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BOER AND BRITAIN.

Facing Each Other Along the Fighting Lines.

Methuen Surrounded on the Modder River. Buller Waiting For Time to Move. General Miles on the Tactics Employed.

LONDON, December 23.—The latest news from South Africa shows that the Boers have surrounded General Methuen's troops on the Modder river. News of today's date from the Modder states that the Boers have been perfecting their line of entrenchments. Their strategic strength appears so great that it is extremely doubtful if Methuen will attempt another direct attack.

General Buller is playing a waiting game. It is clear that the British in Natal are receiving heavy reinforcements, while the Boers have been compelled by operations on the western frontier to weaken their forces around Ladysmith.

Transport after transport is now pouring men to the assistance of the British. To this process there would seem to be one ultimate end. The Boers will be compelled to sustain a defeat or to raise the siege of Ladysmith and fall back to ward Laing's Nek and the Orange Free State.

Half of Gen. Sir Charles Warren's division has been diverted to General Buller, while Generals Gatacre and French are stationary below Stormberg.

A dispatch from General Methuen's camp, dated yesterday and sent by way of the Orange river, states that the Boer trenches now connect the horns of the Modder. The British camp lies midway between the horns. The Boers have been firing shells into Methuen's men several days.

Kimberley, it is believed at Cape Town is still supplied with food and water. But the besieging Boers, it is said, are having difficulty in obtaining food and this may force them to assume an aggressive policy and assault the town.

The Boers, it is now known, made a dam in the Tugela river, which raised the water so that General Buller's attempted crossing was rendered much more difficult in the battle of Colenso.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Lady Randolph Churchill has received a cablegram from her son, Winston Churchill, who was captured by the Boers in Natal and taken to Pretoria, and whose escape from that place was announced December 14, saying he has arrived safely at Delagoa Bay.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Gen. Nelson A. Miles, who was here today, said in reference to the South African war:

"As to the tactics of the contending armies, both seem to be pursuing what is termed 'open-order' methods. It is a mistake to compare the tactics of the Boers to those of our Indians. Their tactics are the white man's tactics.

"The outcome, of course, depends upon the skill of the commanders, as it does in every war. The Boers have been preparing for it for the last 10 years. In view of the circumstances I do not think their showing so far is in the nature of a surprise.

"They have had no difficulty in procuring ammunition. The people in the Transvaal are accustomed to the use of powder in mining operations. They also know how to manufacture cartridges. Besides, they had plenty of money to buy necessary war materials beforehand and store them away for use when needed.

"To succeed in war is to get ready before you commence hostilities."

COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 23.—The stocks and grain markets were quiet and closed without material change. The exchanges will be closed Monday.

For Saving the Czar's Life.

LONDON, December 23.—The Czar will present Prince George of Greece with a splendid yacht as a New Year's gift. The vessel has been specially built at Sebastopol, and is intended as a souvenir Prince George's saving the life of the Czar in Japan, while they were on a tour around the world a number of years ago.

"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. B. Duffy.

Brings the Maine Dead.

CAPE HENRY, VA., Dec. 24.—The United States battleship, Texas, Captain Charles D. Sigbee, passed in the Cape tonight. She has on board the remains of the Maine dead taken aboard at Havana Thursday.

It takes but a minute to overcome tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. The remedy quickly cures all forms of throat and lung trouble. Harsh and pleasant to take. It prevents consumption. A famous specific for grippe and its effects. F. B. Duffy.

POPULIST CONVENTION.

Chairman Butler Sends Out Letters of Inquiry. Allen Wants it Held in Washington.

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina, chairman of the People's Party National Committee, has sent out letters to the members of the People's Party National Committee, calling attention to the action of the committee when in session at Omaha last year in agreeing to hold the National Convention at least one month before either of the old parties met.

Senator Butler asks the advice of the members of the committee and invites suggestions from them of when and where the convention should be held and whether or not the Silver Republicans should be asked to meet with the Populists.

Senator Allen, the newly elected Senator from Nebraska, favors holding the convention at Washington in February. He thinks it will be settled that Bryan will be nominated by both the Democrats and Populists and says that Bryan will carry Nebraska by twenty-five thousand.

FALSE RUMORS.

Prominent Bear Operators Summoned Before Grand Jury. Result of Recent Panic.

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Talbot J. Taylor, broker and son in law of James H. Kneen, the millionaire bear operator in Wall street, was served with a subpoena today to appear before the Grand Jury next Wednesday.

This is presumably in connection with the circulation of false rumors about the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company which resulted in a big drop in the price of the stock of the company.

Taylor was evidently surprised when the papers were served and told several that it was very annoying, that he had a "pull" with the District Attorney's office having had Gray, one of the Assistant District Attorneys appointed.

The Grand Jury will not adjourn for the holidays but will investigate the attack upon the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company. Three bear operators of the biggest kind are reported involved in the charges.

