEALS OUT THE PLUMS.

Speaker of Iowa House Springs a Surprise by Naming Committees—Eaton and His Supporters Are Well Provided For. Fight on State Printer.

DES MOINES, Jan. 18.—Yesterday at noon the Iowa legislature met in joint session and re-elected John H. Gear of Burlington to the United States senate. The vote stood: Gear (Rep.), 111; White (Dem.), 82. Governor Shaw immediately after the ballot was taken, signed Senator Gear's certificate and forwarded it to Washington.

The announcement of the house committees yesterday by Speaker Bowen was a complete surprise. He has given the best chairmanships to those who opposed him. The appointment of Eaton to the chairmanship of ways and means makes the defeated candidate the most important member of the house. Second on this committee is Prentiss C. Ringgold, who at one time was a Gear sympathizer, but later threw all his support for Eaton and Cummins. Byers of Shelby, Stewart of Polk and other prominent Cummins people are members of the ways and means committee. Following came Temple of Clarke, chairman of judiciary; R. Byers of Shelby, Carr of Polk, Eaton of Mitchell and Blake of Webster, four members who were leaders in the Cummins-Eaton campaign. Carr of Polk is made chairman of banks and banking. Overfield of Howard gets private corporations, Stewart of Polk, building and loan; Thienen of Scott and other of Mr. Eaton's friends are given good chairmanships.

The fight to abolish the office of state printer and binder was initiated in the joint assembly yesterday afternoon. The advocates of abolition gained a decided victory.

Memorial exercises were held by the senate on the death of the late Governor Cyrus C. Carpenter of Fort Dodge, who died May 29, 1898. Governor Shaw and ex-Governor Larrabee both addressed the body and a number of visitors who were present, and resolutions presented by Senator Healy, chairman of the committee in charge of the exercises, were approved by a rising vote.

The bill introduced by Senator Arthur, to provide a license for non-resident hunters, was an important feature of the session in the senate. The leading bill of the house was introduced by Nicolaus of Des Moines (Dem.), and is directed against convict labor.

Tissue Ballots in Evidence.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 18.—Twenty-one witnesses were examined by the gubernatorial board of contest yesterday, all of them being introduced by the Democrats. Twenty of the witnesses testified in relation to the so-called tissue ballots, all of them saying that the ballots received at the polls in Pike, Martin, Johnson, Knox and Magoffin counties were of so transparent a nature that the marks made by the voters upon them could be seen. In almost every instance the Republicans upon cross-examination brought from these witnesses the statement that the vote in the various districts in which the tissue ballots were used did not in the last election differ from previous elections.

Anti-Trust Leagues Clash.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—The Tribune says: Two of the anti-trust leagues have clashed and a merry war is promised. Reports are spread by the Hotel Keepers and Commercial Travelers' league that J. J. Willets, the Alabama Democrat, refused to speak at the conference called for Feb. 12, in Chicago. The reason given is that ex-Governor Altgeld and other Bryan leaders insist on his sending them his speech in advance, so that they can revise it. Mr. Willets exploited a presidential boom last summer for Judge Augustus Van Wyck of New York. The Hotel Keepers and Commercial Travelers' league apparently has joined with him in promoting Van Wyck's candidacy.

Milwaukee City Officials in Contempt.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 18.—Mayor Rose, City Clerk Schuegel and the 24 aldermen who voted for the street railway ordinance are in contempt of court. This is the substance of the decision handed down by Judge Ludwig. The court practically holds, in assuming jurisdiction, that the ordinance is void, for the reason that the amendments adopted on the floor were not considered by a committee.

Important Postal Ruling.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Instructions have been issued by the postoffice department that facsimile copies of manuscript or typewriting obtained by a mechanical process in order to be entitled to the third class rates of postage must be presented for mailing at the postoffice or depository designated by the postmaster, and in a minimum of 20 perfectly identical copies separately addressed. If these conditions are not complied with first class postage will be required.

