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## PLACED A STIFF FIRE.

British Fought All Day Sunday On The Kopjes. The Boers Are Less Tenacious. Engagement Was Renewed by Them at Daybreak. The Boers May be Short of Big Ammunition.

Spearman's Camp, Jan. 21, 10:20 p. m. After ten hours of continuous and terrible fire yesterday Gens. Hart and very advanced 1,000 yards. The Boers maintained an irregular fire during the night, but the British outposts did not reply. This morning at daybreak the Boers opened a stiff fire. The British stood to the guns where they had slept, and the engagement was renewed vigorously. The field artillery poured shrapnel into the enemy's trenches. A rumor that Ladysmith had been relieved enlivened the British, who sent up ringing cheer. This was taken for an advance. The first kopje was taken at the point of the bayonet, and the Boers fled to the next kopje, which, like most others, was strewn with immense bowlders, surmounted by mounds on the summit. The British advanced steadily, and the Boers relaxed slightly. The latter did not show such tenacity as previously. Their Nordenfeldts fired at long intervals and their cannon fired but seldom. Apparently the Boers were short of big ammunition. All day the roar of musketry fire continued. The British took three Boer positions on the mountain, and found shelter behind the bowlders.

### Advance of Warren's Forces.

Spearman's Camp, Jan. 21, 9:30 a. m. Gen. Warren's engagement continues. He has forced the enemy from three positions. The Lancashire and Irish brigades are advancing steadily. The fire is very severe occasionally. London, Jan. 22.—Gen. Buller cables to the war office: Spearman's Camp, Jan. 21, 9 p. m.—Gen. Warren has been engaged all day, chiefly on his left, which he has swung forward about two miles. The ground is very difficult, and as the fighting is all the time up-hill, it is difficult to say exactly what we have gained, but I think we are making substantial progress. The war office has posted a dispatch from Gen. Buller, dated Jan. 21, 10 a. m., stating that 11 officers and 278 non-commissioned officers and men were wounded yesterday.

### Avoiding Infantry Charges.

From the information which the censor has allowed to pass it is as yet impossible to form a correct notion of the British tactics. One thing, however, is quite clear. The British commanders have profited by experience, and are now avoiding infantry charges, giving preference to the more judicious use of artillery. The general idea is that Sir Redvers Buller, with some 8,000 men and 18 field guns, is holding the northern bank of the Tugela at Potgieter's Drift, while Sir Charles Warren, with about 12,000 men, 30 guns and a large force of cavalry, is working around the right flank of the Boers, eight or ten miles away. One account of Saturday's fighting says that the British had few killed. Little reliance can be placed upon these reports and although the main position of the Boers has not yet been attacked and nothing is known as to its strength, Saturday's and Sunday's fighting, which can hardly be described as more than outpost affairs, evidently entailed serious losses. The Boers are following their old tactics—making a show of resistance and then retreating in good order to prepared positions, and as they are working from the interior of their lines, they may be able to bring strong forces to defend the main position.

### Hard Fighting in Front of Them.

Nothing is heard regarding any counter attack by Sir George White from Ladysmith, and Gen. Buller's "I think we are making substantial progress" remains the last words. This shows that there is still some very hard work in front of the British forces.

### Key to Boer Position.

The Daily Telegraph has the following dispatch, dated Saturday, from Spearman's Camp: "Gen. Warren's forces have fought a deliberately planned and successful battle. This important engagement occurred to the west of Spion Kop, and practically resulted in our securing

the rough table land which constituted the key of the Boer position.

"After a fierce cannonade had been directed against the enemy's lines for some time, the British troops assembled near an eminence known as Three Tree Hill, which forms a center of a semi-circle of crests, crowned with the enemy's works, and some six miles long. Steadily and with great dash the British infantry went forward in the face of a heavy fusillade from Mauser rifles. Our troops were disposed as follows:

"Maj. Gen. Woodgate's division on the right, Maj. Gen. Hart's brigade in the center and Maj. Gen. Hildyard's brigade on the left.

