

LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

BRITISH AWAIT LORD ROBERTS

No Serious Move Expected Before He Arrives.

BOERS SHELL LADYSMITH

SEDITION SPREADING THROUGH CAPE COLONY.

3 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IMPLICATED

One Said to be Recruiting For the Boers. Another Presents a Commando a Free State Flag. Kitchener Arrives at Gibraltar.

London, Dec. 27.—(4:50 a. m.—Wednesday.)—Dispatches from South Africa are still delayed. But they are arriving more freely, which shows that the censorship has been relaxed.

There appears to be no great change in the situation.

A dispatch from Lourenco Marques, dated Thursday, December 21st, gives the following from the Boer head laager, dated Tuesday, December 19th:

"The British naval guns at Colenso have been cannonading Bulwer Bridge, over the Tugela river, with a view of smashing it.

"The bombardment of Ladysmith is proceeding slowly. General Joubert has arrived here and been accorded a hearty welcome. He addressed the burghers on December 18th.

"More British prisoners have been sent to Pretoria, including Colonel Bullock, Major Walters, Major Balfour, Major Foster, Captain Dick, Captain Northern, Captain Fitzherbert, Captain Ford, Captain Hutchison, Lieutenant Bonham, Lieutenant Smythers, Lieutenant Thorne, Lieutenant O'Connell, Lieutenant Kumbauld, Lieutenant Christian, Lieutenant Brigg, Lieutenant Hatford, Lieutenant Tarbull and Lieutenant Jones."

"A dispatch to the Daily News from Ladysmith, dated Friday, December 15, by helicopter, says:

"Another sortie last night. General Hunter, with 500 volunteers, destroyed one six-inch Creuz gun, one Howitzer and one Maxim. One Briton killed. The Boer gunners fled."

There is an idea in some quarters here that General Buller's destruction of the off the Boers now south of the river, but the general opinion is that the British will not make any serious move pending the arrival of Lord Roberts.

Dispatches from various points indicate the steady growth of Dutch disaffection. The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Chronicle reports the discovery of a plot to connive at the escape of Boer prisoners. The Times advises stern treatment of the disaffected Dutch colonists and the enforcement of the penalties of treason against persons and property.

The Sixteenth Lancers will go to South Africa from India at the special request of Lord Roberts, even after the Government had decided that no more troops should be withdrawn from India. The War Office has nominated Sir William Stokes as consulting surgeon to the South African forces. He will leave Dublin for the Cape in a few days.

Lord Somerset writes to the Times urging the seizure of Lourenco Marques and its retention, if necessary, until the end of the war, in order to prevent the landing of war material for the Boers.

The transport Tantallon Castle has arrived at Cape Town with a number of Howitzers and quick firers which General Buller urgently needs.

A dispatch from Modder River dated Thursday, December 21st, reports that intermittent firing was continuing on both sides, although the Boer shells fell short. A number of Free State burghers had surrendered. There is an unconfirmed report that the Canadian pickets were cut off near Belmont. It is also asserted that fever is raging among the Boers.

The tests of wireless telegraphy at Modder River have been highly successful, communication over a distance of 70 miles being perfectly established. Six Marconi instruments, intended for the Boers have been seized at Cape Town. A dispatch from Chieveley Camp dated Thursday, December 21st says:

"Lyddite shells are daily thrown into the Boer camp to prevent them working at the trenches. The firing of big guns is heard daily from the direction of Ladysmith.

Commandant DeMeillon who was captured at Elandsbaarte and brought to Simonstown, when he succeeded in making his escape from the British cruiser Penelope, has been re-captured.

SPREAD OF SEDITION.

London, Dec. 26.—A cable dispatch from Cape Town, dated Wednesday, December 20th, says that glanders has broken out among the American natives of which there are 1,100 at the Stellenbosch Remont farm. Twenty-six of the natives have been destroyed and 78 have been isolated. The dispatch says sedition is spreading in Cape Colony. Three members of the Cape Parliament are alleged to be implicated, and one of them is said to have presented a Free State flag to a Boer commando, at the same time expressing the hope that he would carry it to glory and victory. An-

other member of Parliament is said to be recruiting for the Boers. In addition wealthy farmers are now aiding the invaders.

BRITISH ADVANCE EXPECTED

London, Dec. 26.—The Boers heavily bombarded Ladysmith for a couple of hours December 16th, the day after the battle of Tugela River, but little damage was done. They killed one man and wounded two men of the garrison.

