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## SPIONKOP ANOTHER TRAP

Boers Probably Made Seizure Easy to Get British at Marked Range.

Shells, Machine Guns and Rifle Fire Raked Trenches.

Incomplete List of Casualties Look Dubious.

Lyttleton's Brigade and Dundonald's Troops Unaccounted For.

UNITED STATES MAY BE DRAWN INTO THE AFFAIR BUT COULD ONLY ACT UPON JOINT REQUEST OF GREAT BRITAIN AND TRANSVAAL.

London, Jan. 30.—The war office announced at midnight that it had received no news from South Africa beyond the message from Lord Roberts declaring the situation unchanged, and there was nothing of importance from other sources. Everybody is still in the dark concerning the whereabouts of General Lyttleton's brigade and Dundonald's mounted troops, and though there is no apparent reason for supposing that they did not recross the Tugela safely, there is a certain amount of anxiety for tidings from them.

Meanwhile the only intelligence is conveyed in the casualty lists. They are as yet incomplete but indicate the probability that Buller's attempt to find his way round has cost dearer than the frontal attack upon the Boers at Colenso.

The list issued this evening shows Major Strong, of the Second Cameronians, and 16 men killed, 59 wounded and one missing; Third King's Rifles, 16 killed, 61 wounded and 1 missing.

The assault on Spionkop caused the death of 27 officers, exclusive of 33 wounded and six missing.

Additional accounts of the fighting on Spionkop, though not confirming the story from the Boer source that the position was taken by storm, wholly corroborates the enemy's version of the severity of the fire. One report from Frere states that the Boers had raked the trench they had previously occupied so accurately that while the British held it the guns of the burghers often dropped sixteen shells a minute into it, while the summit was raked by machine guns and an appalling rifle fire was delivered from the rifle pits in which the Boers were completely hidden.

The latest advices strengthen the probability that the whole Spionkop affair was a ruse of the Boers who made Warren's seizure of the position easy in order to enable them to destroy his men at a marked range.

WE MAY BE MADE A FACTOR.

Washington, Jan. 29.—It is now regarded here as extremely probable that this government will be put forward as an important factor in the South African war. The greatest danger to British prestige will come from the selfish ambitions of the continental nations, and a complete British reverse in South Africa will undoubtedly cause these nations to show their hand. Officials here hold that intervention from continental sources will be purely selfish, and that the Boers will be obliged to make concessions of territory.

The direct interest of the United States lies in the fact that any joint request from Britain and the Transvaal will almost certainly be directed to this government. If Britain decided it useless to continue the war longer, or feared that the continental powers were

about to take a hand she would turn first to the United States.

This appeal would be useless unless the Boers also asked our aid, but it is not improbable that this country would find means to draw a similar invitation from the Transvaal. The government is watching the diplomatic situation closely, and it would not cause surprise must end follow Dr. Leyds' visit to see the declaration that the war Berlin.

## BRITISH STEAMSHIP ASHORE NORTH OF CAPE HATTERAS

Missed Her Port in the Darkness and Storm.

Norfolk, Jan. 29.—The British tramp steamer Marston, Moore, went ashore at midnight last night at New Inlet on the North Carolina coast, 40 miles north of Cape Hatteras. She was bound from Bermuda for Hampton Roads in ballast, and in the storm and darkness missed her port.

The life savers at New Inlet could not launch their boat, as the surf was high, but a line was finally got across the steamer, and a breeches buoy was run out. Not a seaman of the steamer would come, so the life savers sent a life car out, in which five men were safely brought ashore. No more seamen came ashore, the twenty others on board deciding to stand by the ship. Unless the storm does not break tonight, they will probably be saved. Tugs will attempt to haul the steamer off tomorrow.

## CIVIL SERVICE FOR CONSULS

Washington, Jan. 29.—The representatives of the National Business League met here today with the interstate commerce committee of the senate and house to discuss the bill to be presented to congress for changes in the methods of appointing United States consuls to foreign countries. The object of the bill is to do away with politics in the consular service and apply civil service methods sending men to represent this nation in other parts of the world who are qualified for the positions. The bill will provide for a commission composed of members of both houses, and three other citizens experienced in commercial matters to formulate and put into operation the reorganization plan.

