

# THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS.

NORFOLK, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1900.

## LONDON IN THE DARK.

No Official News Received From the Front.

## BIG CROWDS AT THE WAR OFFICE.

People Throng the Corridors Until After Midnight—No Information Regarding the Disposition of the Troops That Have Arrived Since Roberts Took Command.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The ass. blage in Pall Mall outside the war office and those privileged to wait in the lobbies reluctantly dispersed at midnight after the final word that nothing more would be announced. The morning papers went to press with conjectures and forecasts of all sorts, striving to guess out something from Spionkop.

General Buller's infantry to reach the summit of Spionkop must cross a natural glacis, three-quarters of a mile wide, and climb 500 feet up a steep slope.

Nobody here seems to know, not even the war office, what Lord Roberts has done with his large reinforcements. Six thousand troops awaited his arrival at Cape Town and since then 6,000 others have reached there. Military critics are all hoping that a good share of these 12,000 have gone to help General Buller, and they argue that a few days' wait may make him strong enough to overcome the deadlock.

There are 19,000 troops at sea and this heavy weight on the British side is expected to destroy the equilibrium now existing on every field of operations.

The British losses up to date in killed, wounded and captured, according to General Buller's last list, total 8,216 men.

## Fighting Resumed on Tuesday.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following dispatch from Spearman's camp, dated Jan. 23: "On Monday Sir Charles Warren's forces cannonaded and fustled the Boer positions west of Spionkop, near the Acton Homes road. A lyddite battery co-operated with the other batteries and the Maxims. Certainly the fire was effective, causing the enemy serious losses. The Boers, however, clung desperately to their works, from which they are only being very slowly driven. Today the enemy fired their guns oftener, using also the captured 15-pounders with shrapnel. Our casualties today were less than those of yesterday. Fighting began about 6 in the morning and continued all day, but there has been again like a general engagement. The naval big guns assisted from Potgieter's drift in shelling the Boer positions.

## Boers Bring Up More Guns.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A dispatch to the Times from Spearman's camp, dated Tuesday, says: "The Boers today had more guns and are prepared to fight almost interminably, having entrenched their ridge, which stretches in an almost unbroken line from Drakensburg many miles eastward. Firing continued throughout the day. We have not advanced any further, but we threw up intrenchments during the night, from behind which the musketry duel continued from exactly the same position as yesterday."

## Situation Is Desperate.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—German press tacticians are almost unanimously of the opinion that the situation of the British forces around Ladysmith is desperate. The Berliner Tageblatt prints a Brussels special claiming that General Warren has been signally defeated. A military writer for the Kreuz Zeitung says the movement to relieve Ladysmith has failed, rendering the British line of retreat endangered.

## Cecil Rhodes Working a Gun.

KIMBERLEY, Jan. 25.—The bombardments have ceased, but the Boers are perpetually engaged in sniping. "Long Cecil" is doing excellent work and Cecil Rhodes has personally fired several shells from the gun.

## PANAY OPEN TO TRADE.

Work of American Troops in the Philippines Steadily Successful.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—General Otis reported to the war department yesterday that the western coast of the island of Panay is now open for trade and that the coast of Laguna de Bay and the neighboring sections of the country will also be opened to unrestricted traffic by the end of the week. He also reports several minor engagements with the Filipinos, in which the American arms met with the usual success. The enemy lost heavily and a large amount of arms and ammunition was captured.

## Lieutenant Stockley Is Missing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—General Otis cabled the war department as follows: "MANILA, Jan. 25.—Lieutenant Stockley, twenty-first infantry, has been missing since Jan. 12. He was on reconnoitering duty at Talisay, near San Tomas, Batangas, and was evidently captured. Search is still being prosecuted."

## Revolutionary War Widows.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Responding to an inquiry from Senator Gallinger, Commissioner of Pensions Evans has sent to him a statement giving the number of pensioners borne on the rolls of the office on account of each of the wars of the United States and giving a brief review of the laws under which they were granted. The statement is as follows: On account of the revolutionary war, four widows and seven daughters. War of 1812, one survivor, 1998 widows.