"Soon after midday the battle on the hill became furious, and from 3 in the afternoon until 6 the fire from both cannon and rifles was extremely heavy. Point after point of the enemy's positions were seized by the British troops, and eventually the Boer right broke, and was forced back toward Spion Kop.

### RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

Considered by British War Office a Matter of a Short Time.

London, Jan. 23.—(Tuesday)—General Buller reports from Spearman's Camp one officer and five men killed; three officers and 75 men wounded and eight missing as a result of Sunday's fighting.

Though there is considerable anxiety as to the immediate result of Gen. Buller's dash at Ladysmith, which later developments indicate was undertaken independent of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, the war office has now come to the conclusion that the relief of Ladysmith is only a matter of a short time. According to the war office's ideas, a dash to the release of Kimberly will quickly follow the relief of Ladysmith, and then will follow a long spell of organization and perhaps three or four months will elapse before the column or columns will have the transportation service in shape to advance with the certainty of meeting with no serious reverses. The latter conditions are held by the authorities to be absolutely essential before any forward movement towards the invasion of the Transvaal is begun, hence there is small probability of the war ending within six months.

The widow of Gen. Wauchope, in an open letter, denies the stories that the general in any way criticized Gen. Methuen.

Lord Wolseley has issued a denial of the report that the war office is in possession of a letter from Gen. Wauchope, written the night before the battle of Magersfontein, saying that it would be the last letter he would ever write, as he had been asked to perform an impossible task and he had either to obey orders or surrender his sword.

### THE CAPTURE OF TAAI.

Majors Johnson and Muir Defeat 800 Filipinos.

Manila, Jan. 22.—Two companies of the Forty-sixth infantry, under Maj. Johnson, and three companies of the Thirty-eighth infantry, commanded by Maj. Muir, defeated 800 insurgents at Taa, province of Batangas, Saturday, taking the town.

The United States gunboat Marietta also shelled the place. The insurgents had four cannon, two of which were captured. Two Americans were wounded, and 10 insurgent dead were found on the field.

Pritchard Speaks on His Resolution.

Senator Pritchard spoke two and a half hours Monday on his resolution in the senate declaring the proposed amendment to the constitution of North Carolina to be in conflict with the 15th amendment to the United States constitution. He declared that the negro has never been offensive, but always as meek as a lamb. He alleged that the vicious Democrats have preyed upon the meek and lowly negro. He also stated that the Democratic party is not the white man's party. He abused the white leaders in North Carolina, and declared that they wished to destroy popular government.

The barn of A. K. Weaver, near Marion, was burned Sunday night. He lost four head of horses, four head of cattle and about 5,000 bushels of grain by the fire. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

"A young man came into our store yesterday suffering from a severe attack of cramp colic," writes B. F. Hees, miller and general merchant, Dickey's Mountain, Pa. "He had tried various home remedies without relief. As I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I gave him a dose and it soon brought him out all right. I never saw a fellow so rejoiced." Sold by J. E. Hood.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Julia Morrison's proposed lecture tour is about to prove a failure, owing to the fact that southern managers refuse to give her dates.

Thousands of bullet proof shields, each weighing seven pounds, it is said, are being manufactured at Sheffield, England, for the British soldiers. These are designed to protect the vital parts at a range of 400 yards.

The buildings, machinery and manufactured lumber of the Taylor Lumber company, at LaPayette, Ind., were destroyed by fire Sunday. Loss, \$47,000; insurance, \$57,000, covering the entire plant. The lumber yard was saved.

Secretary Root has issued an order extending the time for the foreclosure of mortgages on property in Puerto Rico six months, on condition, however, that such extension shall not apply if contrary to legislation enacted by congress in the interval.

The British steamer Sutton stranded Saturday on Fenwick Island shoals, eight miles off the Delaware coast. The vessel filled with water and there is little hope of saving it. The crew were all rescued. The vessel was loaded with iron ore from Cartagena, Spain, for Philadelphia.

Representative Payne, of New York, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house, and floor leader of the majority, has introduced into the house a bill to extend the customs and internal revenue laws of the United States over the island of Puerto Rico.