## SKIRMISH NEAR TAAL

Manila, Tuesday, Jan. 30.—A reconnaissance in the vicinity of Taal yesterday developed into skirmishes with the rebels and an officer and two men of the thirty-third volunteer infantry were wounded.

## RICHMOND MAN SHOT

Richmond, Jan. 29.—Frank Barnett, manager of a large manufacturing plant here was shot on the street today by W. S. Rhodes, and is now in a critical condition. Rhodes was jealous of Barnett, who was attentive to Mrs. Rhodes, and when some days ago Rhodes saw Barnett in a compromising position with the woman, he told Barnett that when they met again he would kill him. The shooting today resulted.

## GUN EXPLODES

Hong Kong, Jan. 29.—A gun exploded today on the Gunboat Wharf, killing two men and injuring three others. The men killed were gunners, and Lieutenant Commander Beasley was among the injured. A salute was being fired in honor of the Kaiser's birthday when the accident occurred.

## PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 29.—The Bohemians of America, a fraternal organization with headquarters in this city, held their annual banquet this evening. As the date falls on the president's birthday, a delegation was sent to Washington with an invitation to him engraved on a silver plate to attend the dinner. President McKinley replied by letter that he much regretted his inability to accept the opportunity to be with them.

## EULOGIES FOR LATE VICE-PRESIDENT.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 29.—Attorney General Griggs has been invited to deliver the principal address before the legislature at the memorial services to be held tomorrow evening in respect to the late Vice President Garrett A. Hobart. Quite a number of other prominent men will participate in the eulogistic ceremonies.

## KANSAS POULTRY SHOW.

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 29.—The poultry and pet stock show opened here today with a large attendance. There are a number of prize winners from the Kansas City show entered.

## SECOND REHEARSAL TONIGHT.

Manager of Boston Festival Orchestra Subscribes to Guarantee Fund.

The second rehearsal of the festival chorus will be held this evening in the Old Library building on Church street. The lighting of the building has been greatly improved since last week, a number of new burners have been put in and the voltage doubled. More copies of the music have arrived and there will now be enough for everybody.

Cars will run on all the lines after the rehearsal.  
Mr. George W. Stewart, manager of the Boston Festival Orchestra, has subscribed fifty dollars to the guarantee fund, notwithstanding that the Thomas Orchestra was chosen for the Festival. He expressed much interest in the association and its welfare.  
President Charles McNamee, who is in New York, is negotiating with solo singers, and an announcement will soon be made.  
President A. A. Jones, chairman of the committee on publicity and promotion, received a telegram yesterday afternoon from F. J. Wessels, treasurer of the Thomas orchestra, stating that the exact dates for the concert will be March 21 and 22 and so these are the dates for Asheville's music festival of 1900.

## DESPERATE BANDITS GIVE BATTLE TO DETECTIVES

Two of Curry Gang Killed After Chase of 2000 Miles.

Casper, Wyo., Jan. 29.—After a desperate conflict, lasting all day, a chase that has covered more than 2,000 miles of the worst mountain territory of the United States, came to an end in Hole-in-the-Wall on Saturday, and two members of the bandit gang that robbed the Union Pacific overland last May were shot to death. The men killed were Bob and Sam Curry; another Curry, George, the leader of the gang, escaped. The fight was provoked by the Currys, when they found that a posse of five Union Pacific detectives had run them down.

The detectives came upon the bandits as they were fixing up an old log hut, and the fight became general at once. Three of the posse were wounded and two horses killed. They will divide \$12,000 reward for the two dead bandits.

## RUMORED KILLING OF SIX AMERICANS IN MEXICO

Secretary Hays Asks Ambassador Clayton to Investigate Matter.