## DELUGED WITH ORDERS.

First Subscription For Christian Daily Comes From Nebraska.

TOPEKA, Jan. 25.—The immediate and extraordinary response of the public to the announcement in the Associated Press of the "Sheldon edition" of the Daily Capital is indicated by the fact that Mr. Sheldon and the Capital have been deluged with telegrams and letters from all parts of the country asking for information regarding the proposed plans for a Christian daily newspaper. Among the dispatches received was one from New York containing an order for 10,000 copies of each issue during the week. Another order by telegraph asked for 5,000 inches of advertising space. The first subscription order, which came within 12 hours of the announcement of the plan in the Associated Press, was from Nebraska, for 100 copies of each issue. Requests have come to the Capital from over 100 newspapers in Kansas for cuts of Mr. Sheldon to be used in their columns.

Mr. Sheldon said that while he would receive no compensation for his services it had been stipulated that should the edition a large part of the proceeds would be devoted to missionary and philanthropic work.

## TROOPS TO EXPEL A DEPUTY.

Exciting Scene in the French Chamber During a Debate on Conspiracy.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—There were exciting scenes in the chamber of deputies yesterday. M. Jean Charles Bernard, socialist member for the Second district of Bordeaux, violently denounced the statements made by the public prosecutor at the trial of the Assumptionist Fathers, and attacked the minister of justice, M. Monis, calling him a scoundrel and a canaille. The chamber pronounced itself in favor of the expulsion of M. Bernard from the house, but the deputy refused to withdraw. The proceedings were temporarily suspended and a detachment of soldiers was marched in, whereupon M. Bernard left the chamber, protesting against his expulsion.

The trial of the 12 Assumptionist Fathers before the correctional tribunal resulted in their sentence to 16 francs fine and the court decreed the dissolution of the order.

## Seek Damages for Slander.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 25.—James Hamons has filed suit against John Mira for \$10,000 damages. Both are farmers and live near Lindsay. Last November a son of Hamons shot and killed Daniel Ducey, Jr., while they were hunting ducks. At the time it was generally conceded to have been an accident. Hamons alleges in his petition that Mira has frequently declared that the shooting was willful and deliberate. The petition also recites that Mira has at divers times tried to organize a crowd to lynch both the plaintiff and his minor son.

## To Restore Capital Punishment.

TOPEKA, Jan. 25.—Governor Stanley is quoted as declaring he will recommend to the next legislature that the crimes act, fixing the punishment for murder, be amended so that the jury shall decide that question, and the jury having fixed the punishment the judge's only duty shall be to execute its judgment. This would restore in Kansas capital punishment for murder which the present law practically abolishes. The recent double lynching at Fort Scott is believed to have influenced the governor.

## TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

New York wants the national Democratic convention.

Dr. J. H. Hardin has resigned the presidency of Eureka college.

D. O. Mills has been elected a director of the New York Central railroad.

The condition of E. J. Phelps, ex-minister to England, who is ill at New Haven, is slightly improved.

Chinese pirates emboldened by recent successes have again attempted to blackmail foreign firms at Canton.

Ex-Congressman Charles W. Walton, for 35 years a justice of the Maine supreme court, died in Portland Wednesday.

Baron von Holleben, German ambassador to the United States, was the guest of the University of Chicago Wednesday night.

The governor and council of Massachusetts have decided to sell the state's stock in the Fitchburg road to the Boston and Maine.

The indictment against John Whallen of Louisville charging him with attempting to bribe Senator S. B. Harrol was quashed Wednesday.

The Afghanistan ameer has ordered all roads leading from Kerhat to be guarded, and in Katia the frontier garrisons have been reinforced.

Count Castellano Wednesday sent another long and abusive dispatch to M. de Rodas, in response to a shorter dispatch received by him from the editor of the Figaro.

Arrangements for the national anti-trust conference to be held in Chicago three days, beginning Feb. 12, practically are completed. Three sessions will be held daily.

Government officers arrested Harry J. King and James Prince, managers of the Chicago embroidery exchange, on the charge of having swindled a number of women in all parts of the country.

