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Buller's Army Repulsed With Fearful Slaughter in Attempting to Relieve Ladysmith.

## Advanced Artillery Blindly Into Trap Set by Boers.

Their Guns Captured or Destroyed and the Batteries Have Heavy Losses.

Buller Forced to Retreat With the Remnant of His Army to His Former Camp at Chievelry.

supported by another brigade. "Early in day," Buller continues, "I saw Hart would not be able to force the passage, and directed him to withdraw. His leading battalion, the Conmought rangers, I fear, suffered a great deal. Colonel Brooke was severely wounded." ARTILLERY PUT OUT OF ACTION. Buller goes on to say that he ordered the force under Hillyard to advance and it succeeded in occupying Colenso sta-

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tion and the houses near the bridge, but at that moment he learned that the whole tillery force, under Colonel Long, were out of action. He says that Long in his desire to be within effective range advanced too close to the river, which proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly lopened a galling fire at close rlange, killing nearly all the horses, and the gunner's were compelled to stand to their guns.

Buller continues as follows: 'As it

life in an attempt to force the passage

roops to withdraw, which they did in

good order. Throughout the day a con-

FORCED TO RETREAT ...

Buller says that but ten guns were

"The Fourteenth and Sixty-sixth bat-

teries also sustained severe losses. We

REPORT OF CRONJE.

abandoned and were lost by shell fice,

Hart's brigade is heavy. He adds?

have retired o amp at Chievelry."

cannon is of very little use.

FIGHT AT ORANGE RIVER.

commanding at Orange River, dated Thursday, December 14: "Yesterday a

party of mounted infantry under Cap-

and Lancashire guides under MacFar-

lane, patrolled in the direction of Ra-

infantry found a strong detachment of

the enemy at the Drift and a sharp en-

mah and Zoutspan drift. The mounted

wounded."

that already has proved their pluck majority on the committee now and bear themselves as true men in adversity."

The Post's military expert, while admitting that the matter is very serious because of its effect on the situation in Cape Colony, nevertheless regards it rather as a repulse than a defeat. White's position at Ladysmith is not directly endangered.

The Daily News describes the intel ligence as the saddest that has reached ed England since the Indian mutiny. It says it will make a serious call up-

on the equanimity of the people throughout the empre. Buller, it de-clares, was not routed, but was seriously cripplea.

The Standard says: "We cannot doubt it will aggravate our difficulties over the whole field of operations in Africa. That it will dampen the spirits of the British people, or after their determination to bring the war to a successful issue, we utterly decline to district, Osmund F. Pool, Taylorsville; allow."

The Standard's military critic says: "What occurred is the now familiar TRANSVAAL YIELDS story of concealed Boers and British troops marching blindly to the very muzzles of their rifles."

The Daily Graphic says: "It is difficult at the moment to measure the possible consequences of the reverse. It is not easy to see how Buller can again advance until he has been reinforced, and meanwhile the situation at Ladysmith is most perilous."

## NATIONAL CONVENTION PHILADELPHIA JUNE 19

Quaker City.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- The republian national committee after hearing arguments by representatives of New York, Phiadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis this afternoon decided that the next republican national convention be held in Philadelphia. June 19

been increased so that now two new members will be placed on it by the democratic committee on committees in place of Senators Gorman of Maryland and Faulkner of West Virginia. The republican members of the committee now are Senators McMillan, Gallinger, Hansbrough, Proctor, Pritchard, Baker, Stewart and Wellington. Senator Pritchard will also serve on the committee of privileges and elections, civil service and retrenchment and revision of laws..

The pension supervisors for North Carolina have been confirmed. They are: First district, Wheeler Martin Williamston; second district, Augustus M. Moore, Greenville; third district David J. Lewis, Whiteville; fourth district, Joseph J. Jenkins, Pittsboro; fifth district, John T. B. Hoover. Hillsbroro; sixth district, Walter B Steele, High Point; seventh district Gustavus A. Bingham Salisbury; eighth ninth district, John A. Hendricks.

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## Consul MacRum May Send Reports

**Regarding British Prisoners.** Washington, Dec. 15 .- After a delay that has severely bested the patience of the governmnt, the Transvaal authorities have granted the request of Consul McRum for a withdrawal of its ruling forbidding McRum to send lists of British prisoners and weekly statement of the condition of the sick and wounded Republican Committee Decide for to the foreign office in London through the state department of the United States. In a telegram to the secretary of was today MicRum said he rad been informed by the Transvaal government that full reports would be given when applied for.