Washington, Jan. 29.—A telegraphic report of the killing of six Americans near Guaymas, Mexico, by the alleged order of General Torres, was received at the state department today from Consul Kendrick at Juarez. Kendrick mentions the rumor that the men were shot by the Mexican soldiers on the suspicion that they were concerned in the Yaqui Indian troubles, and says that he is unable to confirm it. Secretary Hays this afternoon sent instructions to Ambassador Clayton to investigate the killing and demand that outrages against American citizens in Mexico must cease. Should the facts be as reported a serious issue would be raised and Mexico would be compelled to make the fullest reparation, including the punishment of the officers concerned.

## TRAIN DETECTIVE KILLED BY ROBBERS

Was Leading a Posse After Them—Three Captured.

Holden, Mo., Jan. 29.—John Jackson, a M. K. & T. detective, was shot and killed by train robbers this morning. Jackson was the leader of the posse sent to rout out a gang of bandits whose plot to hold up the train, today became known to the railroad officials. As the posse approached the house where the bandits were concealed one rushed out and shot Jackson. Three of the gang were captured, while another escaped after being wounded.

## AMNESTY TO BE GRANTED FILIPINOS

President Will Issue Such a Proclamation Soon.

Washington, Jan. 29.—It was learned today from official sources that the president intends to issue, within the next thirty days, a proclamation extending amnesty to the Philippine insurgents and denouncing as outlaws and bandits all who do not avail themselves of its terms.

The proclamation will contain the declaration that the insurrection is ended, followed by a grant of amnesty to all who lay down their arms within a specified time—probably sixty days. Reports from Otis show that the only rebellion in the islands now is south of Manila, and the campaign here is to be completed before the proclamation is issued.

## INDIANA POPULISTS.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 29.—The state committee of the populists, or people's party, met at the Occidental hotel in this city today. The state convention will meet here February 22, and this meeting of the committee is preliminary to the convention. It is reported that there are some fusionists on the committee, and the intention is to displace them. It is gone out that any one who favors or talks fusion is a traitor to the cause of populism, and cannot sit at the table with the loyal ones. The committee will decide also to put full tickets in the field for state, congressional, county and township offices, and will make a strong fight stronger, it is asserted, than ever before, against both the republican and democratic parties. There are in

the state, it is asserted, 30,000 populists, but when a part of them fused with the democrats a number of others went to the republicans, and at the last election the people's party cast only 8,000 votes in Indiana. The assertion is made now that all party strife is at an end, and in 1900 the party expects to poll nearly its full strength of 30,000 votes.

## BIG CIRCUS SOLD.

Maine's Shows Disposed of at Public Auction.

The New York Morning Telegraph announces that Walter L. Main's circus has been sold at public auction at Geneva, Ohio. This circus has visited Asheville several seasons, and people here said it was one of the best, that ever exhibited here.

The circus was the third largest in America last season. As the reason for selling Mr. Main said he had become independently rich, and being in ill-health did not care to be burdened with the responsibility of the show. Being unwilling to allow it to go out unless he could accompany it he decided that the auctioneer's hammer was the quickest means of profitable disposal.

Among the bidders were W. W. Cole, of New York, representing Barnum & Bailey; John Otto and A. Ringling, of Ringling Bros., Baraboo, Wis.; Lewis Sells, Columbus, Ohio; B. E. Wallace, Peru, Ind., and William Sells and E. D. Colvin, of Chicago.

Lions, tigers, elephants and other animals went under the hammer to the highest bidder, and in like manner rolling equipment, from Roman chariots to fine private railway cars, was disposed of to be scattered to different parts of the country.

Main started out as a country lad without capital and has made a fortune in the show business in fifteen years. He began with eight horses and a round top tent. In 1893 his entire circus train was ditched near Tyrone, Pa., and cars and cages broken open. The animals roamed the Pennsylvania hills for several days and terrorized the inhabitants thereof. Main says he sees no financial crash awaiting circuses next season. He will leave shortly for Paris and will make a tour of the world before returning to Geneva.

## CHAPEL IN FACTORY DISTRICT.

School Has Outgrown Present Quarters There.

