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ALL EYES ON BULLER.

Attention Is Now Fixed on Ladysmith Operations.

CAPTURES AN IMPORTANT POINT.

Dislodges Boers From Pieter's Hill, but Gains No Victory—Roberts Into Free State.

LONDON, March 1.—General Buller's distinct success in storming Pieter's hill brings the rescue of Ladysmith near, but the war office intimated that an immediate announcement of relief need not be expected. The going to and fro at midnight of officials and messengers suggested that important news had been received. If this were the case Lord Lansdowne decided to sleep upon it before taking the public into his confidence.

General Buller's success came after hard fighting on Friday, and it was improvised and its execution begun during the armistice of Sunday. In proposing the armistice the British commander stipulated that both sides should be free to move, but that neither should do any shooting. He was therefore within his privileges in immediately beginning to transfer his troops.

General Buller's tidings come weighted with his long list of casualties. His losses in the four attempts to get General White out aggregated 4,000.

Ladysmith is in desperate straits. Charles Williams, the military expert, says he learns on very high authority—presumably that of Lord Wolsley—that General White's fate is almost at its last gasp.

"This is not so," said Mr. Williams, "on account of my lack of provisions or ammunition, neither of which is yet exhausted, nor because of the poisonous waters of the Klip river and the evil effects of the heat on the terrain in which the garrison must reside. Even those who have escaped fever and dysentery are in a state of low vitality. They can still man trenches and would probably hold their own against a last desperate assault, but they can initiate nothing. General Buller now knows that as units the regiments will be of no use to him for months."

According to a dispatch from Cape Town, dated Feb. 27, Lord Kitchener is at Arundel, the Boers are retiring to Norvalspont and all is quiet at Stormberg.

Lord Roberts' Next Move.

There is no authoritative indication yet of what Lord Roberts will do next. It seems likely that a branch railway will be built across the veldt to lessen the difficulties of transport. Colonel Gouard, who built the Soudan railway, is with Lord Roberts. The strain on the Western railway is seen from the fact that the population of Kimberley, two weeks after the relief, continues on reduced rations. Lord Roberts' troops have thus far been only partially fed. It is quite clear to technical heads that those who talk of an immediate and rapid advance far into the Free State do not realize the transport conditions. The Boers, it appears, have built a railway from Harrismith to Kromstadt to facilitate the movement of their troops between Natal and the Free State.

Mafeking was holding out Feb. 16. At that time the Boers were showing unusual activity and firing inflammable shells.

The Boers who hold positions south of the Orange river have been weakened. Rensberg was occupied by the British after a slight skirmish and without serious opposition. Neither the town nor the railway has been injured.

British Casualty List.

The rapidly growing casualty lists are being classified as quickly as possible. They show that up to yesterday the total number of casualties was 12,834, of which 2,319 were added during the last fortnight. Ten of the 11 Scotch regiments lost about 2,050 and eight of the Irish regiments 2,000. Then come the Gloucesters and Northumberlands, while of the colonials the Royal Canadians lost 121 and the Victoria mounted contingent 26. The casualties are classified thus: Killed, 1,933; wounded, 6,838; missing, 3,173; disease, 830.

Winston Churchill, in a dispatch dated Colenso, Feb. 27, says: "The condition of the wounded, who were unattended on the hillsides, Sunday was so painful that General Buller sent a flag of truce to the enemy, and it was arranged that throughout Sunday military movements should continue on both sides, but there should be no shooting. This truce terminated at dusk. The Boers then resumed a furious musketry attack on the British left. The attack was repulsed. Fighting continues vigorously. We shall see who can stand 'bucketing' best, the Briton or the Boer."

BULLER REPORTS SUCCESS.

Tries Another Crossing of the Tugela and Captures an Important Point.

LONDON, March 1.—The war office has received the following dispatch from General Buller:

"HLANDWANI, Feb. 28.—Finding that the passage of Langewad's spruit was commanded by strong intrenchments I reconnoitred for another passage of the Tugela. One was found for me below the cataract by Colonel Sandbach, Royal Engineers, on Feb. 25. We commenced making an approach thereto and on Feb. 26, finding that I could make the passage practicable, I crossed the guns and baggage back to the south side of the Tugela, took up the pontoon bridge on Monday night and relaid it on the new site, which is just below the present marked cataract.

