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ENGLAND'S PERIL.

Terrible Defeat of Gen. Buller at the Tugela River.

Queen Victoria Calls General Wolseley to Windsor Castle.

Report of Descent of Colonial Troops. Eleven Guns Lost in the Battle. Anglo-Saxon Blood-Rising. More Troops Ordered.

Special to Journal. LONDON, Dec. 16.—Queen Victoria sent Lord Wolseley today. He had spent the night at Windsor and Her Majesty ordered the General to return at once to London by special train. The Queen is greatly disturbed by the defeat of General Buller in his attempt to relieve Ladysmith, and she is kept advised of every scrap of information received at the War Office.

General Wolseley advised Lansdowne months before hostilities began to send a great army to South Africa. His advice was unheeded although General Buller supplemented the advice of his chief.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A hastily summoned cabinet meeting was called at the foreign offices this afternoon for the purpose of dealing with the war crisis. Secretary of the Colonies Chamberlain was not present at the meeting.

The following dispatch dated Pretoria the 13th adds to the dismay caused by the defeat of General Buller at the Tugela river. It reads, "Nine hundred British colonial troops have joined the Boers at Barkley, two thousand at Barkley west, and fifteen hundred at Burger-dorf." While this message was discarded at the War Office, the difficulties met by Generals Gatacre and French in that section of the north part of Cape Colony has inspired fears in the public mind that there may be some foundation in the report. Nobody believes the desertions have reached anywhere near these figures.

General Buller's defeat has centered the storm of indignation that has been growing for weeks upon the ministry and the clamor against Secretary Chamberlain and the Marquis of Lansdowne the war minister, today was fierce and determined.

They are the scape goats upon whom the wrath of the nation falls. Chamberlain especially is the object of vindictive invective since his policy caused the war. Lansdowne, is second only to Chamberlain in this denunciation because he was so late in putting into the field troops sufficient to nip the war in the bud.

LONDON, December 16.—The revised list of the casualties at Magerfontein at the Modder river among the British troops shows a total of 963. Of this number 70 were officers. The Black Watch was the heaviest sufferer and the rank and file had 42 killed, 192 wounded and 141 missing. General Cronje, the Boer commander, claims the victory but says there was terrible slaughter.

LONDON, December 16—4 a. m.—England went to sleep Friday night without knowing the worst news that has come from the seat of war since hostilities began.

What time the War Office received the news of General Buller's defeat is not known; but it was after midnight when it was made public.

Buller's report, while fairly clear, needs elucidation in certain parts, but there can be no mistaking the result of the battle—11 British guns lost, attempts by two columns to cross a river repulsed with heavy loss, a retreat to camp—that is the outcome of Buller's first step to relieve Ladysmith.

When Buller moved out in full force from Cheley early Friday morning it was his intention to force a passage at one of the two fordable places on the Tugela river, but he discovered later that this was not feasible, owing to the fact that the numbers of Boers had been underestimated and their plans had been miscalculated by him.

The river bed at the point selected by Buller's column to cross turned out to be full of Boers, who overwhelmed the British artillery. Ten guns had to be abandoned, another was lost by shell fire and two were saved by the heroic efforts of Captain Sheffield and some drivers.

It seems almost incredible that artillery should have approached so near the river without having or even infantry skirmishers having first developed the Boer position. Colonel Long, who was in command of the batteries, seems to have only discovered that the river was full of Boers when he got close to it with his guns. He was subjected to a galling fire at close range, which killed men and horses before he could extricate himself. The general retreat followed as Buller saw that his attack had failed.

Meanwhile the situation of Ladysmith is perilous.

It is not possible that the news of the reverse will shake in any way the grim determination which now animates the British to fight the contest to a finish. Already the War Office is taking measures to see that in the next few days a large body of troops is due to arrive at Cape Town. A seventh division is to be mobilized, and an eighth may also soon receive orders.

Cape Town between December 17 and January 8, with about 15,000 troops of all arms, but unless General Buller is able to renew the attack, which is exceedingly doubtful, the British generals will be compelled for weeks to remain practically on the defensive.

The latest dispatches indicate the continued bombardment of Ladysmith.

THE LION SICK.

And It Is Now Time For Every Jackass To Give Him a Kick.

Special to Journal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Representative Sulzer of New York has introduced a joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists in South Africa and according to belligerent rights to the Transvaal government. The resolution remonstrates and protests against the barbarous manner in which the war is conducted by Great Britain.

It authorizes the President to take such action as he considers expedient to secure the observance of the laws of war and bringing about an honorable peace.