## PROPOSED CREAT MILITARY



A Representative of Goebel Essays to Defend Him.

in Kentucky.

Robinson's Discreditable Speech at the Night Session.

TO OUR REQUEST Another Democrat Favors the Gold Standard Measure.

> BAILEY CLOSES THE GENERAL DEBATE IN OPPOSITION TO THE BILL - LARGE NUMBERS OF SPEAKERS MANAGED, TO BE HEARD ON BOTH SIDES.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- The factional fight among the Kentucky democrats was transferred to the floor of the house today, injecting itself into the midst of the debate on the financial bill. Yesterday Berry had said apropros the suggestion that Kentucky might become a republican state, that APPROPRIATION IN FRANCE Taylor would never have come in with 4,000 votes of election had it not been for the democrats, who believed in fairness and honesty in politics. To the intimation thus conveyed, Wheeler, of the first district of Ketucky and a special representative of Goebel today took exceptions. He eulogized Goebel as one of the best sons of Kentucky and the worst slandered man he had ever known. An interchange of compliments followed. Berry and Wheeler assured each other that they would not return to congress, and later in the day Boreing, a republican representative from Kentucky, informed the house that they were not the only democratic congressman in Manger of losing their seats 1.1 1900. The debate on the financial tull was participated in by Jones, Rhea, Williamson of IMinois. Cooper, Bellamy. Williams of Mississippi and Bailey, who closed the general debate for the democrats in opposition, and Brosus. Mondell, Boreing, Kerr, Bromwell, Scudder, Payne Dalzell and Morris, who spoke for the bill. SENSATIONAL NIGHT SESSION. Washington, Dec. 15 .- Although Bailey formally closed the general debate on the financial bill oposition to the measure this afternoon, there were a series of anti-climaxes at the night sestion. Robinson paid his respects to Cushman, of Washington, who had made fun in a speech on Wednesday of Biyan. "When "Ihrist overed Jerusalem," said Robinson, "He rode an ass, surrounded by the common people of that time and place. Nothing was said about what became of the ass, but judging from the voice alone I should saythat he might be a remote ancestor of the gentleman from Washington." (Laughter.) "The first thing Christ did on the occasion after reaching the temple," continued Robinson, "was to clean it of the usurers and money changers who had defiled the temple of God. In its humble way the democratic party is trying to do this work of Christ, to clean the temple of liberty of the money changers.' The bill was advocated by Salloway, Bingham, Weymouth. Minor and Mudd of Maryland. Clayton announced his intention of voting for the bill. Referring to Rucker's statement that he could not see how there could be such a thing as a gold democrat. Clayton said where he came from there were many of that class. At 10:20 the house adjourned.

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## IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Disposition of Cases Interesting to Asheville During the Week.

Lawyers T. H. Cobb, F. A. Sondley and Judge Charles A. Moore have returned from the supreme court at Raleigh and George H. Smathers and J. M. Gndger, Jr., are expected today The cases from the Eleventh and Twelfth districts were continued on this account. Court will be discontinued towill come up at the next term, and in April.

The cases of McCarty vs. the Scottish Union and vs. the meperial Insurance companies were argued this week by J. H. Merrimon by brief for the plaintiff. and F. A. Sondley and T. H. Cobb orally and by brief for the defendants. The two cases of Smathers vs. commissioners were also argued by George Gudger, Jr., for the defendants.

London, Saturday, Dec. 15 .- News of DESPERATE EFFORTS OF THE a disastrous reverse to Buller's entire out the field guns," Buller says, "but army has filled the cup of British bitthe fire was too severe and only two terness to overflowing. The attack were saved. Of eighteen horses thir-Special discounts given to Sunday which Englishmen have been impatiently awaiting, even demanding, for seemed there would be great loss of the relief of Ladysmith was delivered yesterday morning. Not only it failed unsupported by artillery, 'I directed the completely but the British army was adderable force of the chemy was presdriven back to its original position, afmounted men under Lord Dundonald." ter heavy slaughter and the loss of a large portion of the artillery. The terrible story is clearly but briefly told in Buller's despatch. The appalling news, so uterly unexpected, did not reach London until midnight, and the general public is still in ignorance of it at the present writing. There is no need to say it will startle and arouse England as nothing has

done in recent times.