"During all this time the troops had been scattered, crouching under hastily constructed small stone shelters and exposed to a galling shell and rifle fire and throughout they maintained the most excellent spirits."

"Tuesday General Barton with two battalions of the Sixth brigade and the Dublin Fusiliers crept about a mile and a half down the banks of the river and ascended an almost perpendicular cliff of about 500 feet, assaulted and carried the top of Pieter's hill. This hill, to a certain extent, turned the enemy's left and the Fourth brigade under Colonel Norcott and the Eleventh brigade, Colonel Kitch.

"The whole under command of General Warren, assailed the enemy's position, which was magnificently carried by the South Lancashire regiment about sunset. We took about 60 prisoners and scattered the enemy in all directions. There seems to be still a considerable body of them left on and under Bulwana mountain. Our losses I hope are not large. They certainly are much less than they would have been were it not for the admirable manner in which the artillery was served."

BOERS LEAVE PAARDEBERG.

Movements of Cronje and His Soldiers Under English Escort.

LONDON, March 1.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"PAARDEBERG, Feb. 28.—Cronje, with his family, left here yesterday in charge of Major General Prettyman and under the escort of the City Imperial volun-



GENERAL CRONJE.

teers and mounted infantry. Later in the day the remaining prisoners went, in charge of the Earl of Egl and escorted by the Gloucesters and 100 Imperial volunteers. The women and children are being sent to their homes. I understand that great dissatisfaction was felt by the Boers at Cronje's refusal to accept my offer of safe conduct to the women and children and medical care for the wounded, 170 of whom are now in our hospital. Many of them are in a terrible plight for want of care at an earlier stage. I inspected the Boers' laager yesterday and was much struck by the ingenuity and energy with which the position was made almost impregnable to assault."

General Cronje, it appears, had steadily refused to believe it possible that the British would make a long march away from a railway and therefore he totally misconceived the object of the strategic movement of Lord Roberts, imagining that it was merely a change of direction in order to attack Magersfontein by way of Jacobsdal.

Prisoners at Modder River.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 28.—There are now 600 prisoners at Modder River, most of whom surrendered Friday and Saturday. They are kept under guard between wire fences.

Archbishop Hennessy is Sinking.

DURQUE, March 1.—Archbishop Hennessy is sinking rapidly. He was unconscious all the afternoon and the attendants expect his death during the night.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Alexander Woom, United States consul at Kiel, has received his exequatur.

William S. Wells, a former South Dakota capitalist, died at Huntsville, Ala., Wednesday.

Edwin A. Potter was Wednesday selected to succeed the late General John McNulta as receiver of the National Bank of Illinois.

The Ohio senate unanimously passed the Roberts bill, creating a state board for the examination of stationary engineers, and it is now a law.

Wednesday was a day of suicide, murder and fatal accident at Pittsburgh. Five dead, one dying and another almost asphyxiated is the record.

The Morgan line steamer Whitney, which left Key West Feb. 24 for Havana, had a thrilling experience. She broke her shaft and was completely at the mercy of a heavy sea.

The German battleship Sachseon is reported to have stranded near Kiel lighthouse during a fog. In an attempt to lighten the vessel by removing some of her guns one of them was lost.

George Young Johnson, one of the most noted printers in the country, died at Lexington, Ky., Wednesday, in his 84th year. He was at one time foreman of the New York Tribune under Horace Greeley.

Major General John R. Brooke, who has been in Washington since his recent detachment from duty as governor general of Cuba, has been slated for the command of the military department of the east, with headquarters at New York city.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, has issued a call addressed to all union men of the country, requesting them to observe Saturday, March 31, as a holiday. It is the anniversary of the founding of the eight-hour workday among miners, in Chicago in 1883.

VOTE ON PORTO RICO.

House Passes Amended Bill by Eleven Majority.

SIX REPUBLICANS AGAINST IT.

