

BIG BATTLE AT HAND

English in Great Force Advancing on the Boer.

WARREN TROOPS MOVE AT DAWN

Improved Field Pieces Four Loads Haul Into Boer Positions — Enemy Make No Response — Bombardment With Results Unknown.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Jan. 20.—(New York World Cablegram.)—Yesterday evening Littleton's brigade, after a heavy bombardment since dawn by naval guns and howitzers, advanced in extended order toward the Boer positions facing Potgietersdrift, but, failing to draw the enemy's fire, returned. A balloon has also been searching the positions.

Warren's mounted troops have also engaged the enemy, as officially announced. Warren is again advancing this morning early. Naval guns are also bombarding.

CHURCHILL

"There is every indication that a big fight for the western roads will take place today, though the fighting commenced yesterday. All the artillery of Warren and Hilyard was not across the drifts yesterday morning and the ammunition train was not yet across the heavier guns were probably sent still south of the Tugela. These indications, as well as Warren's longer march, point to the serious effort being made today.

The Post expert says: "Probably the whole British force was yesterday on the move and perhaps fighting. Fighting when it comes will be heavy and long."

LONDON, Jan. 20.—(New York World Cablegram.)—The Daily News dispatch from Potgietersdrift, dated January 19, says: "Warren's force is moving round to the west on a line taken up by Dundonald. Warren is now close to Acton Homes."

Telegraph of same date says Dundonald and Warren have command of an easy road into Ladysmith and have cut off the Boer communication with the Free State.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—4:30 a. m.—Every hour that General Buller delays his combined attack makes his position stronger. Transports continue to arrive at Durban, but are not being sent up the line to reinforce those in front of Colenso. It appears that General Buller's troops north of the Tugela number at least 22,000 and probably 25,000 with 100 guns. His total force, forming a great outer curve south and west of Ladysmith probably number 40,000.

While General Buller's forward operations, which began January 10, develop rather leisurely, the Boers appear to be fully aware that they must meet a strenuous assault. Balloon observers have roughly estimated that 10,000 Boers are using spade and pick in artificially strengthening positions which nature has rendered easy of defense.

Military critics in touch with the war office think that general fighting has or may begin soon. It is not thought that one day's fighting will settle the fate of Ladysmith, but rather that there will be two or three days of continuous fighting.

A Durban special dated Thursday night says: "General Buller's force here that Lord Dundonald has reported a Boer column of twelve miles of Ladysmith and General Warren to be about six miles to the rear."

The Times has the following dispatch dated Thursday from Pietermaritzburg: "General Buller's wagon train is nineteen miles in length, and embraces 400 wagons and 5,000 animals. As some of the drifts are narrow and muddy only one wagon is able to cross at a time. The officers are betting 2 to 1 that Ladysmith will be relieved tomorrow (Friday)."

GLAD TO SEE THEIR SISTER.

Counts Glad Nothing of Reported Losses of Count de Castellane.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Edwin Gould, interviewed as to the reported losses of his brother-in-law, Count Boni de Castellane, in stock speculation, said: "We have heard nothing about any financial embarrassment of Count Castellane and, not knowing whether the French paper, La Matin, is responsible or not, we cannot tell how much truth there is in the report. My sister's husband lost heavily in speculation. We expect them Saturday or Sunday on La Frégate and it is needless to say that she will be more than delighted to see our sister again. I don't know whether the children are with her or not. In the cable message my sister said she was anything about the babies. They are in New York at this time is something of a surprise to us, but none the less delightful for all that."

CONGRESS WILL FAVOR.

Body of Paul Jones May Be Brought to the Coast.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The proposition to remove the bones of Commodore John Paul Jones from Paris and bury them in Arlington cemetery will probably receive the sanction of congress, if all doubt can be removed as to the complete identification of the grave of the naval hero, which has been so long neglected that it has been really forgotten.

Today the secretary of the navy will introduce to congress the latest information in the possession of the naval intelligence. The naval attaché at Paris is still prosecuting his investigations and expresses confidence that he will be completely successful in the end.

Remove Ban From Fruit.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—The Bundesrat today, abrogating the previous regulations, granted permission for the importation of dried American fruits and also fresh fruits, on condition of their examination at the Basle customs house.

Honolulu Plague Unsubdued.

WASHINGTON, C. P., Jan. 20.—An official dispatch from Surgeon Carmichael at Honolulu reports the existence of an uneasy feeling there as the result of the ravages of the bubonic plague, which, in spite of the efforts of the Hawaiian authorities, appears to be on the increase. Dr. Carmichael's dispatch is dated January 12 and is as follows: "Five cases plague reported since January 3. There have been twenty-three deaths from the plague since December 12. Uneasy feeling prevails."

