

## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

### Buller Again Fails in an Effort to Relieve Ladysmith.

The war office has received the following dispatch from Field Marshal Lord Roberts dated from the Modder river Sunday, Feb. 11:

"I have received a telegram from Buller as follows, dated Friday, Feb. 9: 'It was necessary after seeing Vaal Kraats to entrench it as the pivot of further operations. But I found, after trying two days, that owing to the nature of the ground that was practically impossible. It was exposed to fire of heavy guns in positions from which our artillery was dominated. It is essential to troops advancing on Ladysmith by Harding or Monks' Drift to hold Vaal Kraats secure. It is practically impossible to bring the advance by those roads, as I find we cannot make it secure.'"

### Buller Moves Headquarters.

Although Winston Churchill telegrams that General Buller is about to make an attack on the Boer front, the London press call attention to the fact that the general has removed his headquarters from the Modder river to the camp at Rensburg and apparently does not believe that General Buller will attack again. As for Ladysmith, the military have given up hope. It is agreed that a sortie from the beleaguered town would result in being cut off pieces.

The Morning Leader's expert says: "General Buller felt that it would be useless to persevere in his attempt to relieve Ladysmith, which would have cost more loss than the number of men remaining in Ladysmith."

"We hear now of two attempts to take General Buller himself; one by a small Boer column marching through Zolund and another with 4,000 men in Natal under the redoubtable Jonker Buller."

It is quite possible that General Buller was held on the Upper Tugela as much by the urgency of affairs as by the military's ordinary. He may be so weak on the Lower Tugela that he cannot afford to risk and his communications with the sea open to a strong attack.

"But he must make the best of his force. All the reinforcements within reach for a fortnight to come are earmarked for an attempt to force a passage of the Orange river, which we have got at a point where it is of little use to us save for the relief of Kimberley."

### Boers Hold Their Ground.

General Buller is once more south of the Tugela river. General Buller's position is now a more serious one, and apparently the Boers have lost none of the ascendancy they have held so long. Yet the news by no means causes the same disappointment attendant upon the other failures of the Ladysmith campaign. It can be attributed to three causes—first, there is a strong belief that General Buller's last attempt was only a demonstration on a large scale; second, the wiser critics have immediately refused to expect the immediate relief of General Buller; third, the nation has settled down to the realization that the war will last a long time, and they are not swayed as at first by minor reverses and victories. The second and third reasons are self-explanatory. The first requires considerable elucidation. In favor of the opinion held by Spencer Wilkinson, the military critic of the Morning Post, that General Buller's last attempt was a demonstration, there is evidence to show that Field Marshal Lord Roberts ordered systematic activity upon the part of the Boers. On this basis, General Buller's move may not be a repetition of General Buller's and General Buller's reconnaissance.

### Buller Acts Under Orders.

Mr. Buller's ambiguous statement awaiting the completion of the Boer's another strong reason for believing General Buller never intended to make the main attack. It was a repetition of the Boer's orders to the Boer's. It is also curious that the Boer's General Buller's retirement from the Boer head laager at Ladysmith and that the British Boer's move were free to follow to the Boer's. It is also curious that the Boer's General Buller was published.

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### Attack on Cronjé Likely.

With this important unit, General Buller's force is rehabilitated for a vigorous attack on General Cronjé, and an attempt to relieve Kimberley may be looked for, more than likely superintended by Lord Roberts, while the Boer's cavalry are occupied in a turning movement east of Jacobsdal.

A dispatch from Rensburg, dated Friday, Feb. 9, reports much aggressive activity against all the British reconnoitering and declares the Boer's are in no way surrounded at Colesberg, but are simply held in check by a series of camps forming a semicircle from east to west. The Boer's, it is added, are still in full possession of their lines of communication with the Free State and hold strong positions around Colesberg.

During the morning of Feb. 9 a bombardment with lyddite occurred at Rensburg and the Boer's Maxim guns were believed to have been silenced. A dozen dead Boers were found on the kopjes.