Haywood street M. E. church will build a chapel 30x40 feet in the factory district. The lot has already been purchased and work will begin soon. About \$150 has already been subscribed and the building will cost \$700. A building committee from Haywood and Central churches, consisting of W. M. Jones, chairman; H. A. Dunham, secretary and treasurer; J. M. Ingall, William Turner and J. A. Mimms, are at work on the preparations.

Haywood street church has had a Sunday school in the factory district for five years in rooms which the cotton mills furnished, and it has grown until the rooms that have been used are no longer adequate, and the new building is necessary. There are now five teachers, H. A. Dunham, Miss Sallie Johnson and Mrs. H. A. Dunham. They have missed only one Sunday school in the five years, and that day the water covered the flat. They have worked earnestly and have done a great deal there, and now will call on the citizens for help in erecting the new building.

Any further particulars may be gotten from Rev. J. N. Huggins or H. A. Dunham, the superintendent. Any suggestions or money will also be gladly received by them.

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## DISCUSSION OF SAMOAN TREATY

Opponents to Ratification Met Final Defeat in Senate Yesterday.

Mason Attacks the British Government.

Tillman Gets in an Attack on the Administration.

House Refuses Bill for Reorganization of Weather Bureau.

SULZBER'S RESOLUTION CALLING FOR INVESTIGATION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK AFFAIR PRECIPITATES DENUNCIATION OF GAGE, ONE SUGGESTING IMPACHMENT—SECRETARY HAS DEFENDERS.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The house today adversely disposed of the bill to reorganize the weather bureau with the provision, by the forced assessments of employes, for the fund out of which to pay annuities to aged and infirm employes. The bill was reported from the committee on agriculture with practical unanimity, but the house refused, by a vote of 57 to 53, to further act on this time.

The reference of Sulzberger calling for an investigation of transactions of the treasurer of the National City Bank, New York, to the committee means another criticism of Gage for his part in the old custom house site; for the conduct of New York, to denounce Gage and for Hopkins, of Illinois, and in and for Connecticut, to defend the secretary.

## SENATE WORK.

Mason, of Illinois, precipitated a discussion of the South African war in the senate today. He had read a newspaper statement attributed to the British consul at New Orleans, in which the American people are characterized as mercenary and Mason himself as a mountebank, and he made a speech in which he denounced England. Hoar, of Massachusetts, regretted Mason's attack on a friendly government, but said something should be done in the matter in the regular way. Although this country was friendly to Great Britain, he contended that feeling did not prevent us from criticizing England's present course. After remarks by Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Platt, of Connecticut, the matter was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

Tillman, of South Carolina, made a speech on the Philippine question, and asked if the president was to continue "his ugly and nasty work and make the constitution of the United States a new league with death and a covenant with hell."

The opponents of the ratification of the Samoan treaty in the senate met final defeat this afternoon. When the motion to reconsider the vote by which the treaty was ratified, made several days ago by Jones of Arkansas was defeated in executive session, the vote being 38 to 21. The motion after being voted down was laid on the table and cannot be made again.

The closing hours of the session were taken up in the discussion of the pension bill.

## ELI R. GLENN DEAD.

Died Sunday Afternoon at His Neice's Residence.

Eli R. Glenn, aged 39 years, died on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, at the home of his niece, Mrs. W. W. Britt, on Woodfin street. Mr. Glenn's death was very sudden, as on Saturday, after eating a hearty supper, he went to bed, and was up and around Sunday morning, but he had an attack of the heart later, and passed away at two o'clock. He leaves five children: Rev. T. F. Glenn, of Franklin; Marion S. Glenn, of Avery's Creek; E. R. and R. B. Glenn, of Asheville, and Mrs. Lou Ledbetter, of Avery's Creek. His wife died about twenty years ago. He came to Asheville from Eastern North Carolina and married on Hominy about 60 years ago. Later he moved to Sandy Bottom, where he has lived until last week, when he came to his niece's, Mrs. Britt's, in Asheville, where he died.

The funeral is to be held at Larde's church in Lower Hominy at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. Joseph Hawkins. The funeral will start from Noland undertaking rooms on Patton avenue at 12 o'clock.

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