HALE STIRS THE SENATE.

Malaise Senator Makes a Notable Speech on the African War.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—At the conclusion of morning session in the senate the resolution of Allen calling on the secretary of state for information as to whether any representative of the Transvaal and any member of the United States government for recognition of that application had been made if it had been accepted, and if not why not, was laid before the senate.

Spooner moved that the resolution be directed to the president and he be requested to furnish the information if not incompatible with public interests. He repudiated, he said, the doctrine advanced repeatedly by senators that the people were entitled to information from day to day regarding the conduct of our foreign business.

A debate ensued between Senators Allen, Spooner, Teller and Hale. The resolution was finally amended so as to refer to the president, "if not incompatible with public interests," to supply the information.

Spooner maintained that the president ought to have discretionary power without giving out information. "Allen thought the matter with which his resolution dealt could not affect any diplomatic negotiations and that there was no impropriety about it. Mr. Spooner regarded it as an act of gross impudence to call on the secretary of state for confidential information for which the president alone was responsible. Allen replied at length to Spooner, in the course of which he said it had been reported throughout the country in the daily and weekly press that the populist party had gone to the aid of the president."

"I say to you, Mr. President," said Allen, "that these statements are circulated with a political purpose. There will be heavy fighting in the senate day after day. We can cast 2,500,000 votes and not all of those voters are fools, either. The organization, far from having gone to pieces, is stronger today than at any previous time."

In a brief speech in opposition to the amendment Teller said he would say a word that would be offensive to the government of Great Britain, yet he felt his sympathy go out to the Transvaal republic in its great contest at arms with England.

The customs house and interest and international importance was delivered by Hale of Maine. The occasion of the utterance was the simple question whether a resolution introduced by Allen, calling for information as to the diplomatic representation of the Transvaal republic, should be directed to the president or to the secretary of state.

Hale made the question the text of an impassioned speech, in which he declared that nine-tenths of the American people sympathized with the Boers in their gallant struggle for liberty against one of the greatest powers in the world. He declared that the British Government is waging the most fell blow at human liberty that has been struck in the century. He denied that the American people "were in sympathy with Great Britain in the South African war, to stamp out the liberty of a people," and when Br. Balfour in the House of Commons made such a statement "he should be met with some disclaimer from this side of the Atlantic."

He declared that the English people themselves are not in favor of the war, which "had been brought about by a sharp cabinet minister engaged with gold speculators."

Hale spoke with unusual force, decisiveness and earnestness, even for one of his impassioned eloquence claimed the closest attention of every auditor.

START WORK ON THE CENSUS.

Agricultural Statistics Already Being Collected by the Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—In every case in which the twelfth census of agriculture can profitably be gathered prior to the general enumeration in June it will be done. The special schedules for cranberry culture and irrigation now in circulation will be followed immediately by a special nursery schedule which has just been received from the New York office. The list of nurseries so far obtained includes about 4,000 separate establishments, but each known nurseryman will receive from the census bureau a list of his vicinity and will be asked to add or otherwise correct it and return it as soon as possible. If this is promptly and thoroughly done the list will be complete and satisfactory. The inquiries are to be simple and if the returns are made promptly the publication of the bulletin devoted to nurseries at an early day may be anticipated.

ORDERS FOR EIGHTH DIVISION.

To Be Mobilized at Once—Reports from Marshal Roberts.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Formal orders have been issued to mobilize the Eighth division of the British army at once.

The war office has made public dispatches from Field Marshal Lord Roberts, dated today, recording the scouting movements in Cape Colony, including the ambushing of the Austrorians, when two of the latter were killed and fourteen reported missing. He adds: "A Boer deserter states that the enemy suffered severely in attacking the line in the advanced post January 15. Seventy Boers are still unaccounted for."

Cape Nome Fever Unabated.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Vice Consul Morrison at Dawson City reports that the disease department of the State Department has received information of the extent of the epidemic caused by reports of the phenomenal richness of the Cape Nome gold fields has not by any means been checked. The State Department is making the trip out of the Klondike this winter down the river, which, the consul says, seems a foolhardy undertaking.

While Dawson has lost in popularity during the last summer it has gained in wealth and much money has been spent in making a thriving town, equipped with a fire department, sewers, drains and other improvements.

Carnegie Gives to Ottumwa.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Jan. 19.—A proposition was received from Andrew Carnegie today to give \$50,000 for a public library if the city will provide a suitable site and appropriate \$5,000 annually for its maintenance. The conditions will undoubtedly be accepted.

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IN THE CUBAN COURTS

Senor Lanuza Suggests Commission of Cuban and American Lawyers.

WOOD CONGRATULATES GEN. LEE.