Advices from Cape Town say the New Zealanders with General French at Naauwpoort, were in a tight corner, December 18th. They were nearly surrounded by Boers and retired under a hail of bullets fired at short range, but sustained only little loss.

Among the Boers killed at Stormberg were many of that locality who had joined the Orange Free State forces.

Several newspaper correspondents have returned to Cape Town from the Modder River, apparently confirming the belief that an immediate advance of the British is projected.

FREE STATERS DESPONDENT.

Modder River, Cape Colony, Wednesday, Dec. 20.—The British naval guns command the whole Boer position and possess the exact range of every stone and bush. They frequently plant shells with good advantage in the midst of groups of Boers.

The burghers are reported to be returning home for Christmas. Recent arrivals from Jacobsdal report that notwithstanding the Boer successes, the Free Staters do not expect ultimate victory. They complain of the over-

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THE BURIAL OF MOODY

Doctor Schofield Eulogizes the Great Evangelist.

The Hymn "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Was Sung at the Grave at Round Top

Top

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 26.—The funeral services over the remains of Dwight L. Moody were held at the congregational church here today before a very large audience.

Rev. C. I. Scofield, D. D., officiated, assisted by Rev. A. Torrey, of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. There were services at the late residence of Mr. Moody early in the day, only relatives and close friends being present. Doctor Scofield read the scriptures and Mr. Torrey offered prayer.

When the family had withdrawn, the corpse, which had been permitted to remain upon a leather couch, was placed in the casket, which was of simple design, black covered and open at full length. The body was borne to the church on an oblong, black-covered bier, by about forty students from the Northfield institute.

The body remained on view in the church until 2 o'clock.

At the public funeral service the music was rendered by the choir of 150 students. Dr. Scofield delivered an eulogy in which he gave an estimate of the man and his work. An address followed and the body was then carried to the burial place at Round Top. The chorus sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and after prayer and a benediction the body was lowered to its resting place.

Completing a 20,000 Spindle Mill.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 25.—The directors of the Columbus Manufacturing Company, at a meeting held today, at the office of the company voted unanimously to complete the mill building of the company at North Highlands to the full capacity for twenty thousand spindles, as originally intended. The recent visit of the Boston directors of this company to Columbus, led to an immediate decision to complete the entire plant at the present time, and it is confidently expected that the mill will be fully completed by the first of April.

The Hilton Trophy.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 23.—The Hilton Trophy won by the New Jersey Rifle Team at Sea Girt last summer arrived at the State House today from Georgia, minus the scalp band, which would indicate that it was won last year by the Georgia team. The Georgians protested the award of the trophy this year to the New Jersey team on the ground that their score was not correct, but their protest was disallowed.

General Brooke Arrives.

St. Augustine, Fla., Dec. 26.—Major General Brooke, with Captain I. T. Dean, and Lieutenant C. W. Castle, of his staff, have arrived here from Havana. General Brooke is not coming north at once, but will stop in the South for a time in order to avoid a sudden climatic change.

American Tobacco Co.'s Dividend.

New York, Dec. 26.—The directors of the American Tobacco Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of two per cent, on its preferred and 14 1/2 per cent, on its common stock, payable February 1st.

Gold Shipment Today.

New York, Dec. 26.—Heidelberg, Ickelheimer & Company will ship \$500,000 in gold on the steamer Teutonic, sailing for Europe tomorrow.

THOMAS F. RYAN'S BELATED REPLY

To the Statement of Pres. John Skelton Williams.

PLAN OF CONSOLIDATION

RYAN DECLARES IT NOT "FAIR AND EQUITABLE"

SAYS THE PLAN WAS A SURPRISE TO HIM

He Had Regarded it as Preliminary Only Until He Heard of the Proceedings of the Holders of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad at Portsmouth.

New York, Dec. 26.—Thomas F. Ryan, one of the principal stockholders of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad, has issued the following telegraphic reply to the published telegram from John Skelton Williams, president of the Seaboard and Roanoke Road, in the controversy over the control of the Seaboard Air Line System:

"New York, Dec. 26, 1899. "John Skelton Williams, President of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company, Richmond, Va.:

"I have just received from my attorneys a report of the court proceedings had at Raleigh on Thursday last and observe that your representative there read in open court a copy of a telegram sent by you to me on December 12th, 1899, which I have not heretofore answered.