The introduction of a resolution of sympathy with the Boers in the lower house of the Texas legislature Wednesday precipitated a stirring debate. The resolution was referred to the committee on federal relations.

Mrs. Belle Eddy, alias Mrs. R. B. Yates, of Cleveland, a well known clairvoyant, was arrested Wednesday on the charge of using the mails to defraud. Mrs. C. L. Common, accusing her of wrongfully obtaining from her \$10,000.

## LANDIS STIRS HOUSE.

Young Orator From Indiana Wins New Laurels.

## DEBATE ON THE ROBERTS CASE.

Says Mormon Apostles Are Living In Polygamy Today—Speeches Greatly Help the Majority Resolutions For Exclusion. Senate Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The second day's debate in the house upon the Roberts case was less dramatic than that of Tuesday. The galleries were almost as crowded, but the ladies were less demonstrative. The president's pastor, Rev. Dr. Bristol, was in the executive gallery the greater portion of the afternoon, listening to the arguments. Mr. Roberts was not present during the day. Had he been he would have heard the most scathing exhortation of the Mormons ever delivered upon the floor of the house. Landis (Ind.), the young orator who distinguished himself during the last congress in an oratorical duel with Johnson of his state, won new laurels. He charged that Utah had been admitted to the union as a result of a Mormon conspiracy and reviewed the history of the apostles of the church, whom he charged with living in open and flagrant violation of the statute against polygamy, to show that they had basely broken their solemn pledge to the government. The other speakers were Messrs. Powers (Rep., Vt.) and Miers (Dem., Ind.) for the majority resolutions, Snodgrass (Dem., Tenn.) and Wilson (Silver Rep., Idaho) for the minority resolutions, Lacey (Rep., Ia.) for his proposition to expel without swearing in and Crumpacker (Rep., Ind.) for exclusion by a two-thirds majority. The speeches greatly strengthened the majority resolutions, which seemed in danger of falling after Littlefield's speech Tuesday, and Chairman Taylor is confident that they will be adopted when the house votes this afternoon.

## Senate Passes Pettigrew Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Routine business occupied the attention of the senate yesterday in a brief session. The resolution offered by Pettigrew of South Dakota, calling upon the president for information as to the treaty entered into with the sultan of Sulu, was passed after Pettigrew had made an attack upon the administration for entering into an agreement which, he said, authorized slavery. An extended debate was precipitated on the conference report of the census administrative bill, but the census committee gained its point and the measure was sent back to conference.

## LAY OUT PARTY POLICY.

Democratic Members of the Senate Hold a Conference.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Democratic members of the senate held a conference to consider the question of party policy on the various questions before congress. They have found themselves following somewhat divergent paths on some of these questions and concluded that their party interests demanded that they should have a better understanding among themselves. No definite conclusion was reached, but when the conference adjourned there was a general understanding of the lines to be pursued.

The question of policy to be pursued towards the Philippine archipelago attracted more attention than any other. On this point there was a general exchange of views, the consensus of opinion evidently favoring the policy outlined in Senator Bacon's resolution, of protecting life and property in the islands until quiet is restored, when the United States shall provide the opportunity and prescribe the method for the formation of a government by and for the people of the Philippine islands, to be independently exercised and controlled by themselves.

There was also more or less discussion of the bills providing a form of government for the Hawaiian islands and for Porto Rico. The preponderance of opinion concerning these bills was favorable to absolute free trade between the United States and these islands as a part of this country.

With reference to the financial bill, it was practically decided to offer a substitute, providing for the free coinage of silver.

## Bennett for Secretary of Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Republican caucus of the senate decided definitely on the reorganization of the elective offices of that body and nominated Hon. Charles Bennett of New York for secretary, to succeed Hon. William R. Cox, and Hon. Dan M. Ransdell of Indiana for sergeant-at-arms, to succeed Colonel R. J. Bright. Some feeling was manifested over the election of a secretary caused by the circulation of reports concerning Hon. J. W. Clarkson, who was Mr. Bennett's only competitor, which his friends considered uncomplimentary and untrue. A letter and a telegram from Mr. Clarkson were read, declining the place, but some of the senators declared their intention of voting for him regardless of these.

