

BIG FIGHT IN SIGHT

Military Experts Say Buller Has Plans for General Movement.

WILL LEAD TO BATTLE SATURDAY

Understood Field Marshal Roberts Sanctions Buller's Line of Action.

METHUEN'S FRIENDS CONFIRM STORIES

Thrown from His Changer When Wounded at Modder River.

WHITE'S CASUALTIES NEARLY THOUSAND

Fourteen Officers Killed and Thirty-Four Wounded at Ladysmith—Boer Losses Estimated at from Two to Three Thousand.

Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co. LONDON, Jan. 11.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—No news of any value has come from South Africa since the meager report of General White's partial success at Ladysmith. A rumor tonight was that the War office had news, but would not make it public for strategic reasons.

Military experts believe that General Buller has plans for the general movement on Friday, which will lead to a battle on Saturday.

Williams, the war expert of the Morning Leader, probably the best informed of the military experts, says:

"General Buller could not act in support of General Clery's division on Friday and Saturday last, just because he was so near to take to another plan. The arrival of Lord Roberts at the Cape has restored his liberty of action. Fully conscious of the sound Yankee maxim: Never prophesy unless you know, we venture to predict a very large movement, indeed, before dawn on Monday, possibly before today has been scored out of our desk calendars."

"We frankly say that we do not know whether there is to be a similar movement of Methuen, French and Gatacre, but it is very likely that Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning will see a movement of the nature of which has become known to one or two men in London and which will not be more clearly explained this week. Indeed, it is expedient to say no more on the subject, lest we should betray the very things which General Buller has communicated to Roberts and Roberts, we believe, has sanctioned his plan."

Inquiries made in the neighborhood of Methuen's home show that information received by his friends substantiate the stories of his conduct. Reports seem to have been substantially accurate. His friends declare when he was wounded his charger reared violently, throwing his rider to the ground. Severe spinal and other troubles are said to have supervened, and these friends declare that accounts for the inaction and discussions in the Modder river country.

The truth is, the London military acquaintances of General Methuen declare, that the general has not been in command since the time he took up the command at Orange river and that he has not got on well with his staff, but one or two, who joined after the first fight. It is ventured as a confident prediction in London that Methuen has seen his last combats at Ladysmith.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The Daily Mail says: We learn that in the attack on Ladysmith last Saturday, January 6, the British losses were fourteen officers killed, thirty-four wounded and over 800 non-commissioned officers and men killed or wounded.

The Boer losses, we hear, are estimated at between 2,000 and 3,000.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—2:40 p. m.—Even the announcement of the arrival of Field Marshal Lord Roberts and General Lord Kitchener at Capetown has failed to stem the growing impatience of the country at the prolonged inactivity in the main British camps and the entire absence of news giving an adequate insight to the local situation. The public and press being unable to form any just judgment as to the actual position of affairs, stories are rife that the general is forced on General Buller owing to the exhaustion of the reserves of ammunition, and there are even wild rumors of a shell famine at home. But not much importance need be attached to these rumors. It is almost universally assumed that with the landing of Generals Roberts and Kitchener a prompt return will be made to the original plan of campaign, namely, a great central advance on Bloemfontein, but the most impatient of the enthusiasts admit that General Roberts will be unable to move before the end of the month.

Up to the present time of filing this dispatch no news of any importance had been received today from South Africa.

The officials of the war office here denied the report published in the United States that General Methuen had been recalled.

There was a rumor current in the clubs later in the day that a battle was progressing at Tugela river, but nothing could be obtained in corroboration of the report.

GENERAL METHUEN INSANE

Queer Dispatches from the Front to Be Recalled at Once and Retired.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—A special cable to the Tribune from London says: Lieutenant General Lord Methuen, commanding the column advancing to the relief of Kimberley, is to be relieved of his command within two weeks. Later he will be sent to Capetown and eventually ordered home. When he reaches England he will be retired. These facts have been confirmed by an official of the War office.