"I did not reply to it when received because its terms forbade further negotiations then. It declared, to be sure, that you had made 'all the efforts, suggestions and propositions that any fair-minded man could reasonably desire.' But the proposition was embodied in your preliminary plan of consolidation presented to me on October 23rd, and by which I was invited to co-operate in a plan involving the issue of \$19,670,000 of bonds on the combined properties to be used for the following purposes:

"You proposed to take \$16,316,000 of those bonds to reimburse your various syndicates for the securities they had bought to control the system.

"You proposed to give \$2,285,000 of those bonds in exchange for Georgia and Alabama stocks, on which I believe a dividend has never been paid.

"With \$1,600,000 you proposed to purchase or retire certain shares of Seaboard stock and stocks in some other roads held by minority stockholders.

"You proposed to use \$1,300,000 to retire Car Trust notes and \$1,000,000 to pay for the South Carolina extension, leaving \$141,000 which you describe as a 'balance for miscellaneous requirements.'

"In short, you proposed to place on these roads an additional mortgage indebtedness of \$12,523,000 burdening them with an additional annual interest charge of nearly \$500,000, not one dollar of the proceeds of the sum of these bonds to be spent on the property, but the entire amount of \$12,523,000 to be used to reimburse your syndicates for moneys paid for stocks, which with the exception of those of the Seaboard and Roanoke and the Bay Line, have not paid a dividend for years.

"Having thus paid your syndicates dollar for dollar in bonds, you further proposed to issue to them a bonus in the stocks of the reorganized company of more than \$23,000,000.

"This was your plan as you presented it to me on October 23rd, but subsequently I learned that you did not at that time disclose that your firm, John L. Williams and Sons, and Mr. Middleton's firm, were to have as a commission \$2,000,000 of the new stocks in addition.

"You describe this plan as 'wise, conservative and equitable.' You call it 'an honest effort to work out' a reorganization. You say 'it means much for this whole section of the country.' I can readily see what it means to you personally and to your syndicates, but so far from regarding it as wise or conservative or equitable, it seems to me wholly inconsistent with a proper financial policy. 'I did not believe that you would persist in such a scheme. Indeed, I noted that you have entitled it a 'preliminary plan,' and remembered that you had stated at a conference at the Astoria Hotel on November 22nd, in the presence of my attorneys and your attorney, that your purposes were not definitely fixed. I had no idea that it would be your fixed plan until I learned of the proceedings of the stockholders' meeting of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company on December 19th at Portsmouth, Virginia. I regard other statements in your telegram as inaccurate, but it is not necessary to answer them in detail at this time.

"I have treated your communications as confidential, including this plan of consolidation, and your telegram describing it, but since you have thought it proper to read the telegram in court and publish it broadcast, I think it necessary to say that this analysis of the plan shows plainly that it is neither fair nor equitable and that it cannot be pursued without grave danger to the interests which is your duty to protect. (Signed) "THOMAS F. RYAN."

As a rule the saloon-keeper puts his money to a much better use than any of his customers do theirs.

DUEL TO THE DEATH IN THE BLUE RIDGE

The Fatal Ending of an Old Family Feud.

COUSINS DRAW ON SIGHT

ONE DROPS, FIRING IN HIS DEATH AGONY.

BURIES THREE BULLETS IN HIS SLAYER

Three Other Shooting Affrays With Four Men Dead as a Result Are Reported From Tennessee and Virginia, Near the State Line.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 26.—A special to the Herald from Culpeper, Va., says:

"A bloody duel, resulting in the death of one of the participants and the fatal wounding of the other, occurred at Scrabble, a little postoffice set upon a snow clad peak of the Blue Ridge Mountains, in Rappahannock County, yesterday afternoon, between Richard and Emanuel Campbell, cousins.

OTHER SHOOTING AFFRAYS.

Middlesboro, Ky., Dec. 26.—Three shooting scrapes, with four dead men, are reported from Virginia and Tennessee, near the State line. At Tazewell, Tenn., Jim Thompson killed Harrison Ray in a drunken row.

At Atlanthes Hill, Va., R. Overton and John Conbs fought a duel and both were killed. They were prominent in their neighborhood.