## Evidence of Tissue Ballots.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 25.—Many witnesses were examined before the gubernatorial contest board yesterday. The evidence related chiefly to the alleged use of tissue ballots in Democratic counties and to the use of the militia in Louisville.

## FOR MORE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

Measures Looking to Their Establishment Introduced in Iowa Legislature.

DES MOINES, Jan. 25.—The measure proposing to establish new normal schools in Iowa was introduced in both houses of the legislature. In the senate Hazelton of Pottawattamie county fathered the measure and in the house Byers of Shelby. In the upper body the bill was referred to the committee on schools, of which Senator Lewis is chairman, and in the house was sent to Stockslager of Linn's committee on normal schools. They provide for the establishment of three new schools, within the next three years, one in each year respectively, beginning in 1901. The locations are to be decided one week after the passage of the act.

A bill for the abolition of state offices of printer and binder was introduced in the house Wednesday by Clarke of Dallas. The bill is not materially different from one introduced in the senate, its main provision being to let state printing and binding by competitive bids. It was referred to the committee on printing.

## JORDAN IN THE TOILS.

Des Moines Man Charged With Fraudulently Using the Mails.

DES MOINES, Jan. 25.—C. E. Jordan of this city was arrested yesterday on a charge of fraudulently using the mails. Jordan is charged with operating three fraudulent establishments. In Kansas City he called it the Jordan-Wilkins company, in Omaha the Jordan-Jorgenson company and in Des Moines the Jordan-Kenyon company. Each establishment was represented to be a branch of a main institution in one of the other places. He advertised for traveling men to sell a harness oil and required each to deposit \$50 before beginning work. He refused to pay their expenses and kept the \$50 deposit. His letter-heads indicated references to leading banks in Kansas City, Omaha and Des Moines and these banks have all informed Postoffice Inspector Ketchum of Chicago that they never authorized the use of their names.

## TRY TO SHUT IOWA MEN OUT.

Eastern Operators Have Troubles Enough Without Adopting More.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 25.—The second day of the joint conference between the United Mine Workers and the coal operators of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania did not accomplish much. The gulf between the miners and operators from Illinois seems to widen.

A fight will be made to keep the Iowa operators out of the interstate compact. John P. Reese, ex-board member of the United Miners, is from that state and he will try to bring the operators into the interstate fold. Michigan is also asking to come in. This state will have a better chance than Iowa.

"To drag in Iowa's grievances would be folly," said a Columbus, O., operator, "and I for one will oppose the admission of the state. Let the operators settle their own troubles."

## Students Seek Teacher's Scalp.

SIoux CITY, Jan. 25.—There is trouble of a serious nature in Morningside college, Sioux City, because of the dislike of the students for Professor Perkins Slocum, vice president and a member of the faculty. Affairs came to a head when Slocum suspended one of the students for talking in the hallway. Now the students are circulating a petition urging that the unpopular teacher be removed. So far the attention of the faculty has not been called to the matter, but the 200 students are determined to rid themselves of the professor.

## Lumbermen Elect Officers.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 25.—Resolutions providing for the appointment of a permanent committee to enforce a reduction in freight rates were adopted yesterday by the Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma Lumber Dealers' association. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, James Costello, Liberty, Mo.; vice president, R. B. Pierce, Topeka. Harry A. Gorsuch was re-elected secretary and George D. Hope, treasurer.

## TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Recruiting in Chicago for the Philippines has been suspended, by order of the war department.

Judge Orrin N. Carter of Chicago announced Wednesday his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor of Illinois.

It is said the work of raising money for the Democratic national committee has been entrusted to W. H. Hinrichsen of Chicago.

Colonel Howard of Fort Payne, Ala., Wednesday announced his candidacy for the United States senate on the Populist ticket.

A combine looking to the control of thousands of acres of valuable coal lands in western Wyoming and the output of the mines there is said to be in process of formation.