Lord Methuen's case is a sad one. Always a man of great physique—a clever boxer and an all-around sportsman—his constitution began to show signs of breaking down almost immediately after he took command of his division.

Three days after the battle of Belmont General Wolsey succeeded to the official position of the War office that Methuen held. His advice was not heeded. The wisdom of the aged but keen commander-in-chief of the British army is now realized to the fullest extent by the war officials who scoffed at his suggestion.

Friends of Lord Methuen insist he is only in broken health, that the strain of many campaigns has shattered his naturally nervous system. Those who know the circumstances and the situation in the Modder river equally well and who are willing to state facts plainly say that Methuen's mind is unbalanced. The commander of the Modder river force has been lauded by the government with some of the most remarkable messages ever received from a

RECEIVE ANSWER OF BRITISH

Satisfactory as Far as It Goes—Boer and Liberal Terms—More to Follow.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The answer of the British government to Ambassador Choate's representations respecting the seizure of American flour and other goods on the three vessels, Beatrice, Mashona and Maria, has been received.

The British government has accepted a partial answer, very satisfactory as far as it goes, disposing of the character of some of the goods seized, but not finally deciding broadly whether or not foodstuffs are to be regarded as contraband.

The British government adopts precisely the point of view regarding the seized goods that was assumed by the State department and embodied by Choate in his note on the subject addressed to the British foreign office.

Chief Choate reports as follows: That an answer is highly satisfactory; that it is broad and liberal in terms. The position assumed by the British government is that foodstuffs in transit to a hostile destination can be regarded as contraband of war only when they are actually in the hands of the enemy.

PUT FREE STATERS IN FRONT

British Story That They Behaved Better Than Transvaalers—Did Fighting at Ladysmith.

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

"His answer to this excuse was the suggestion that the Free Staters might be put in the forefront. This hint was taken and the attack delivered."

"President Kruger's advice was no good. The Free Staters behaved better than the Transvaalers have done. At all events they managed to seize a hill. Later in the day the Transvaalers retired before General White's counter attack, amid the jeers of the Free Staters, who actually stuck to the trenches and were besieged in the ditch. After this affair it is almost certain that the allies will quarrel."

STOP THE BOER RECRUITS

No One Allowed to Cross Portuguese Frontier Without a Permit.

LOURENÇO MARQUEZ, Jan. 11.—Several Portuguese who were on their way to join the Boers have been intercepted by the frontier police. Nobody in future will be allowed to pass the border without a permit from the government.

To Investigate Pro-Boer Societies. VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 11.—Parliament will be asked to investigate widely circulated reports of pro-Boer organizations in this city. The committee will inquire whether there is really been no reasonable organization or local subscription for the Transvaal cause, but that residents of German or Belgian origin have been blackmailed by unscrupulous persons.

Canadian Mounted Police Depart. ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 11.—A Winnipeg special to the Dispatch says: The mounted police for South Africa had a great send-off at Regina last night. Lieutenant Governor Forget, who is a French-Canadian, said the men of his race were as loyal to the queen as those born at the foot of the throne. The men leave on Monday.

NEW COTTON MILLS IN MEXICO

Twenty-Six Built During Last Year—Prospecting for This Year—Commercial Conquest.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 11.—Twenty-six cotton mills have been built in this country during the last year and new mills are being pushed to completion.

There is much interest in prospecting for tin, since that metal has risen in price and some tin properties in the state of Durango give good promise according to the reports of experts now on the ground.

One of the leaders of the conservative party, Senor Cuevas, is printing a series of articles in El Tiempo, taking the ground that the Latin-American nations should unite in a league to avoid absorption by the United States. He argues that the policy of commercial conquest and the requirement of the great properties by American capital are more perilous than an American invasion.

STEAMER WRECKED ON REEF

Off Newfoundland Coast—Vessel on Fire—Several Persons Are Washed Overboard.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Jan. 11.—A large steamer, believed to be a passenger ship, whose name cannot yet be ascertained, has been wrecked on a reef in St. Mary's bay about five miles from shore. The vessel, which lies with its head low in the water, is an iron ship.