At Walnut Hill, Va., Bal Ely and his uncle named Dops, had a quarrel, in which the latter was killed.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

Kentucky Republicans Sav Taylor Should Fill Vacancies.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 26.—Questions concerning the make-up of the State Board of Election Commissioners may be brought before the Courts before the commissioners sit as a contest board to pass upon the claims made by the Democratic candidates for the State offices below that of Lieutenant Governor which are now held by Republicans. The point of contention is the procedure to be followed in filling the vacancies caused by the recent resignation of Commissioners Pryor and Ellis. The Democrats have construed the law to provide that such vacancies are to be filled by the remaining members of the board and on this theory Judge John H. Fulton was appointed to fill one of the vacancies. Commissioners Poyntz and Fulton are to meet here Thursday to select the third member of the board. The Republicans now make the assertion that these vacancies should be filled by appointment of General Taylor. It is said the Governor will make nominations to fill the vacancies and that the question will then be taken into the courts.

Bloody Axe Beside the Body.

Payetteville, Ga., Dec. 26.—The dead body of Wiley W. Padgett, a well known citizen who lives about six miles from here, was found this morning, and by his side was a bloody axe with which his skull had been split open.

Padgett was well-to-do and was known to have had a considerable sum of money with him yesterday. Only ten cents was found in his pockets. It is supposed that some one who knew the old man had money killed and robbed him. Up to this time there is no clue to the murderer.

Pinnacle Rock Falls.

Cumberland Gap, Tenn., Dec. 26.—The celebrated Pinnacle Rock which overhung Cumberland Gap and was a noted natural spectacle, fell from its lofty height today. The town was awakened as if by an earthquake, as the immense mass, weighing hundreds of tons came tumbling down. The course of the rock was from the town and no lives have been reported lost, although considerable property was destroyed.

City Marshal Shoots a Negro.

Fort White, Fla., Dec. 26.—City Marshal Marteman shot Tom White, colored, through the head this afternoon. He died about an hour later. Marteman had attempted to arrest White. The latter resisted and the marshal shot him in his tracks.

The negroes are gathering on the streets and serious trouble is feared before the night shall have passed.

Italian Bark Stranded.

Apalachicola, Fla., Dec. 26.—The Italian bark Dufrattoli, Astarta-master, from Rio de Janeiro, stranded on Saint George's Cape today and has been abandoned by her crew. All hands were saved.

Schooner Rebecca Strands.

Leaves, Del., Dec. 26.—The two masted schooner Rebecca, lumber laden, from Norfolk, for New York, stranded two miles south of Assateague Life Saving Station today. The vessel probably will be floated on the next tide.

tacked in mountains near one man missing.

FILIPINO ATTACK REFEAT.

Manila, Dec. 27.—(Wednesday.)—General Sam... with a force of insurgents estimated at 500, attacked the garrison at Subig yesterday. A body of marines were sent from Olongapo to reinforce the garrison, and the Filipinos were driven back, several being killed.

There were no casualties on the American side. A company of the Forty-sixth Volunteer Infantry, together with a contingent of marines, has been sent from Manila to reinforce the Subig garrison still further.

List of the Ariosto's Lost.

Cape Henry, Va., Dec. 26.—The following is the list of the men lost by the swamping of the Ariosto's boats in the surf near Ocracoke, N. C., furnished by Mr. S. L. Doshier, United States Weather Bureau official, Hatteras: John Kent, chief officer; W. L. Infort, second officer; J. W. Scott, second engineer; E. Roberts, third engineer; J. W. Wilcox, fourth engineer; Kyellin, donkeyman; Hounscher, chief steward; Neumann, second steward; Meninger, cook; S. Seger, mess room boy; Collin, Horst, Law, Gisliansen, Henriesen, Gustassen, sailors; Hanson, Michael, Litsan, Hammerlund, Osterman, firemen.

The steamship lies broadside to the beach and apparently in good condition. Captain Barnes, Chief Engineer Warren, Third Officer Reed and six men, all that were saved, are still being cared for at the Ocracoke Life Saving Station.

THE MONEY QUESTION

One of the Three Bryan Will Discuss

In His Trip to the East He Will Not Confine Himself to Trusts and the Philippines.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 26.—William Jennings Bryan's attention was called to a dispatch from Washington stating that he had written Congressman Daly, of New Jersey, that he would make several speeches in the East discussing trusts and imperialism and he was asked as to whether the report indicated any intention of abandoning the silver question. He said: "Congressman Daly has probably been misquoted. I expect to make several speeches in the East, but I expect to discuss the money question along with other questions. There are three questions before the people, to-wit: The money question, the trust question, and the Philippine question. Whenever I make a political speech I discuss all three questions."