Mr. J. Sheer, Sedalia, Mo., saved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. Doctors had given her up to die with croup. It's an infallible cure for coughs, colds, grippe, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles. Relieves at once. F. S. Duffy.

RALEIGH.

Hunting For Records. Bernard Was Surprised. Big Orders For Brick. The Big Fees.

RALEIGH, December 18.—Mr. Elliott Danforth, of Albany, N. Y., who is now on a visit here, is spending some time in what may be a big stretch of courtesy by turning the "archives room" in the capitol. It is the room which during sessions of the Legislature is the enrolling clerk's office. He is in search of the names of North Carolina's Congressmen during the revolutionary period and of information concerning them.

And this calls to mind the fact of the great and proper "hall of records." Few people have the faintest idea what a jumble there is of the old records. A man will read in North Carolina's history, and at the same time a plodder ought to be secured to gather out of the mass which ought to be preserved, and put these so they will be in chronological order. Scattered all over the capitol there are records. No doubt many have been lost; most of this loss having occurred perhaps in the years when the archives were, so to speak, on wheels; that is when the seat of government was shifted about from place to place, and there was no settled habitation.

Even some of the government officials are heard to wonder why District Attorney Bernard does not take up the extremely direct charges which James H. Poin made in open court of the existence in Johnston county of a revenue ring which protects the Republican moonshiners. It is said by some of the elect that Bernard was "rattled" quite badly by the statement, and was very dumb indeed.

The Secretary of State says a reprint of the Sixty-seventh North Carolina Reports is now ready for sale.

At the Agricultural and Mechanical College Saturday evening the students gave an oyster supper in compliment to the athletic association. Afterwards there were some speeches and the athletic feature of the college was discussed.

The American Tobacco Company has ordered 1,000,000 more brick from Maj. Grant, making 4,000,000 in all, for use at Durham. The major made 4,000,000 brick this year. He says he will put in another machine which will make 75,000 a day.

Iron ore has been found in this county and specimens are now in the hands of the State chemist for analysis. Some of it is red hematite.

There was no end of talk about the revelations as to big fees to State lawyers and as to the \$104 a month paid Loge Harris as Assistant Adjutant General. The State Auditor turned down this last account time and time again, but the Governor said "pay it."

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. F. S. Duffy.

Secretary Wilson Resigns.

Special to Journal. WASHINGTON, December 16.—James Wilson, secretary of agriculture has tendered his resignation to President McKinley. The President is now looking for a man to fill the place. Some Western men will probably get the position. Secretary Wilson was forced to take the step because of a mortal illness.

TOO MUCH PAY.

Committee Thinks Fees Paid At Auditors Office Excessive.

Some Large Amounts To Lawyers. Lecture Of Mr. Tompkins. Brick For Durham. Building and Loan Decision. Woman's Rights.

RALEIGH, Dec. 7.—The legislative joint committee has completed the annual examinations of the State Treasurer and that of the Auditor. Last night it gave out reports as to both. It finds that the resources of the Treasury were \$1,730,997; disbursements \$1,690,038; balance of general and official funds \$130,794; balance of educational fund \$13,153.

The report as to the Auditor's office says that the books are well kept, but the committee makes a new departure by making an additional report, expressing opinion as to some claims for which warrants have been issued that same have been drawn upon misconstruction of the law and that the latter does not authorize the issue of warrants for pay of the Assistant Adjutant General or for extra fees of \$20 each to Criminal Court solicitors for each court held. The committee also claims that the amount paid by the State as lawyers' fees is too large.

It is found that Loge Harris began April last to draw pay as "Assistant Adjutant General on duty in the office of the Adjutant General under detail by the Governor" at a rate of \$4 a day, not including Sunday's, or \$104 per month. He was also paid \$354 for three trips to Washington. In all he got \$1,082. Lawyers' fees and retainers foot up \$9,997. Of this W. C. Douglas got \$2,500 as retainer in six cases before the corporation commission, and \$1,250 in the other and \$500 as part fee in the penitentiary debt case of Worth vs. Travis. One of his fees was \$350. In the Wilson trial before the Legislature John W. Hinsdale was paid \$1,350. J. C. L. Harris got \$500 in the railroad cases and J. H. Poin in the same \$1,887 for expenses and services. Simmons P. G. Ward got a retainer of \$500 and H. G. Connor \$500 as a retainer. Marshall Mott got \$200 for services before the Legislature in the Otto Wilson case. This was all for the year ending November 30. Yesterday Hinsdale was paid \$1,047 for fees in various cases.