AGUINALDO'S TROUBLES.

His Mother and Son Captive, He Now Suffers the Loss of His Wife.

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.
MANILA, December 23.—Aguinaldo is now entirely alone in his flight across the mountains to escape the pursuing American soldiers. His wife, who has remained very near the insurgent chief, though at a safe distance from the fighting line, died at the village of Bayombong while Aguinaldo was being pursued into the wilderness by the troops.

The family of Aguinaldo is now completely broken up. His son and mother are prisoners at Manila where they were taken after being captured in the first movement to the north.

Pope To Perform Ceremony.

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.
ROME, Dec. 24.—On the occasion of the ceremony of opening the holy door of St. Peter's tomorrow, the Pope has decided to give the Papal blessing on the altar of the confessional. The Pontifical officers urged him to renounce the idea as dangerous to his health, which is precarious, but the Pontiff replied, "Let the danger be what it will, I will fall in the breach and have the satisfaction of fulfilling to the last my duties as a Catholic and Sovereign Pontiff toward God."

Cole Arrested.

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.
LOS ANGELES, CAL. Dec. 23.—Charles H. Cole, former President of the Globe National Bank of Boston, was arrested at Redondo today. He will be taken to Boston by the United States Marshall.

Bribed a Legislature.

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.
BUTTE, MONTANA, Dec. 23.—The Supreme Court today disbarred B. Welton, Attorney for United States Senator Clark. Welton is charged with the bribery of Legislators in the interest of Clark. The Court says the evidence against the attorney is conclusive.

Actor Grows Desperate.

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Willis Clark, a stranded and penniless member of the Sam T. Jacks troupe, tried to shoot his wife at Twenty Third and Fifth Avenues. The shots missed, and falling to kill her Clark shot himself dead. Despondent at having nothing to do, his mind became unbalanced.

Supreme Court Decisions.

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.
RALEIGH, Dec. 23.—The Supreme Court of North Carolina files the following opinions:
State vs. Gentry, no error.
State vs. Shivers, no error.
Harker vs. Hallway, new trial.

KEEP your blood pure and your stomach and digestive organs in a healthy condition by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and you will be WELL.

STATE GUARD.

Infantry, Artillery And Naval Reserves Number 1,974 Men.

Need of More Rifles. The Board of Public Charities. Capital Stock of Seaboard \$62,500,000.

The Railroad Assessment Cases.

RALEIGH, December 23.—The Adjutant General reports today that the strength of the State Guard is 1,974. There are three regiments of infantry, an artillery section and seven divisions of naval reserves. He says he is very much gratified at the condition of the force. Two regiments of infantry are armed and equipped. The First regiment has no rifles. There are 100 for it in the arsenal, 145 are called in from various companies and 160 are requisitioned for. It is difficult, the Adjutant General says, to get any rifles or equipments from the government in excess of the quota, though there are some 300,000 rifles in various arsenals. The Adjutant General reports that there has been marked success in collecting from the government the amounts expended last year in mobilizing volunteers. By a fiction it was shown that the State had paid these claims and the government was called on to refund.

The capital stock of the "Greater Seaboard Air Line" is to be \$62,500,000. The supreme court files an opinion in an interesting case from Macon county. The sheriff made an arrangement with a man by which the latter was to collect taxes and divide the pay. The court says this is illegal; the sheriff can have a deputy, but must retain control of the office.

The State board of public charities was in session yesterday. An earnest effort will be made to find room in the insane asylums for insane now in jails and county homes. There are many such unfortunate, particularly in the western district. As yet the list is not completely made up. Authority is given for the establishment of the Newman hospital for treatment of nervous diseases at Salisbury. It is a gift of Mr. Newman, the rich owner of the copper mine at Gold Hill, in memory of his little son. It will accommodate twenty patients. Authority is also given for a hospital at the Slater industrial school for negroes at Winston, and R. J. Reynolds was thanked for a \$5,000 gift to this hospital.

It is said six smallpox patients are now in the pest house at Monroe. The disease was carried there from Portsmouth. The stockholders of the Louisville railway met and completed the matter of consolidation with the Seaboard Air Line.

The statement having been made in a newspaper that "it was thought Judge Simonton would reopen the railway tax assessment cases and refer them to a special master, James H. Pott, one of the attorneys for the corporation commission who called on Judge Simonton at Richmond and again at Charleston, says:

"Such a course was not mentioned either then we saw Judge Simonton. The only matters discussed related to the effect of the Abbott-Beedingfield decision on the tax case and to the appeals in three of the cases. Not a word was said about a reference to a master. Manifestly, that could not be considered until after the motion for a rehearing shall have been disposed of. That hearing is set for the 27th instant at Charleston. We hope the rehearing will be granted. That is all I know."

DEADLY EXPLOSION.