Several persons have been washed off the deck during the day. Just before midnight others were described in the rigging. It is feared these will perish before daybreak.

At this hour (9 p. m.) it is impossible to secure further particulars, nor can any be obtained from the committee on the wreck.

No Boer Sympathy in Ohio. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 11.—The Ohio house of representatives today by a strict party vote indefinitely postponed the resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers in their war with Great Britain. The republicans voted in the affirmative.

GEN. WOOD TO ISSUE AN ORDER

Will Define Relations Between Civil and Military Authorities in Cuba.

PRISONS TO BE VISITED ONCE A MONTH

Controversy Between General Ludlow and the Cubans—Affairs of Island to Be Gradually Turned Over to Cubans.

HAVANA, Jan. 11.—Tomorrow General Wood will issue an order defining the relations between the civil and military authorities. Except in a supervisory sense the military authorities will not interfere beyond matters of sanitation and public undertakings of a sanitary character.

The military commanders throughout the island have received instructions to visit the prisons in their jurisdictions at least once a month, to make full reports and to prevent the recurrence of such abuses as have long existed but are being rapidly remedied.

All department commanders have been notified that the military must not be employed, except where the civil power is ineffective.

Senator Federico Mora, the supreme court judge, has addressed a letter to the judges of the supreme court saying that the judge in charge of the custom house fraud cases claims that the proper course of law has been ignored by the intervening government in that individuals, sanctioned by Collector Bliss, can be prosecuted.

He further claims that Collector Bliss refuses to deliver the original documents giving evidence of the guilt of the accused custom house employees and that lawyers nominated by the intervening government intervene to direct the methods of investigation. These facts, the judge declares, constitute a transgression of the law and the supreme court should request all such restrictions to be removed immediately.

Cubano says it has received two notes from General Ludlow, military governor of Havana, one imposing a fine of \$5 upon the paper for not having answered questions put by General Ludlow in a former note and the other directing that the Cubano, instead of rectifying the false statement, has reiterated it, and that, if the paper does not make proper rectification it will be fined \$10.

Senor Varona, secretary of finance, asserted today that General Wood's bill creating a national sanitarium at Hat Springs, and is co-operating with Captain H. E. Palmer of Omaha, who is chairman of a committee of the Grand Army, appointed by the present commander, to urge upon the Cuban government the passage of this measure.

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ALLEN INTRODUCES BILLS

Senator from Nebraska Brings Forward Measures of Interest to the West.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Allen introduced a number of bills today, some being of national importance. One to authorize the creditors of insolvent national banks to elect a permanent receiver to be chosen by the court of Allen ever since he has been in office.

He also introduced a bill for the relief of settlers on the Great Sioux reservation, and being in the status of Nebraska, Nebraska, Dakota, and other territories, and directing the secretary of the interior to make a survey for and report on the cost of erecting reservoirs on certain rivers in the United States and their tributaries and appropriating \$1,000,000 for carrying out the provisions of the act.

The bill affects Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Iowa and Wyoming, by providing for the erection of reservoirs for the conservation and storage in the best and most advantageous manner of the water of the rivers in the states named, for industrial purposes. The Sioux, Missouri, Des Moines, Yellowstone, White, and the various branches of the Platte, Arkansas and Cimarron rivers for the benefit of Nebraska, Wyoming is to have the water of the river, the Missouri and Big Horn rivers. He also introduced a bill to establish the official survey of fractional townships 31 and 32 north, ranges 6, 7 and 8 west of the sixth principal meridian of the state of Nebraska, north and south of the Missouri river.

He also presented pension bills for Alice V. Cook, Alfred Bigelow, Stephen D. Avery, Alexander Swallow and John W. Shelton.