Boers Shell Woman's Lager.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The following dispatch has been received from Mafeking, under date of Jan. 3: "The enemy booby a renewed and vigorous bombardment Jan. 1 and deliberately fired six 9-pound shells into the woman's lager, killing a little girl and wounding two children. The strategical position is unchanged."

PROSECUTION CLOSES.

Proprietor of Private Letter Box Gives Damaging Testimony Against Molineux.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The prosecution yesterday practically closed its charge against Roland B. Molineux, on trial for the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, with the introduction of the testimony of Nicholas Heckman, proprietor of a private letter box agency, where Molineux is alleged to have hired a box where he received patent medicines from manufacturers. Heckman testified that he had known Molineux by sight for five years. On May 27, 1898, Molineux went into witness' place and engaged a box for receipt of mail. He gave his name as H. C. Barret. Witness testified that Molineux came in about 20 times for his mail, which was mostly patent medicines. Witness remembered putting in defendant's box a package of a certain powder. This powder is the one in which it is alleged cyanide of mercury was conveyed to Barret. Witness never knew Harry Cornish.

Recorder Goff took the witness in hand and asked whether he had been promised any reward for his testimony. Heckman replied: "Absolutely none." "Do you realize how vitally important it is—and when I say that I want you to look deep in your conscience—have you any doubt in your mind, any doubt whatever, as to this defendant being the man who rented that letterbox from you as H. C. Barret?" "None whatever."

FORT WORTH CONVENTION.

Stockmen Listen to Addresses on Topics Interesting to the Trade.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 18.—The second day's session of the National Live Stock association was devoted to the introduction of resolutions, reports of committees and various addresses, as follows:

"Relations of the Packing House to Live Stock Industry," by Philip Armour, read by T. F. B. Sotham, president of the American Hereford association.

"Our Broadening Markets for Meat Products," John F. Hobbs of New York.

"The Railroad and the Stockmen," by T. W. Tomlinson of Illinois.

"Live Stock Exchanges," by W. H. Thompson of Illinois.

"Necessity for Reliable Statistics in the Live Stock Industry," by L. G. Powers of Washington.

The Idaho delegation, 91 strong, will cast a solid vote against any leasing plan that may come up in the convention. The leasing system, feeding in transit rates and terminal charges are subjects that will bring forth hot debates during the convention.

Convention of Mine Workers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—The third day's session of the United Mine Workers of America convened today with John Mitchell, president, in the chair. There were fully 700 delegates present. Chairman P. J. Keenan of the credentials committee submitted his report. Fahey of the committee read the report. Illinois made the best showing, with 35,000 members.

Poultry Association Officers.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 18.—The 24th annual election of the American Poultry association resulted as follows: President, E. A. Kegley, Cedar Rapids; secretary and treasurer, H. A. Bridges, Columbus, O. The association presented two massive silver cups to the Cedar Rapids club to be competed for at their next annual meeting.

Implement Dealers Meet.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 18.—The retail implement dealers of the west and southwest met here yesterday with a very large attendance. The action will be taken to denounce the binder twine trust, which has more than doubled the price of twine.

Contagious Disease Among Cattle.

LINCOLN, Jan. 18.—Governor Poynter received a telegram from James Montague of Crawford, saying that a herd of cattle near Marsland belonging to James and suffering from a "deadly contagious disease" were running at large.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

"Kid" Roberson knocked out James Blackwell in one and one-half minutes before the Indianapolis Athletic association Wednesday night.

At the meeting of the Indiana Democratic state committee Wednesday, Parks N. Martin was re-elected chairman for the next two years.

Northwestern broom manufacturers have decided to advance prices from 25 to 50 cents per dozen. This is the second advance in three months.

The Virginia house of delegates Wednesday passed the "Jim Crow" car bill, a measure requiring separate cars for whites and blacks on railways.

A movement which is being carried on under the name of the Liberty Alliance to give aid to the Boers has been on foot in Chicago for the past 10 days.