Four Democrats Vote for the Measure. Sick Members Rounded Up by Party Whips—Great Excitement Throughout the Final Struggle.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The battle royal over the Porto Rican tariff bill ended in the house yesterday in a sweeping victory for the Republicans. The bill, as amended at the conference of Republicans on Monday night, so as to reduce the tariff from 25 to 15 per cent of the American tariff and limiting its life to two years, was passed by a vote of 172 yeas to 161 nays. Six Republicans, Crumpacker (Ind.), Fletcher (Minn.), Heatwole (Minn.), Littlefield (Mo.), Lorimer (Ills.) and McCall (Mass.), voted with the opposition against the bill, and four Democrats, Davey and Meyer (Ia.), Devries (Cal.) and Sibley (Pa.), voted with the Republicans for the bill. In addition, Warner (Rep., Ills.) was paired against the bill with Boutelle (Rep., Mo.) for it. Two other Republicans, Lane (Ia.) and Faris (Ind.), were absent and unpaired. They were understood to be against the bill. Four Democrats, who were opposed to the bill, Fleming (Ga.), Small (N. C.), Smith (Ky.) and Stallings (Ala.), were absent and unpaired.

Heroic efforts had been made to get out the full vote and this led to some remarkable incidents. Six men were brought from beds of sickness; two of them from hospitals. Brownlow (Tenn.) was brought in a carriage accompanied by his wife and physician. He sat bundled up near the entrance until his vote was given and then withdrew. It was felt that the strain would be severe upon him, but when Tawney, the Republican whip, urged that the bill might be lost by this one vote, Brownlow said: "I would rather lose my life than see this bill defeated." Tawney and three assistants were out in carriages until midnight accounting for every vote and Underwood, the Democratic whip, was similarly exerting every means to get out his vote. Three Democrats were brought from sick beds.

The first test was on a substitute offered by McCall on behalf of the opposition. It was the original Payne bill for free trade with Porto Rico and was defeated, 160 to 171. Only five Republicans voted for the substitute. Fletcher (Rep., Minn.), who subsequently voted to recommit and against the bill, voted against the substitute. A motion to recommit it, which followed, shared a similar fate, being lost, 160 to 172.

There was great excitement throughout the rolls, which were followed with eager interest by thousands of spectators, who packed the galleries to suffocation. The Republicans indulged in a demonstration of with jubilation when the final result was announced.

ALDRICH STIRS UP ALLEN.

Nebraska Senator Resents Blighting Reference to Bryan.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Notwithstanding the agreement made by the senate to vote on the Hawaiian government bill at yesterday's session, the final vote on the measure was postponed until 4 o'clock today. Practically no progress was made on the bill, although it was under consideration nearly four hours.

Aldrich, chairman of the finance committee, made an explanation of the work of the conferees on the financial measure. The amendment to permit banks to issue one-third of their circulating notes in denominations of five dollars, he said, was agreed to because banks in remote parts of the country needed a good deal of currency in small bills in order to accommodate customers.

Allen interrupted that there was no such demand from his section of the country, and the amendment was simply in line with the committee's policy to cater to the desires of the banks. A lively political colloquy occurred between the two senators, during which Aldrich said that as Allen had just returned from a Populist convention and a conference with his candidate for the presidency, he was presumably speaking with authority. He also intimated that Bryan might have changed his views on the money question since the last report.

This aroused the Nebraska senator, who denied that he had been in conference with Bryan, and said the sneers of Aldrich directed at a man who was in every respect his equal were unwarranted and uncalled for.

In response to a question from Wolcott, Allen said: "I do not want to bandy words with the senator for the benefit of the galleries. There have been some boodling Republicans in our party (referring to Wolcott's reference to the middle-of-the-road Populists), but, like St. Patrick did with the snakes, we swept them out at our recent conference."

One of the features of the session was the speech of McLaurin (S. C.) on the Philippine question. He is the first Democrat in the senate to declare himself for expansion.

Lieutenant Waugh Commits Suicide. WASHINGTON, March 1.—General Otis has reported to the war department that Second Lieutenant John R. Waugh, Thirty-ninth infantry, shot himself through the heart while temporarily detached from duty as a volunteer, on the 27th inst. at Manila. Lieutenant Waugh was born in Nebraska in 1876.

PRINTER AND BINDER SAFE.

Iowa House Does Not Favor the Bill to Abolish the Office.