A dispatch from Colima, Mexico, says that on Friday night, at 11:45 o'clock, an earthquake at Tenmita damaged many houses and destroyed several. Seven people were killed and 60 wounded. There are small damages reported from other Mexican towns.

One postage stamp brought \$1,710 at the sale of the collection of F. W. Hunter, of New York City. This is the largest sum any stamp has ever brought in this country at auction. It was a specimen of the first issue of British Guiana in 1850. The stamp was purchased by a prominent stamp and coin company of New York, who represented an English collector. Mr. Hunter bought this specimen for \$1,010.

At Macon, Ga., Monday, J. H. Butler, a negro, resisted arrest, after having threatened to kill a colored woman. The negro ran, his pistol in his hand, shooting at everybody in sight. He shot B. Zeltman, white, through the stomach, who will probably die. John Reed, white, was shot in the neck, and is in a precarious condition. He shot and killed Armstead Bryan, colored. Butler was finally shot down, mortally wounded, with five balls through his body. Butler is a North Carolina negro, having left for a Georgia turpentine farm eight years ago. It is said that about a year ago he killed two negroes at Pinehurst, Ga.

A dispatch from Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 19th, says: Bank robbers entered three country banks this morning and blew the safes to atoms with dynamite, securing about \$10,000. The banks were the Commercial bank, of Silver Lake, a bank at Ellettsville and a bank at Akron. After leaving the Commercial bank, the robbers were met by a night watchman and a citizen. A fight ensued, during which 30 shots were exchanged. The citizen was shot, and it is believed one of the burglars was wounded. The robbers escaped, carrying their wounded companion. There is great excitement in the localities where the robberies occurred and lynching is talked of.

### Free of Charge.

Any adult suffering from a cold settled on the breast, bronchitis, throat or lung troubles of any nature, who will call at Temple-Marston Drug Co., will be presented with a sample bottle of Boschee's German Syrup, free of charge. Only one bottle given to one person, and none to children without order from parents.

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### GIRL ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

Sensational Case of Miss Herbotscheimer Ended. An Accidental Shooting.

Princeton, Ill., Jan. 21.—Miss Kate Herbotscheimer, who has been on trial here the past week for the murder of Charles Salzman, a young man with whom she had been keeping company, was acquitted yesterday.

The engagement between the two had been broken off as the result of a quarrel, and, while riding in a carriage, Salzman was shot three times and killed.

Miss Herbotscheimer claimed that the shooting was accidental, and the jury took that view of it.

After Salzman received the fatal wound he shot at Miss Herbotscheimer six times, none of the bullets proving effective.

### YAKUS CRUSHED BY DEFEAT.

Mexican Victory at Macoyata Likely to End War. Prisoners Rescued.

Nogales, Ariz., Jan. 21.—News comes from the south this morning confirming the report that Gen. Lorenzo Torres engaged the Yakus at Macoyata, Thursday, killing over 200 and taking 500 prisoners.

Father Beltran and several sisters of charity who have been held as prisoners of war by the Yakus for the last six months, were rescued by the victorious Mexicans, and are now with Gen. Torres. It is expected that this last important victory of Gen. Torres will have the effect of scattering the Yakus and will result in ending the war.

### Saw Too Much.

A farmer hired a man and put him into his field to work. After awhile the farmer came along and accosted the new hand:

"Did you see a carriage go down the road awhile ago?"

"Yes, I did. One of the horses was a gray horse, and the other was a roan and lame in his off leg."

"I thought I heard some men shooting over there on the edge of the woods."

"Yes; one of them was Colonel Jones. He was the tall one. The second one was Major Peters, and the third one was Tom McSniffer. Colonel Jones had one of them newfangled breech-loading guns what breaks in two."

"Did you see those wild pigeons fly over just now?"

"See 'em? Rather. There was 19 of them. They lit in that old cornfield down yonder."

"Well, you see too much for a man that is hired by the day. Here's your wages. When I want a man to keep watch of what is going on, I'll send for you."—London Answers.