Congressman Sutherland today secured an important concession from the Postoffice department in permitting to A. P. Johnson, postmaster at Bladen, \$100, which had been seized by the post office at Washington, the postal authorities holding Mr. Johnson personally responsible for the loss of the money. It was shown that he had no connection with it and that, while he may have been somewhat derelict in his duties, he had not been negligent in a certain specified time, he had taken every precaution when the money was remitted to have it reach Washington safely.

Senator Pettigrew today reported his bill, which has been a subject of much discussion in past congresses, and was reported on the last session, but failed to meet the wishes of the house. Whether this bill will have any material effect upon Flynn's Oklahoma free home bill cannot be said, but it is believed that it should be amended in conference so that it will not conflict with Pettigrew's bill.

General George A. Sibley of Mitchell is here as a representative of the Grand Army, and is expected to be in the city for some time. He is creating a national sanitarium at Hat Springs, and is co-operating with Captain H. E. Palmer of Omaha, who is chairman of a committee of the Grand Army, appointed by the present commander, to urge upon the Cuban government the passage of this measure.

Major Charles A. Howard of Aberdeen, S. D., is in the city. Lieutenant Hiram T. Pratt of Aberdeen, S. D., has accepted a position in the U. S. army. An order was issued today establishing a postoffice at Palmer, Pocahontas county, Ia., with Winnie S. Hanson as postmistress; also at Mystic, Benning county, S. D., with Mrs. M. C. McCall as postmistress; Eldorado, Uinta county, Wyo., with Edwin V. Kerr as postmaster.

FUNERAL OF FATHER M'GLYNN

Thousands of His Former Parishioners Pay Him a Last Loving Tribute.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The funeral today of Rev. Dr. Edward M'Glynn in St. Stephen's church, of which he was formerly the pastor, was the occasion of a manifestation of popular affection such as has rarely been witnessed in this city.

The altar rail of the church and from 5:30 a. m. until the doors were closed, at 12:30 p. m., 4,000 people, it is estimated, looked upon the face of the dead. For hours a compact stream of humanity poured into the church, the order of the service being the middle aisle to the foot of the coffin and there parted, one person always going to the right, the other to the left, and then, after gazing upon the face that had been loved by so many thousands, they passed on to the church.

Many remarks in the church and the pews were crowded with more than 2,500 persons long before the doors were closed. At that time there were many on the street who had not been able to gain admission. The obsequies began at 9:30 with a solemn chant for the dead, conducted by Rev. Thomas F. McLaughlin and Rev. Thomas O'Connor of St. Stephen's.

The mass of requiem, according to the rules of the Roman Catholic faith, was celebrated by Rev. Charles McCreedy, right Rev. Mr. J. F. Mooney, vicar general, deploring the cause of the final obsequies was given by Archbishop Corrigan. The body was taken to Calvary cemetery, in Brooklyn.

AFTER ST. LOUIS ALDERMEN

Citizens in Mass Meeting Decide to Visit Legislators and Demand Municipal Lights.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 11.—A mass meeting of several hundred indignation citizens was held at noon today in the Real Exchange to consider the question of lighting the alleys, parks and city institutions, which have been without electric light since the first of the year, owing to the neglect of the municipal assembly. The meeting was presided over by Mayor E. D. Stanard and addresses were made by prominent business present, denouncing the members of the house of delegates for the temporary lighting of the city. The resolutions further provided that when the meeting adjourn it be to the hall of the house of delegates, tomorrow, to demand that body instant action that shall receive the attention which has been committed and upon their refusal to act to seek such remedy for this unparalleled violation of their sworn duty as public officials as may be directed by an outraged sense of justice."

Resolutions were adopted, declaring the present condition of things intolerable and denouncing the members of the house of delegates because of their failure to provide for the temporary lighting of the city. The resolutions further provided that when the meeting adjourn it be to the hall of the house of delegates, tomorrow, to demand that body instant action that shall receive the attention which has been committed and upon their refusal to act to seek such remedy for this unparalleled violation of their sworn duty as public officials as may be directed by an outraged sense of justice."