Mr. Bryan will leave here Saturday for his trip to Lincoln, Omaha, Kansas City and Chicago and thence to the East. He will be gone about one month.

Mrs. Bryan today received a letter from Andrew Carnegie, stating that he would gladly furnish the money for the erection of a library building at Lincoln, Neb., which it is estimated will cost between fifty and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Agreement Between the Southern and the Seaboard.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 26.—At a conference of representatives of the Southern Railway Company and the Seaboard Air Line, recently held in New York, it was decided that the two companies will during the coming year, at least, maintain existing rates. The conference related to an existing agreement entered on January 1st between the Baltimore Steam Packet Company and the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Richmond Steamboat Company. President John Skelton Williams and Vice-President and General Manager Sherwood, of the Packet Company, and General John Gill, President of the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company, conferred on this subject with President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway; Reuben Foster, General Manager of the Chesapeake Line, and Skipwith Wilmer, who is the Baltimore counsel for the Southern Railway. It is understood that a disposition was shown by both sides to reach a mutual arrangement for the continuance of the agreement expiring in January and of another agreement which runs out at a later date.

Savannah's Christmas Casualties.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 26.—The police and hospital records show fourteen Christmas casualties. Of these three are classed as almost necessarily fatal. Wesley Diaz, a boss stoveholder, was shot in the abdomen by one of his laborers. He will probably die.

Lucius Skiry was accidentally shot by Joseph Smith while they were "skylarking" with Smith's pistol. Probably fatal.

Sam Lanikon, a youth, filled his gun too full of powder and it exploded. Wound probably fatal.

Charles Wynan was shot by James Johnson, both colored, in a drunken row.

Frank Hague, aged 12 was seriously burned at a Christmas tree. The other casualties were from premature explosions of fire works, burns, etc.

Lawton's Funeral Takes Place 30th.

Manila, Dec. 26.—The funeral of Major General Lawton will take place December 30th. The remains will be embarked on the transport Thomas.

DOWN TO DEATH IN THE DARKNESS

The Unknown Vessel Seen by the Noranmore.

HER DECKS WERE AWASH

AND TWELVE MEN WERE RUNNING ABOUT THEM.

A BOAT STARTED TO THE DOOMED SHIP

It Was Almost Immediately Swamped, and While the Men Were Being Picked Up the Unknown Vessel Vanished in the 'torny Night.

Washington, Dec. 26.—A special to the Post from Norfolk, Va., says:

"The big Johnson Line steamer Noranmore arrived here this afternoon light from Liverpool after one of the most tempestuous passages on record. Captain Richardson, her commander, reported having seen an unknown bark founder at sea with her crew of 12 men. The Noranmore which flies the Belgian flag, is of 3,650 tons register. She sailed from Liverpool for Norfolk, December 17th, and being nearly a week overdue her agents were anxious about her. The hurricane which swept this coast Saturday struck the Noranmore at sea at night. The waves rolled over her almost continuously and would, Captain Richardson says, have swamped an ordinary ship. Soon after the storm arose the Noranmore overhauled a strange bark which was on the point of foundering. Only the stump of one mast still stood, others having been cut or carried away. Several lights were burning aboard her and 12 men, believed from their gestures to be foreigners, were seen running about the decks, which were awash. A boat's crew, in one of the Noranmore's boats, was put over the side and the men pulled for the bark. The boat was swamped almost immediately. The men, who wore life jackets, were picked up by a second boat which was, however, compelled to return to the Noranmore. While the rescue of these men was being effected the bark disappeared in the darkness, and Captain Richardson says that beyond doubt she and her crew went down.

Search made after day broke revealed no sign of her. The Noranmore's steel bow was staved in, two blades of her propeller were lost, but she managed to reach this port without the loss of a man.

MAINTAIN EXISTING RATES.

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The rumors that there is to be another war between the Southern Railway and the Seaboard Air Line are said by those in a position to know, to be without foundation. It is stated that both systems have all the business that can be handled at present rates, and not only the opposition of financial interests, but that of the mercantile community, as well, would deter any move in this direction at present.