Governor General Pleased With Result of His Visit to Province of Pinar del Rio—Tobacco in Good Shape—Cannet Hold Two Positions.

HAVANA, Jan. 19.—Senor Lanuza, who was secretary of justice in the advisory cabinet of General Brooke, said today: "Three American and three Cuban lawyers, acting as a commission could reform certain abuses in Cuban laws without injuring the general competency of the system, and the whole country would gain by such a reformation. This work of reform is only a question of time, as the abuses must be swept away, many of the well-established legal institutions and principles of the United States would work well here, especially as Americans are being sent to Cuba in such numbers that they will be able to take the place of the Cuban lawyers."

"The movement of Russian troops toward the Afghanistan and British India borders, the mobilization of Transcaucasian troops at Bakou and Herat and other military maneuvering on the part of Russia are taken by official Russia to mean the beginning of a movement to eliminate English influence in territory heretofore held by her, beginning at Kabul. It is certain that England will have to fight to retain her territory in the east."

SECRETARYSHIP GOES BEGGING.

Representative Sherman Announces He Will Stay in the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Representative Sherman of New York, who returned to Washington today and was here during the day, announced in connection with the office, has definitely declined the secretaryship of the senate. "I have declined," said he today, "because the people of my district are being benighted at Kabul. It is certain that England will have to fight to retain her territory in the east."

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CASTELLANE IS BANKRUPT.

Anna Gould's Dapper Foreign Count Makes Sensational Failure.

PARIS, Jan. 19.—(New York World Cablegram.)—All Paris is discussing the reports published today that Count Boni de Castellane, husband of Anna Gould, has lost several millions in stock speculation in the last two months. Just how many millions it is difficult to ascertain. Some estimate 1,000,000 and some only 500,000 francs. What is said to be certain is that the count found it impossible to settle and that his powerful connections begged for time and that finally several brokers consented to organize a temporary rescue. The count and countess sailed last Saturday for New York for the purpose, it is said, of appealing to her brokers for aid.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—George Gould, brother-in-law of Count Castellane, declined to see newspaper callers at his office in the Western Union Telegraph building. Through a representative he sent word that he knew nothing of what he had seen in the newspapers about the alleged financial situation of Count Castellane.

Miss Helen Gould said she expected the Count and Countess Castellane to reach New York on the Louisiana on Saturday. On their visit here they will stop at a hotel.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Representative Corliss of Michigan has introduced a bill for the construction and operation under the government of the United States of a cable between the Philippine islands and other countries.

The bill is substantially the same as that of last year, providing for a government cable, except that the section creating a cable committee is eliminated and the president is empowered to determine the route, the maintenance, operation, etc. The line to be placed under the control of the postmaster general, the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy.

Drainage Canal Injunction.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The supreme court of the United States took informal cognizance of the motion of the state of Missouri for leave to file a bill of complaint against the state of Illinois asking for an injunction against the Chicago drainage canal at the extent of stating to Attorney General Crow of the former state that some announcement would be made Monday next.

Judge M. W. Springer was present and notified the court that he would appear in behalf of the state of Illinois.

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EUROPEAN WAR WOULD ENSUE.

Conflict Between Russia and Japan Is Looked for as Inevitable.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—"War between Russia and Japan is inevitable," said the naval officers of these countries who have been nearest the probable scene of future operations," said Lieutenant W. Romanoff of the Imperial Russian navy who arrived Chicago today. The lieutenant has just completed a three years' cruise in Asiatic waters on the Russian battleship Sissoi Veliky and is on his way to St. Petersburg. He continued: "Just how soon such a war may begin it is difficult to say, but events little short of miraculous must occur to avert it. The Japanese are building up a navy as rapidly as possible in anticipation of the outbreak of hostilities and Russia is strengthening her navy as fast as she can. That Russia must have a navy between her and Arthur and Vladivostok is conceded and that she will try to get one in Korea is certain. In the event of such a war it is considered probable in Russia that a Cuban judge has a serious difficulty to contend with that England will take the other side. European war will follow the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Japan."

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ROBERTS CASE NEXT WEEK.

Debate on Whether He Shall Be Admitted to Be Expelled.

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INTEREST OF FARMERS

A Meeting of the State Institute Held in Lincoln.

AGRICULTURE IN THE SCHOOLS.

Reports Received from the President and Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture—Auction for Leasing School Lands—Plot in a School—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 18.—A meeting of the State Farmers' institute was held at the State university under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture. Chancellor Boney spoke on agriculture in the common schools and Regent E. Von Follen of the university discussed agricultural education in secondary schools. The program closed with a discourse on agriculture in the common schools by Prof. J. L. Lyon, director of the State Board of Agriculture.