From now on the country will go to war as if the life of the empire depended on the issue, as it truly does. She will pour guns into South Africa without number, but the first thing she will do is to call a halt. There will be no further attempt to invade the Boer republic until a great army is massed

in Africa and more than a month must elapse before this can be done.

After midnight the war office authorcourt is overworked and a number of ized a statement that arrangements will be made for the early despatch of

plorits to the war offie, under date of Chievelry camp, December 15, that he moved in full strength from the camp ing of the 5th, with the intention of

was fixed upon as the date. Philade"phia won on the second ballot, receiving 25 votes to 24 for Chicago. ARTILLERPMEN. "Desperate efforts were made to bring



teen were killed and several drivers In a Battle Botween Venezuelan Government Troops and the Rebels.

Caracas, Venezuela Dec. 15.-A battle between the government forces and rebels under General Hernadez has taken place near Nirgua. The rebels were defeated and seven hundred captured. Hernandez escaped.

sing my flank but was kept back by PEARSON-CRAWFORD CONTEST IN CONCRESS

and expresses a fear that the losses to Likely Soon to be Decided-Philippire

Resolutions. Gazette Bureau,

Washington, Dec. 14.

It is almost certain that the next few Pretoria, Dec. 15 .- The following announcement is made: "General Cronje weeks will see the end of the ninth district election contest. it is said that reports that yesterday there was desultory fighting until 6 o'clock when the Mr. Crawford realizes that his congressional standing is somewhat pre-Scandinavians stormed a difficult posicarious and that he will not be surtion but it became untenable and suffered severely. Was unable to send prised if given an oportunity to pull up help. The British had an overwhelming anchor at an early date. About half of the strange record in his case is devoted force but must have had 2,000 men put to an attempt to substantiate the asserout of action, either killed or wounded," Another official report from Captain tion that Mr. Pearson's alleged defeat was due to the fact that there was Finn-Hart says there are no signs of great dissatisfaction in the republican surrender, the Burghers fighting with ranks, the imputed dissatisfaction havconspicuous bravery and maintaining ing been occasioned by the manner in positions under heavy British fire. Our which the patronage was distributed. The brief to be submitted by Mr. Pearson, it is said, will take all the wind out London, Dec. 15 .- The war office has received the following from the officer

of the sails of the Crabtree statesman by showing that Mr. Pearson ran ahead of his ticket, and furthermore that the situation of Mr. Crawford in this respect is just the reverse, he havtain Bradshaw and the Yorkshires ing ran behind some of the nominees on his ticket. That fraud was practiced in several communities by the opponents of Mr. Pearson is clearly proven. \* \*

The industrial commission has begun the consideration of its preliminary report to congress. The first report to and get one-gratis-you save four be made will be on the subject of trusts per ent. by using them.

and industrial combinations. The commission has not yet decided on any question in relation to this matter.

### Chamber of Deputies Asked to Vote \$100.000 for Defense.

Paris, Dec. 15.-M. Lockroy, president of the budget committee, introduced a bill today providing for an appropriation of fivfie hundred million francs for the purpose of placing France on a secure footing against foreign naval aggression. The money will be used in strengthening the nav and home defences and for fortifying and coaling stations. It is beieved the government will support the bill.

Who Regard the Insurgent Govern-

**REQUEST BY FILIPINOS.** 

## ment as Entirely Ended.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- The secretary of war has received al despatch from Otis saying that he has been informed by prominent Filpinos that they regard the insurgent government as entirely ended and suggest as a means of restoring peace to the island that all who remain in arms be treated as bandits. The despatch was considered at the cabinet meeting today and resulted in some discussion as to the best way to suppress brigandage.

## **BIG FAILURE IN BOSTON.**

Boston, Dec. 15-The firm of John P. Squire & Sons, the largest packing establishment in New England, has failed. The liabilities are \$3,000,000; assets, \$5,000,000. Cause, tightness of money.

## EX REPRESENTATIVE SHELL DEAD

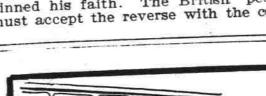
Columbia, S. C., Dec. 15.-Ex-Con-gressman\_Shell died suddenly at his home in Laurens today of heart fail-

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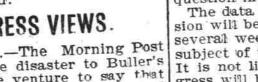






The Boers had five men killed and sev

## gagement ensued. The enemy ulti-mately retreated to Germansberg. Captain Bradshaw and three men were killed. Lieutenant Gregson, of the East Kents and seven men were wounded.



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