An Extra Cabinet Session. An extra cabinet council was held during the afternoon, in response to a summons issued yesterday afternoon. The council lasted over two hours. Several members of the defense committee were present and Lord Salisbury presided. The premier held a supplementary consultation after the departure of the majority of his colleagues.

## CONVENTION IN RALEIGH.

North Carolina Democrats to Meet on April 11.

RALEIGH, Feb. 12.—Democratic State Chairman Simmons issues his call for the state convention here April 11, to nominate candidates for state officers, elect delegates to the national convention and elect a state chairman. Attention is especially called to the fact that the executive committee adopted unanimously the following: "Resolved, that the question of primaries for selection of a candidate for United States senator be referred to the people in the call for the next state convention for such action as that convention may deem best."

One delegate is allowed for each 150 Democratic votes cast four years ago, and this will give about 900 delegates.

## PRISONER DEFENDS JAILER.

Says the Officer Was Compelled to Turn Him Out.

CLINTON, N. C., Feb. 7.—Archibald Kingsaus, white, was a witness in an interesting case here.

Jailer Fortner of Sampson county was charged with allowing Kingsaus to escape while awaiting trial. Kingsaus swore the jailer was forced by a body of armed men to turn him out. Kingsaus was afterwards rearrested, tried and convicted of murder and hurried to Wilmington for safe keeping, it being feared he would be taken out of jail again.

The date of his execution has not been determined on, the case having been appealed by his counsel.

He was taken from Wilmington jail to testify for Fortner.

## ROSS EXECUTED AT LAST.

Negro Who Was Twice Reprieved by Russell Hanged.

LUMBERTON, N. C., Feb. 10.—Reuben Ross, a negro, was hanged here for criminal assault upon a white woman named Mrs. Bettie Ingram.

Ross was twice reprieved by Governor Russell on account of a shower of protests from white people. These were equally strong protests demanding the hanging of the negro, as mainly by a petition in equity to restrain Taylor from exercising the duties of the office of governor. It is thought such a case will begin before the end of the week.

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A Big Cotton Transaction. NEWBERRY, S. C., Feb. 9.—A sale of 1,667 bales of cotton by the Newberry Warehouse company to O. McR. Holmes breaks the record here for the largest single transaction in the staple. Eight cents was paid all round and the sale amounted to upwards of \$85,000.

## A HEAVY REWARD FOR GOEBEL'S SLAYER

Bill Offering \$100,000 For His Assassin.

WILL LIKELY BE PASSED

Both Houses of the Legislature Again in Session at Louisville—Injunction Suit Against Governor Taylor Will Be Heard in Frankfort.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 12.—Although the protocol was not signed there is a truce in the fight for the state officers, to await action by the courts. Today at Cincinnati the case involving the minor officers and tomorrow at Frankfort the injunction suit against Governor Taylor will be heard. Both are likely to go far in shaping the course of the rival claimants.

There is much talk among Democratic legislators about passing a bill offering \$100,000 reward for the capture of the assassin of Governor Goebel. Such a bill has been prepared and it is believed will pass.

Senator Blackburn has been called to Washington on personal business, and leaves the diplomatic management of Deming in the hands of Congressman D. H. Smith.

Both houses of the legislature again met at the courthouse today.

The efforts of the Democratic lawyers were directed today toward mapping out plans to secure the adjudication of the claims of Taylor and Beckham to the office of governor. There is danger of a clash as long as the present positions are maintained. Judge Pryor before Judge Cantrell at Frankfort will be useless as far as determining the main issue is concerned because its object was to prevent Governor Taylor from interfering with the legislature, and to secure possession of the office by a petition in equity to restrain Taylor from exercising the duties of the office of governor. It is thought such a case will begin before the end of the week.

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DEMOCRATS TO BRING SUIT

Pending the Case, Both Parties Will Allow Matters to Stand—Legislature Will Remain in Louisville—Resolution to Meet at Frankfort Tabled.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 13.—It is reasonably certain the political quiet state until a decision has been handed down by the court of appeals clearing the title to the office of governor. Before Judge Cantrell at Georgetown tomorrow the Democrats will bring a suit in equity asking an injunction to restrain Governor Taylor from exercising any of the functions of the office of governor. It is expected a temporary injunction will be granted.