The State Board of Agriculture met in the evening and reported the President S. C. Bassett and Secretary Robert W. Furnas. A number of recommendations and plans for the next state fair and agricultural exhibition which will be held in Lincoln in September, were discussed. Although no definite action was taken, it is probable that the affair will be held in Lincoln this year. It was recommended to Omaha in 1896.

Late Return of Philippine Hero.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 18.—Earl Bohannon, who served as a private in the Twenty-third infantry under Colonel Funston in the Philippines campaign, returned to his home in this city last week, and a few days ago was tendered a reception at the Methodist church under the auspices of the Epworth league.

Addresses of welcome were made by Mayor C. F. Spencer in behalf of the city, Rev. Dr. W. Crane in behalf of the church, and J. H. Purton in behalf of the soldiers of the civil war and H. B. Fleeharty, former private secretary to ex-Governor Leedy. In the address made by Mayor C. F. Spencer, he referred to the brave deeds of the soldiers of the civil war and the honor which they have won. He said that the city of Lincoln is proud to have in its midst a man who has served his country so bravely and who has won so many honors. He said that the city of Lincoln is proud to have in its midst a man who has served his country so bravely and who has won so many honors.

Columbus Monument to Soldiers.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 18.—Material for the new soldiers' monument has arrived from the quarries in Vermont. The contractors began with a force of men and will run the quarry for a week. The monument will be thirty-one feet high and eleven feet square at the base, surmounted by a large bronze eagle with an eight-foot spread of wings. The monument will be placed on either side of the monument on stone pedestals. A program in honor of the monument will be given by the government to Baker post on Saturday. The monument will be placed on either side of the monument on stone pedestals. A program in honor of the monument will be given by the government to Baker post on Saturday.

Buttermakers' Convention.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 20.—E. Suddendorf, secretary of the National Creamery Buttermakers' association, which meets in this city next month has opened headquarters for the association in Lincoln. On account of an unusually prosperous year for the creamery men and the central location of Lincoln, it is expected that the attendance at the annual meeting will pass all previous marks. The committee in charge of the meeting has provided a number of prizes for the best creamery products. For the best package of separator butter and for the best package of gathered cream butter a gold medal will be given. The second prize for the same product will be a silver medal. The highest scoring the most points will be given \$100 in cash in addition to the medal. The association will give to the state delegation having the highest average score a silk banner costing not less than \$100. In addition to these prizes \$4,000 will be divided pro rata as follows: \$1,500 for those scoring over 80 per cent, \$1,000 for those scoring between 70 and 80 per cent, and \$1,500 for those scoring over ninety-four points.

Echo of Bartley's Default.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 20.—Judge Suddendorf, in a federal court decision on a motion of defendants to dismiss, because of lack of jurisdiction, the case of the state against William Gaslin and other stockholders of the First National bank, ordered on a bond given to secure the state's deposit in that default bank. The bond is for \$50,000, and was given to the state by the First National bank, as state treasurer, however, put in much more than the legal limit, and when the bank failed it had \$40,000 of state money. Albert Watkins, the receiver, has recently received from Attorney Main, formerly of Kearney, and W. J. Connell of Omaha appeared for the defendants, and Attorney General Smyth for the state.

For Leasing School Lands.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 20.—Land Commissioner Wolfe is studying the railroad time tables in making arrangements for holding public auctions of school land, on which old contracts have been canceled for delinquency. He expects to begin holding these auctions about February 15, and to continue as rapidly as possible until finished.

He will have leasing auctions in the following counties: Buffalo, Custer, Adams, Dawson, Dixon, Lincoln, Franklin, Furnas, Greeley, Harlan, Jeward, Kearney, Knox, Lancaster, Madison, Merrick, Phelps, Polk, Red Willow, Seward, Stanton, and will offer about 22,117 acres in all the counties.

State Fair Managers.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 20.—In case the cash indorsement offered by the people of Lincoln is sufficient guaranty to warrant holding a fair, the time is fixed for the first week in September, this being the week assigned Nebraska by the Western Association of State Fairs.

The newly appointed board of state managers to handle the affairs of the state board of agriculture for the ensuing year is: J. B. Dinmore of Stanton, Peter Youngers of Geneva, Malton Doolittle of North Platte, J. E. Vance of Pawnee City and Austin Humphrey of Lincoln.

Father Baumgartner's Funeral.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Jan. 20.—Probably the largest funeral ever held in Cedar county was that at Constance, over the remains of Father Baumgartner, who was priest of the Catholic church at that place. There were ten priests in attendance. Father Baumgartner was the best known of any priest in the county. He was 72 years old. He left his church out of debt and in good shape.

This Dog Expensive Property.

WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 16.—The first case tried in Cuming county under the new law making dogs personal property was that of the Catholic priest, Krake's court.