Land Company Assails. NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The New York and Staten Island Land Company made an assignment today. Liabilities, \$225,000, of which \$25,000 is disputed, are \$99,000, consisting of improved real estate, \$99,000.

McCrayer Distillery to Start. MOUNT SPERLING, Ky., Jan. 11.—The McCrayer distillery will start this week after the famous whisky which has been the largest distilleries in the state, with offices in Cincinnati.

Wood Reports Hall's Death. HAVANA, Jan. 11.—General Wood has notified the War department of the death at Guanajay of Albert E. Hall of Company F, Fifth infantry, of yellow fever.

VICTIMS OF MANIAC'S FURY

Murder and Suicide on a Farm About Seven Miles from Butte, Neb.

MAN KILLS HIS FRIEND AND THEN HIMSELF

M. H. Jacoby, White Insane, Murders Milton Nelson and Sends a Bullet Through His Own Brain.

BUTTE, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—A double tragedy was enacted at the home of Milton Nelson, seven miles from here today, and as a result Nelson and his near neighbor and intimate friend, County Commissioner M. H. Jacoby, lie dead, both being victims of bullets fired from a revolver in the hands of the latter.

Mr. Jacoby had hitched up his horse for the purpose of coming to Butte to attend to his official duties and stopped at Nelson's, tied his horse and went to the cattle shed, where Mr. Nelson and son Sam were milking. He passed the time of day and asked Nelson to come to Butte with him, which he agreed to do as soon as he got his chores done. After further talk they went behind the shed to look at some cattle. Returning to the front of the shed Jacoby pulled a 35-caliber revolver from his pocket. The boy noticed the gun and called out "Papa," Nelson turned his head and asked the boy what he wanted. That instant Jacoby leveled the weapon and sent a ball crashing through the brain of his victim.

Nelson fell without a word and his slayer turned and ran. He placed the gun to his head and fired. The bullet entered behind and above the right ear and came out on the other side of his head. As in the first instance the aim was deadly and Jacoby fell in his tracks, with a large pool of blood and brains marked the spot where he lay.

In the meantime little Sam had given the alarm and Mrs. Nelson rushed to the assistance of her husband, but only in time to lift his head and witness him expire without a word.

By this time several neighbors had arrived, who went to Jacoby, but he, too, was gasping his last and death closed his lips before he could explain the reason of his rash act. The bodies of both men were taken to the city morgue and a coroner sent to Butte to notify Coroner Stockwell. He responded immediately and upon arriving at the place empaneled a jury which returned the following verdict:

"We, the jurors find from the evidence that Milton Nelson came to his death at the hands of one M. H. Jacoby by a pistol shot fired by the said Jacoby. The jury believe said Jacoby to have been insane."

The same jury rendered the following verdict on Jacoby's death: "We, the jury, find from the evidence that M. H. Jacoby came to his death by his own hand from a pistol shot through the head."

SILVER MEN OPPOSE GOEBEL

Claim Bryan Does Not Approve Kentucky Election—Contests—Denial by Woodson.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 11.—The silver democrats who are opposing Goebel claim to have direct information that Colonel Bryan does not approve of the election which are being prosecuted by Goebel and other democratic candidates. They went so far today as to say that Bryan had written a letter to Blackburn, discouraging the contests.

The national committeeman, Urey Woodson, who was in conference with Bryan in Chicago last Sunday, gave emphatic and positive denials to these claims tonight. He said:

"I discussed the Kentucky political situation with Bryan thoroughly and I know there is no foundation for these reports. Bryan does not approve of the democratic leaders in the state are capable of settling their own affairs and that he will have no advice to offer them on the subject of the contests when he comes to attend the banquet after Blackburn's election next Tuesday."

The story of the engagement of Senator Goebel and Miss Corinne Blackburn, daughter of Senator Blackburn, is authoritatively denied.