DES MOINES, March 1.—Yesterday the Iowa house put itself on record against the abolition of the offices of the state printer and binder. The vote on the bill to abolish them, reached late Wednesday afternoon, after two sessions of the warmest discussion which has yet developed over any pending measure, stood 45 to 48. No motion was filed to reconsider. It now remains to be seen what the upper body will do with a similar measure pending before it, but it is not presumed that even should such a measure pass the upper body, it could now get through the house.

The report of the special committee appointed to investigate the rates paid the state printer and binder was made shortly before the bill was taken up in the house. It gave bids on work from 16 of the state departments by different prominent printing establishments, showing very little difference between their prices and those of the state printer and binder.

The house passed without a dissenting vote the resolutions calling on the governor, secretary of state, auditor and treasurer to explain their connection with insurance and building and loan companies.

Rev. Dr. Green May Leave Iowa.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., March 1.—Rev. Dr. Green, rector of Grace church and a prominent candidate for bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Iowa two years ago, has just returned home from Denver. While there members of the Central Presbyterian church, the largest and wealthiest in the city, which is at present without a pastor, suggested that Dr. Green be called to the pastorate. The suggestion met with instant favor and the call may be extended. It is believed that if the call came in the regular way Dr. Green might be persuaded to return to his first love, the Presbyterian church, and accept the call.

Dubuque Votes to Buy Waterworks.

DEBUIQUE, March 1.—At a special election, by a vote of 3,133 for, to 493 against, it was decided to accept the water company's proposition to sell its plant to the city for \$345,000. For the first time in the history of the city women voted. They cast 275 votes for the proposition to buy against it.

Fatal Explosion at a Farm House.

WATERLOO, Ia., March 1.—A terrible explosion at the farmhouse of Gustavus Horn wrecked the house and injured his two young children so badly that they will die. The explosion is supposed to have resulted from a keg of gunpowder stored in the garret.

Robinson Takes New Position.

STOUC CITY, March 1.—Judge G. S. Robinson received his commission as a member of the Iowa state board of control, which now makes him an active and full-fledged member of this body.

HEARING TO BE POSTPONED.

Nebraska State Board Is to Grant the Railroads an Extension of Time.

LINCOLN, March 1.—Today is the date fixed by the state board of transportation to hear arguments by the railroads why the order should not be enforced commanding them to lower their rates on cattle 10 per cent and on hogs 5 per cent.

Various members of the board have expressed themselves as willing to postpone further consideration of the subject until the temporary restraining order has been decided by Judge Munger, and the time for hearing the objections of the roads will probably be extended until after March 8, the day set for hearing in the federal court.

Miller Mangled in Machinery.

YORK, Neb., March 1.—John Rafter, aged 71 years, employed as head muller in Crabb's roller mills, near McCool, was working around the shafting, when his clothing became entangled in the shafting rod. He was wound around and around, striking floor, ceiling and machinery. Only by reason of his clothes tearing loose did he escape instant death. He received such injuries that little hopes are entertained for his recovery. His left side was torn open, exposing his lungs.

Streight Chosen Major.

LINCOLN, March 1.—The vote cast for a successor to William Hayward of Nebraska City as junior major of the Second regiment was canvassed yesterday, resulting in the election of E. J. Streight, now commanding officer of company F of this city.

Pioneer Nebraskan Dead.

GERRISS, Neb., March 1.—Judge William J. Richardson died quite suddenly yesterday evening. Judge Richardson was one of the original settlers in this county and has held numerous responsible offices.

Oil Steamer Burns at Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—The merchant exchange has received word that the well known ship St. John, bound from New York for Yokohama with a cargo of coal oil, was burned at sea off the coast of Java, near Banju Wung, yesterday. Captain I. H. Fales and his crew escaped to the shore with their personal effects.

Rioting in Belfast.

BELFAST, March 1.—A rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved led to street demonstrations in Belfast yesterday which precipitated conflicts between the Orangemen and Nationalists. There was considerable stone throwing and many persons were injured and some property damaged.

TRAIN ROBBER KILLED

Lon Curry Shot Down by Officers Near Kansas City.

WAS MAKING A DASH TO ESCAPE.