In case the Republican executive disavows the action of the court as was done in the case of the Alonzo Walker habeas corpus writ and the injunction against interference with the legislature the Democrats will not press the proceedings for contempt, but will take issue to the court of appeals, which according to their contention is the court of last resort in such proceedings.

This plan was decided upon this morning at a conference of Democratic leaders, including Governor Beckham, Congressman D. H. Smith, ex-Governor McCree, Judge W. S. Pryor and several other lawyers.

Pending the result of this suit, and the case before Judge Taft at Cincinnati involving the minor state officers, it is expected both sides will allow things to remain as they now stand.

The Democratic legislature will remain in Louisville, and it is believed the court of appeals will sit here instead of at Frankfort as long as there are any soldiers or armed men about the state buildings at the capitol. The assembly is proceeding with legislative business.

The senate today passed the concurrent resolution which had already passed the house, and a committee to investigate the conditions at Frankfort.

Senator Triplett introduced a joint resolution providing that when the legislature adjourns Thursday, it shall be held by a committee to investigate the conditions at Frankfort.

## NO GLORY FOR WHEELER.

Odts Said to Have Treated the Alabamian Unfairly.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A letter received from prominent officer who served under General Wheeler in the Philippines, throws some light on "Fighting Joe's" sudden decision to return home and sever his connection with the military branch of the government.

The writer, who is thoroughly reliable, confirms the reports received here and the opinion so frequently expressed that General Odts has been successful in his efforts in depriving General Wheeler of any glory whatever in the military operations in the Philippines.

The officer in question not only charges that General Odts systematically endeavored to keep General Wheeler in the background, but through the red robin scheme prevented any reports of the operations of General Wheeler's command from entering the states.

R-publicans at Tallahassee. TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Feb. 9.—The Republican convention of the First congressional district was called to order at 4 p. m. Thursday. J. N. Coombs of Apalachicola, Fla., and John F. Herr were elected delegates to the national convention. All are for McKinley. Resolutions endorsing the McKinley administration in every particular were enthusiastically adopted.

Big Stock of Candidates. EDGEFIELD, S. C., Feb. 12.—Rumor says that the new county of Saluda will take the cake when it comes to the number of candidates that will be in the field this year. For sheriff she says there will be 21 candidates in the field for coroner 18; for state senator 11; for the house of representatives 32 and all other offices in the same proportion.

Agulaido May Have Fled. CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—A special to The Chronicle from Washington says: The war department believes that Agulaido has escaped from the island of Luzon. The department officials would not be surprised to hear from him next in London or Paris, in company with Agulaido.

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## DISPENSARY BILL ADOPTED

Senate Measure Passes the House by a Large Majority.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 7.—The state board of liquor control is to be abolished and the management of the dispensary radically changed. The senate bill to provide a new system of government has passed the house and the governor will approve the act.

The vote in the house was 77 to 24 in favor of abolishing the board. The action of the general assembly is the result of dissatisfaction all over the state caused by lack of harmony in the present board.

The bill provides that three directors of unquestioned character are to be elected for a term of two years instead of five years as at present. The commissioner or superintendent, elected by the board heretofore, and the cause of all the dissension, is to be elected by the general assembly and given power to appoint employees, a right denied him heretofore. He is to receive a salary of \$5,000 per annum.

There are other features of the present law which will be amended, but the main issue is settled until the Democratic primary this summer, when dispensary, prohibition and local option will each have a ticket for state officials.

M'Laurin to Be Named? CAROLINA SENATOR MAY GO WITH THE NEW COMMISSION. CHARLESTON, Feb. 9.—A special from Washington says: Senator Sullivan of Mississippi had an important conference with President McKinley regarding the new commission which is to go to the Philippines. He urged the president to appoint a southern man of prominence on the commission. The president, it is said, assented to this suggestion and indicated that he would arrange the commission so that all sections of the country would be represented.

Senator Sullivan presented the name of Senator McLaurin of South Carolina for this honor. It is said that his Democratic and Republican friends are both in favor of his appointment.

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