The republican leaders, while not abandoning the fight against Goebel in the legislature, are eager to see the federal government vote the Taylor administration, in the event Goebel is seated by the legislature. That the republican leaders are advising Governor Taylor to resist in case the legislature decides in favor of Goebel is generally admitted. Major A. T. Wood, when Governor Bradley appointed senator in 1896, but who failed to be seated, said tonight:

"Taylor has been elected and if he is turned out by an arbitrary board we could not countenance its action. We should fight if it be necessary."

There was a conference of republican leaders from all over the state, and several prominent federal office-holders, and it is said stronger pressure is to be brought to bear at Washington in favor of Taylor than has been heretofore.

GOV. TAYLOR CHARGES FRAUD

Files a Protest with the Contest Committee, Alleging Names Were Fraudulently Drawn.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 11.—Governor Taylor, through his attorney, Judge W. H. Vest, filed with the contest committee a motion to require the democratic members now serving on the committee to vacate. The motion was in the nature of a formal protest.

It is supported by an affidavit charging that the names were fraudulently drawn by the clerk and that the democratic members now serving are all disqualified by reason of partiality for the contestant, alleged evidence of which is mentioned specifically as follows: It refers to the rules of the committee, which, he says, were so framed as to exclude the greater part of his testimony, and charges in general terms that the trial of the contest is about to be made through out partisan lines and without regard to the merits of the case.

Chairman Hickman announced that the affidavit and motion would be taken under advisement.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Threatening; Variable Winds.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Temperature, Wind, Clouds. Rows show data for 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 hours.

have some for my mother. He gave me the bottle and my intention was to fix it for her myself. The bottle was sealed over and could not be opened without the aid of a corker. We then went to Mr. Cornish and told him that we could not open it. He came out of his room and, with the aid of a fork, which he took from the breakfast table, broke the seal and tilted the cork. He then measured out a dose of the bromo-seltzer and poured it into a glass of water and gave it to my mother. She drank it and Mr. Cornish went back to his room. My mother was taken ill almost immediately and died soon afterward."

CZAR AGGRESSIVE IN ORIENT

Revives Claim to Jaroslava-Macaron Land—Taking Advantage of English—To Take Possession.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 11.—The digest of opinion of the principal Chinese-Japanese papers as received today by the steamer Empress of Japan, thirteen days from Yokohama, indicate a Russian is unmistakably revealing her intentions in the far east. The China Gazette says that taking advantage of England's pressing engagement in South Africa, the Russian government, through its consul at Hankow, has revived its claim to the Jaroslava-Macaron land, making a demand for a property in the most peremptory fashion.

The Russian consul claims that the question of the disputed ownership of the land has been absolutely decided in favor of his government and he has announced his intention to take forcible possession of the property without further negotiations. His actions are said to have been extremely high-handed. Relations between the British and Russian interests are strained to the breaking point.

China's troubles, foreign and domestic, are said to be more complicated than ever before. Hong Kong reports say that the French are still holding the Chinese Taita at Kung Chowan as hostage until all their demands for the handing over of the Lu Chu magistracy has been complied with. The French consul at Hainan has left for Peking and serious outbreaks are daily expected.

The rebellion in Central China has become formidable and advice from Chang Sha dated December 20, state that the insurrection in Henan and district is spreading rapidly and a large body of insurgents have entered Pingliangshien on the frontier, touching the Hunan borders and the center of some new and valuable mines.

The state of anarchy in South China and more particularly in the province of Kwang being causing no little anxiety to the British authorities and to all having an interest in the integrity of the Chinese empire.

EVENTS LEADING TO ARREST

Investigating Committee Lays Bare the Records of Members Mess., Cowie and Sears.

The investigating committee probed further into the record of the Board of Education yesterday and laid bare a number of somewhat obscure transactions. The witness stand was occupied for two hours by George H. Hess, who retired from office on January 1, and had been instrumental with other members of the majority last year in the letting of various contracts now brought into question.

The testimony of