Dead Man One of the Band Which Held Up the Union Pacific Train at Wilcox, Wyo., Last June—Another of the Gang Caught at Cripple Creek.

KANSAS CITY, March 1.—While making a dash to escape, Lonnie Logan, known also as Lon Curry, one of the six men who on June 2 last robbed a Union Pacific train of \$34,000 in cash, near Rock Creek, Wyo., was shot and killed by detectives, who had tracked him from Cripple Creek, Colo.

Logan was visiting the home of his aunt and cousin, Mrs. Bob Lee and Miss Lizzie Lee, and had been there a week. This makes the fifth member of the gang who has been made to bite the dust.

Yesterday Logan was located at the Lee home and three local detectives and three Pinkertons surrounded the house and called on him to surrender. Instead, Logan darted out of a rear door, pistol in hand. As he reached the gate and turned to fire, a volley from the detectives caused him to waver. He ran 150 yards across the road and into a cornfield before he fell. When the detectives reached him he was breathing his last, a bullet wound through his head and his revolver still clutched in his hand. Logan was placed in a wagon and brought to the morgue in Kansas City.

There were six men in the Rock Creek robbery—Lonnie Logan, his two brothers, Harvey and Bob Lee, his cousin, and two others. They made their escape to the Big Horn country, in Wyoming, after killing Sheriff Hazen, one of a posse pursuing them. About a month ago Bob Leonard Harvey Logan was killed in that country after a fierce fight, and two of the others are said to have since been killed. Bob Logan is still at large. Rewards of \$3,000 were offered for each of the robbers.

Run Down Another Train Robber.

DENVER, March 1.—A special to the Republican from Cripple Creek says that Bob Curry, alias Bob Lee, alleged to be one of the men who robbed the Union Pacific mail train at Wilcox, Wyo., in June, 1899, was arrested here last night by a sheriff's posse. The arrest was the result of information received from Dodson, Mo., where Lewis Curry, another of the robbers, was killed.

SNOWSTORM STOPS TRAFFIC

Trains on Roads Out of Chicago Delayed and Street Cars Blocked.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Local traffic was blocked in parts of the city by the snowstorm. The weather bureau announced that the snowfall was the greatest since the winter of 1898, averaging nearly seven inches in the middle-western states.

The greatest snowfall, according to the weather map, is in Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, southern Michigan, northern Indiana, southeastern Iowa and southeastern Wisconsin. Railroads running through these states reported trains from half an hour to five hours late.

Scarcely a trade or industry in the city escaped without feeling some effect of the blizzard. Outside of the street car service it was the stock yards railway service which had the greatest difficulty. The snow piled deep in that vicinity and although two engines were attached to many of the incoming trains, several were stalled. It was impossible in many instances to switch cars to the switches which go to the packing houses and this delayed shippers. At one time 150 cars of live stock were stalled between Madison street and the stock yards. This delay in the delivery of cattle had its effect on the market.

Fatal Tenement Fire.

NEW YORK, March 1.—A fierce fire broke out at midnight in a tenement at 1691 Third avenue. The police and firemen made many thrilling rescues and after the fury of the flames had been spent the bodies of three children were found in the ruins. They are thought to be the children of Edward Friedman, who lived on the top floor. Friedman's wife is missing and she is thought to be burned to death.

Signals used by ships at sea date from 1895. They were invented by the Duke of York, afterward James II.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Two hundred and fifty Roman printers struck against typesetting machines.

Rome declares uneasiness over the D'Abrazzes polar expedition is unreasonable.

The Kaiser's play was hissed on its first production at Berlin, so he left the theater.

The large wholesale grocery firm of John A. Andrews & Co. of Boston has assigned.

Dr. T. W. Graydon of Cincinnati died Wednesday from the effects of an operation for appendicitis.

Lord Rosebery Wednesday resigned the presidency of the Scottish Liberal association, a post he had held for 20 years.

The historical society of Wisconsin is making a search for the spot in California where William S. Hamilton, son of Alexander Hamilton, lies buried.

Secretary Root Wednesday announced his intention of making a flying trip to Cuba. He wishes to make a personal examination of present conditions, both political and industrial, in the island.

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