Last night Mr. D. A. Tompkins lectured before the students of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. He was introduced by President Winston, in a forceful way, as one of the best informed men in the country. Mr. Tompkins' lecture was practical throughout, and was one of the very best ever heard here.

Maj. H. E. Grant, clerk of the District Court here, has closed a contract to furnish the American Tobacco Company 3,000,000 brick, for use at Durham. It is learned that they are to be used in building an annex to the Duke factory and come more tobacco store houses.

In a day or so a lawyer representing the corporation commission goes to Charleston to take evidence regarding rates of freight on fertilizer, to be used against the Seaboard Air Line. Lawyers are now at Portsmouth, New York and Baltimore, obtaining evidence along the line.

In a building and loan case Judge Simonton has decided that a borrowing member is entitled to credit for all he has paid on his stock, as well as interest and premium; that this is a present credit and that his liability as a stockholder cannot be enforced until the winding-up of the concern. Attorney John W. Hinsdale will appeal to the United States Circuit Court from this decision, contending that the two relations of a stockholder and borrower are distinct and that he must settle the debt without reference to his subscription to the stock.

Referring to the Supreme Court's decision this week that a wife cannot sign a check without her husband's written consent, Attorney General Waiser says that women are not emancipated in North Carolina and that as to the matter of legal rights they have but little more than they had in England 250 or 300 years ago. The decision of the Supreme Court in the Long case (in the 97th N. C. Reports) as to wife holding has caused the outside world to call the North Carolina court the "pagan court."

NERVOUS troubles are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which enriches and purifies the blood. It is the best medicine for nervous PEOPLE.

Philadelphia Gets Convention.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The Republican National Convention will be held at Philadelphia June 19th next. The place and date were decided upon by the National Republican Committee after a friendly contest for the honor of entertaining the convention between the city selected, Chicago, St. Louis and New York.

DAYS OF TRIAL.

Serious Outbreaks in Dublin on Secy. Chamberlain's Visit

Fears of Native Uprising in Africa Adds to the Gloom.

Lord Roberts Appointed Commander in Chief. Kitchener of Khartoum His Chief of Staff. Losses at Tugela River. Troops Hurrying Forward.

Special to Journal. LONDON, Dec. 18.—The appointment of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, the hero of Candahar, has led many to think it was done as a reflection upon General Buller's failure on account of the disaster at Tugela river.

Unofficially it is stated today that this is not the case but that the appointment was made because the sending of a larger number of troops to South Africa necessitated the sending of generals of higher rank to the scene of war.

Plausible as this explanation may seem however, it is not believed to express the whole truth but as evidence that the Ministry had become sensible of the extreme seriousness of the situation.

The Ministry is especially concerned over rumors of a possible rising of the Kaffir tribes. The outbreak among the millions of negroes would be of much more consequence than any rebellion of the Dutch in Cape Colony could possibly be.

DUBLIN, December 18.—The visit of Secretary Chamberlain today inspired a fierce riot in this city.

The students of Trinity College, carrying the Union Jack attacked the Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor of Dublin. The students tore the green flag of corporation to shreds and destroyed the portico of the front of the building.

The attack on the Mansion House was on account of the Mayor's avowed support of the cause of Boers. The streets were thronged with excited people. It is feared that a counter demonstration of Boer sympathizers will follow this action on the part of the students.

LONDON, December 17.—The British Government is at last fully awake to the necessity of a vigorous campaign in South Africa.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts has been appointed commander-in-chief in South Africa.

Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, is to be Roberts' chief of staff.

Roberts thus in effect supersedes Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, who had previously been appointed commander-in-chief. Buller, it is believed in London, will continue to direct the operations in Natal.

Roberts is rated the most popular and by many the most brilliant soldier in England. He is at present commander-in-chief of the forces in Ireland. His son, Hon. F. H. S. Roberts, was a lieutenant in Buller's army, and was mortally wounded in last Friday's battle at Colenso.

Steps have been taken to send still more reinforcements to South Africa. When the additional troops arrive, Lord Roberts will have an army of 145,000 men.

The British losses in the battle of Colenso were 1,097, divided as follows: Killed, 82; wounded, 667; missing, 348. This is the heaviest loss sustained in any single battle of the war. The Boer loss has not been made public.

The latest figures, based on revised lists from London, bring the known British losses in the war up to 7,831, including killed, wounded and missing.

If General Methuen can hold his position at the Modder river a few days longer he will probably be reinforced by at least 6,000 men.