### The Doe and Her Fawn.

Fawns when first dropped are for some hours unable to stand. The doe does not remain beside them, but paces slowly around at a considerable distance. Every now and then she gives a little tremulous, bleating call, at sound of which the fawn lifts its head and tries to struggle to its feet. Should a man or a dog appear meantime the doe runs away in a straight line, but laggingly and halting, as though herself hurt unto death. When she thinks she has lured the enemy far enough away, she gives three great flying leaps, which take her at once out of sight, and goes back to her baby upon seven league boots. But if left undisturbed she keeps up the pacing until she sees the fawn standing, then paces daintily away in a straight line, choosing always the easiest grade. As she paces she calls faintly and every now and then halts, looking over her shoulder to see if she is followed.

### His Very Own Jones.

There are many Joneses in this world, but perhaps not quite so many as people think. Not long ago two friends met who had not seen each other for ten years, since their school days.

"Whom did you marry, Billy?" asked one.

"A Miss Jones of Philadelphia," replied Billy, who was a trifle sensitive.

"You always did take to the name 'Jones.' I can remember when we went to school together you used to tag around after a little snub nosed Jones girl."

"I remember it, too," said Billy. "She's the girl I married."—Youth's Companion.

## STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Some of the people of Henderson are agitating in favor of a curfew law.

The Southerner says the electric plant in Tarboro is to be installed without delay.

Smithfield Herald: Mr. M. V. Barefoot was here one day last week and sold two bales of cotton, which he raised on one acre. He sold them to Mr. J. B. Hudson at 7½ cents per pound, the two bales amounting to \$69.12. The seed from the two bales, if sold, would bring \$10 to \$11, making about \$80 worth raised on one acre.


Greensboro Telegram: According to reports the negro magistrates who are yet in office down east are beginning the business which brought on the hot campaign of 1898. And if it is kept up there will be another warm time during 1900, and thereafter, until matters are regulated. That can be chewed or smoked to suit the taste.

Greenville Reflector, 22nd: This morning the firm of R. B. Jarvis & Bro., doing a dry goods business here, made an assignment, F. C. Harding being named as assignee. The liabilities of the firm are placed at about \$1,900 with assets at about \$1,700. Both members of the firm reserve their homestead exemption which will reduce the assets correspondingly.

The Delgado mill, the new cotton factory at Wilmington, began operation Monday with a capacity of 25,000 yards of finished cloth per day. The mill now has 13,000 spindles and gives employment to 360 operatives. A prominent stockholder said that the company would begin work by June 1 on an addition which would double the present capacity of the mill.

Capt. Turpin with the Protector, which arrived at Morehead City Monday, reports leaving Ocracoke Sunday with three barges in tow for Charleston one of which barges was completely wrecked and left at sea five miles off Morehead. He arrived at Morehead Monday with the remaining two in a leaking condition. The barges are supposed to have been unseaworthy when they left port.

Charlotte News: Gastonia is taking strides forward which will soon put her in the lists of cities and out of the lists of towns. Besides her industrial progress, in the shape of several new cotton mills, she is to have waterworks, electric lights and sewerage. The contract for same was let yesterday to Moore & Macready, of Atlanta, who will do all of the constructing. Henry R. Worthington will supply the pumps. Mr. A. W. Jones, representing the pump company, came in last evening from Gastonia, having secured the contract for his company. The improvements will cost \$65,000.



### Time is Life

The father? Gone for the doctor. The mother? Alone with her suffering child. Will the doctor never come? When there's croup in the house you can't get the doctor quick enough. It's too dangerous to wait. Don't make such a mistake again; it may cost a life. Always keep on hand a dollar bottle of

## Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

It cures the croup at once. For bronchitis, whooping-cough, hoarseness, asthma, pleurisy, weak lungs, loss of voice, and consumption, there is no remedy its equal. A 25c. bottle will cure a miserable cold; the 50c. size is better for a cold that has been hanging on. But the dollar bottle is more economical in the long run.