Mrs. M. J. Patterson, the only child of President Andrew Johnson, is critically ill at her home in Greenville, Tenn., and not expected to live. She is over 85 years of age.

National Commander Shaw of the G. A. R., has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at Knoxville at the unveiling of a monument to the Tennessee federal dead on May 30.

Miss Mary Emma Woolley, M. A., professor of biblical history and literature in Wellesley college, has been chosen president of Mount Holyoke college, to succeed Mrs. Elizabeth Storrs Mead.

Charles Dougherty, a lineman, was killed and Edward Elms and William Kaiser were seriously injured at St. Louis Wednesday while removing a wire which had crossed an electric light wire.

TO VOTE ON GOLD BILL.

Senate Sets Thursday, Feb. 15, as the Date.

HOAR RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

Asks For All Documents Concerning Philippine War—Spirited Debate Over the Seizure of Flour by British Authorities. Sibley Out of Favor With Democrats.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—An agreement was easily reached in the senate yesterday to take the final vote on the pending bill fixing gold as the standard of value in the United States, on Feb. 15.

After several days of debate the dramatic resolution of inquiry into the conduct of the Philippine war was passed. It was introduced by Hoar and practically was adopted as a general substitute for resolutions of a similar but less extended character, offered by Pettigrew and Lodge. Beyond a vigorous speech by Pettigrew the resolution aroused no debate, as it is within the discretion of the president to send or not send any of the information requested.

The resolution offered by Hale of Maine, as to the seizure of flour by the British authorities, was adopted, but only after a spirited debate and after the resolution had been materially amended. Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, made a sharp attack upon the resolution, but withdrew his objections, after it had been amended.

Teller addressed the senate upon the financial bill.

Sulzer Goes After Gage Again.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The house had another inning yesterday over the sale of the New York customhouse by Secretary Gage. Sulzer, the author of the resolution for the investigation of the secretary's negotiations with the New York banks, started the ball rolling by charging the mandate had already gone forth to suppress it. Sibley, a Pennsylvania Democrat, formerly a radical advocate of free silver, who is now out of sympathy with the Democrats in the house, warmly commended Gage's course. These two speeches precipitated a debate which lasted almost three hours. Grosvenor explained that the committee on rules, to which the Sulzer resolution had gone, had not acted because no evidence had been produced before the committee to warrant the ordering of such a far reaching investigation.

Hephurn assailed Sulzer for some of his extravagant statements and declared there ought to be some way to rebuke a member for slandering honored officials. Later in the day during the discussion of the appropriation for the army Cannon, in charge of the bill, challenged any member to move to strike it out. Williams (Dem., Miss.) replied to Cannon in an eloquent speech, in which he affirmed the loyalty of every American citizen to the flag and charged Cannon with shrewdly issuing a challenge that he knew would not be accepted. The urgency deficiency bill was passed with only one unimportant amendment.

ROBERTS MUST GO.

Congressional Committee Differs Only on the Method of Procedure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Roberts committee completed its work yesterday and came to a unanimous finding of the facts. The majority report was signed by seven members of the committee in favor of exclusion, and the minority report was signed by two in favor of seating and then expelling him. The latter two are DeArmond (Dem.) and Littlefield (Rep.). Littlefield is Congressman Reed's successor. Lanham and Meyers (Dems.) voted with the majority. Report will be made to the house Saturday.

Argue Habeas Corpus Case.

LINCOLN, Jan. 18.—Argument was begun before Judge Munger in the circuit court yesterday afternoon on the application of United States Attorney Summers, for the release on a writ of habeas corpus of Corporal Fair and Private Jockens, the two soldiers of Fort Crook who were bound over in Sary county on the charge of killing Private Samuel Morgan, an escaping prisoner.

Boers Using British Gun.

RENSBERG, Cape Colony, Jan. 16.—The Boers opened an artillery duel this morning, using a captured British 15-pounder, which the British gunners ultimately silenced. The British kept up a searching fire all day long on the Boer kopjes and also dragged another gun to the summit of Coleskop.

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