Another cut of 2 1/2 per cent in the price of window glass has been ordered by the trust. The fight of the trust against the independent factories is now taken to be to the death.

Representative George W. Weymouth of the Fourth Massachusetts district, has accepted the position of general manager of the Atlas Tack company and will not seek re-nomination for congress.

The official census of Porto Rico has been finished. San Juan has 32,500 inhabitants. Ponce has nearly twice as many residents, the number being 56,000. There are 957,000 inhabitants on the island.

In the Christian county circuit court at Taylorville, Ill., Fred Sibley's attorney withdrew his motion for a new trial and Sibley was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Miss Jane Brunet, in connection with Henry Brunet, the woman's nephew.

## CARTER MUST DO TIME.

Court of Appeals Affirms Judge Lacombe's Decision.

## CAPTAIN'S LAST CHANCE GONE.

Army Officer Convicted by Court-Martial of Frauds Has No Recourse but to Serve Out His Sentence of Six Years at Fort Leavenworth.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The United States circuit court of appeals affirmed, with costs, the decision of Judge Lacombe, dismissing the habeas corpus proceedings in the case of Former Captain Oberlin M. Carter of the United States engineers, convicted by court-martial of frauds in connection with the Savannah river and Cumberland sound improvements. The decision was signed by Judges Wallace and Shipman. Carter is a prisoner at Fort William, but has been sentenced to six years at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He was also ordered to pay a fine, which he has done.

## CHAPLAIN SHIELDS GUILTY.

Convicted by Court-Martial to Be Dismissed for Drunkenness.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Post Chaplain David H. Shields has been dismissed from the army of the United States, to take effect Feb. 1, and Rev. Edmund T. Easterbrook of New York has been selected for appointment to the vacancy. The action in the case of Chaplain Shields was the result of court-martial proceedings. He was tried at San Francisco for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, in consequence of the use of intoxicating liquor, and was sentenced to be dismissed. The case came before the president in the usual course of procedure and he approved the sentence yesterday.

## New Military Prison.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—A new government prison is to be erected immediately on Alcatraz island in this harbor. Before the outbreak of the Spanish war there was room to spare on Alcatraz for all the military prisoners from California, Oregon and Nevada, but the last lot of 150 from Manila filled the quarters to overflowing. Another consignment of 150 is now daily expected, and in order to accommodate them the new prison has to be erected. The prisoners have sentences of from one to five years to serve, nearly all the punishments being for breaches of military discipline.

## Three Women Badly Burned.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Three women were badly burned during the progress of fire in a brownstone boarding house at 415 West Fifty-seventh street. The fire was controlled before a great amount of damage had been done to property, but it caused a panic among the tenants. Annie Holland, Natalie Miles and Helen Miles, in attempting to pass through a burning room, were severely burned about the head, hands and arms. All the other tenants escaped in safety, although it was necessary for the firemen to take many of them from windows in the third and fourth stories of the building.

## Plans for a Pension Fund.

GALESBURG, Ill., Jan. 25.—The movement among the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad employees to establish a pension department is taking shape and a proposition was forwarded to headquarters. This contemplates the establishment of a fund from assessments of 1 per cent of the monthly wages of each of the 33,000 employees and from the revenue in reserve now held by the Burlington relief department aggregating \$900,000. When the men reach the retiring age they will be paid one-half their usual wages.

## Sheriff Kills Two Cowboys.

HELENA, Mo., Jan. 25.—Agent Seely of the Fort Peck Indian reservation, who has arrived in Helena, brings word of a shooting affray at Culbertson. Charles Reed and Nolan Armstrong, cowboys, terrorized the town. Deputy Sheriff Elder attempted to arrest them, but they scorned his talk about resisting the law and turned upon him. He shot and killed both men. The verdict of the coroner's jury neither censured nor approved the action of the officer.

## Bashor Names Boies for President.

WATERLOO, Ia., Jan. 25.—Horace Boies as the Democratic nominee for president is the suggestion of S. H. Bashor. Those who know the close relations existing between the two men regard the declaration as a practical announcement of his candidacy by Mr. Boies himself.

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