General Gatacre has again established his headquarters at Sterkstroom, 25 miles in a straight line and 40 miles by rail south of Stormberg, the scene of his recent defeat.

A dispatch from Sterkstroom states that as a result of the British reverses the whole of Northern Cape Colony is in revolt.

FINANCIAL DISTURBANCE.

Produce Exchange Trust Company Falls.

Capital and Surplus Five Millions. Deposits Three Millions. Financial Panic Averted By Clearing House Offering Money.

Special to Journal. NEW YORK, December 18.—Wall street was rocked into financial throes today, the excitement being intense, with prices of stocks tumbling down, every kind of speculative interest being affected.

The crash came with the announcement of the failure of the Produce Exchange Trust Company.

This company had a capital stock and surplus of \$5,000,000, with deposits of \$3,000,000.

Its back was broken financing the securities of the United States Milling Trust and the Seaboard Air Line Syndicate, having one and one-half millions of the paper of the latter, secured by an issue of the Florida Central and Peninsular railroad, this being the least productive property in the scheme.

A semi panic followed the Company's failure. Money went to one half per cent per day and interest, or 189 per cent.

The clearing House smashed these rates, and averted a panic by offering \$10,000,000 at six per cent.

Lieut. Brumby, Dead.

Special to Journal. WASHINGTON, D. C. 18.—Lieut. Thos. M. Brumby, who was Admiral Dewey's flag lieutenant during the battle of Manila Bay, died here Sunday afternoon of typhoid fever in the Garfield Hospital.

Lieut. Brumby was born in 1885, and was not married. His remains will be taken to Atlanta, Ga., for burial.

WOOD'S APPOINTMENT.

As Military Governor of Cuba Considered Satisfactory.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—The appointment of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood to be military Governor of Cuba, is considered by the President to be a long step towards the restoration of civil government on the island. Gen. Wood would have been appointed Civil Governor, had it not been strongly pointed out to Mr. McKinley, by Gen. Wood himself, as well as many others, that the appointment of a Civil Governor would have a bad effect at this time, among the Cubans, as it would give the professional agitators a foundation to build stories upon the intention of the United States to keep Cuba. Although Gen. Wood will be Military Governor, his administration of the whole of Cuba, will be largely performed through civilians, just as it has been in Santiago province.

COTTON MARKET.

Received by J. E. Latham, commission merchant New Bern, N. C.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan. cotton	7 1/2	7 3/4	6 3/4	7 02
May cotton	7 40	7 40	7 12	7 20

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT	70	69 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/4
CORN	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
COFFEE	6 00	6 00	5 85	5 95
So. Ry. Pfd.	43 1/2			43
B. R. T. Co.	73 1/2			73
C. & O.	2 1/2			2 1/4
Reading	50 1/2			49
Cont. Tob. Pref.	79			78 1/2

Receipts at cotton ports were 38,000 bales.

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What Combination. "What do you think of the President's policy, Uncle Eben?" asked a downtown merchant of his aged porter. "Deed, sah, I doan know what row es playing," was the reply.

Both Alike. "The poet and the actor," said the Cheerful Idiot, "are much alike." "In the way of hair?" asked the shoe-clerk boarder. "Maybe," said the Cheerful Idiot. "But still more so in the fact that one works when the spirit moves and the other when the ghost walks."

Her Blind Day. Mrs. Golde Nugget—I cannot see any callers today, Nanette. Nanette (five minutes later to caller)—Monsieur, I haf se pleasure to inform you zat madame is blind today.

Quite Likely. The Visitor—Busy, old man! Modern Author—Busy! Why, I'm writing so much that I don't have time to think.

E. B. Hackburn Says Listen!

Your Attention Please!

Santa Claus has come and will be his guest during the next seven days, so we extend a most cordial invitation to all who wish to meet him and share in the benefits which his presence brings. To all such we say, come down to our ELEGANT BAZAAR, where almost everything suitable for a useful and handsome present is to be found.

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The Cameo Vases or the Bohemian with dainty Iris designs tempt lovers of beauty.

Just Received such a beautiful stock of Decorated Wax Candles in a variety of styles, in the Iron Candelabra are such an ornament to your dining table.

Lamps of every size, style and price.

A glance in the other window opens your eyes to all kinds of Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets and Wave Crest Ware in so many new things.

Now enter, and judge for yourselves if kind Santa has not given you a beautiful line from which to make your selection.

Worcester Chocolate Pots and Celery Dishes, Hand Painted Cabarettas to suit the most fastidious.

Vases, Urns, Pitchers, Cake and Oyster Plates, Cheese Dishes

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