Fearful That Fifty Men Have Perished in a Mine. Eleven Bodies Recovered

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.
BROWNSVILLE, Pa. December 23.—An explosion in the Brazenett Cove shaft today was probably the worst since the Hill disaster at Dunbar. The explosion was terrific and was plainly heard here, three miles distant.

The cage was blown from the bottom of the shaft to the top and then fell to the bottom so as to completely block access to the mine. Timbers were hauled hundreds of feet and the lower ring of brick work of the Air shaft was completely ruined. The place had to be tunneled to get into the mine at all, and after tunnelling the wreckage at the bottom of the shaft, two men were found alive but almost suffocated.

The mine is supposed to be on fire as dense volumes of smoke hinder the entrance of rescuing parties. One man of a party of rescuers who went to the bottom of the air shaft was brought up with a rope almost dead, so there is very little hope that the forty or fifty men yet in the mine can be saved. The machinery cannot be run to force the bad air from the mine and the smoke issuing from the shaft indicates a terrible condition inside and it is thought that the men must be all dead. Eleven bodies have been taken out so far.

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

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AWAITING HELP.

British Armies Remain in Position Without Attack.

Belief That White Must Force His Way From Ladysmith. Extensive Defensive Works. Great Struggle Coming.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The latest developments indicate that the British are pursuing a waiting game in South Africa. Day by day General Buller, at Chebely, and the generals on the western frontier are receiving reinforcements. On the other hand, the Boers, both at the Tugela and at Magerfontein, are continually extending and increasing the strength of their intrenchments.

Advices received here from Natal state positively that the 11 guns abandoned by the British at the battle of the Tugela river on December 15 have been carried away by the Boers.

The Boers have also destroyed the remaining bridge crossing the stream, over which the British tried to force a passage.

The Boers have constructed defensive works of great strength at Colenso. Besides rows of trenches on both sides of the river they have extensive lines of barbed wire. Wires were also concealed under the water at the fords which General Buller's men attempted to cross.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who is to take command of the British forces in South Africa, left Waterloo Railroad Station, London, yesterday, amid scenes of enthusiasm.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—General Sir George White, who is shut up with 10,000 men at Ladysmith, must cut his way through Joubert's army to reach safety.

Buller has retreated five miles from his position near Colenso, to get out of reach of the long-range Boer guns, and has sent two brigades back to Frere to frustrate a possible attempt of the Boers to flank him and destroy the railroad.

This leaves White without hope of early relief, and it is known that on December 11 he had only 300 rounds for each of his cannon, while the Boers were pressing closer about him and increasing the efficiency of their siege guns. He has plenty of rifle ammunition, but this is of little use against the Boer artillery.

It seems that he must get out of the town, for, besides the scarcity of ammunition, it is not to be hoped that his food supply will last much longer.

No Englishman will entertain for a moment the idea that he should capitulate with his army; when his position becomes untenable he must make a rush southward. He will have to fight a terrible battle if he does so, but Buller will doubtless be able to divert part of the Boer force.

WON GREAT FORTUNES.

Keene and Paine the Fortunate Ones. Sudden Rise of Paine to Riches.

NEW YORK, December 24.—The only professional trader who was deeply involved in the recent panic to the extent of millions, either as a winner or as a loser, was James R. Keene, who comes out of the fight with an extra \$5,000,000 to his credit.

J. Overton Paine, a professional trader, has incidentally won from \$400,000 to \$600,000. He himself is authority for the statement to his friends that he is \$1,500,000 to the good.

Paine is the handsome and clever Southerner who came to New York several years ago with only a meal ticket and a college education. A little while before the death of Roswell P. Flower the notion was fixed in Paine's head that it would be a profitable undertaking to pound Brooklyn Rapid Transit. The notion was actually wrong, but the sudden death of Flower created an unexpected opportunity, of which Paine took advantage. It happened that the Rockefellers and their allies took the same notion at the same time, and the result is that Paine, it is said, quickly cleared pretty close to \$1,000,000.

Marlborough Volunteers.
LONDON, December 21.—The Duke of Marlborough, who is a lieutenant in the Oxfordshire Yeomanry, has volunteered for service in South Africa and will take with him 150 men and horses of his troop. He will furnish the equipment for these men.

The Earl of Warwick, the Earl of Dudley, the Earl of Lonsdale and Viscount Galway are among other titled men who have volunteered for service.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vi., says, "Our baby was covered with running sores, DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. F. B. Duffy.

STEAMER WRECKED.

British Steamer Lost on Ocracoke Beach Below Hatteras.

Twenty-one Men Drowned. Life Saving Crew Rescue Nine Others Loaded With Cotton and Grain From Galveston, Texas.

CAPE HENRY, VA., Dec. 24.—The Weather Bureau official at Hatteras, N. C., reports that the British steamship Ariosto, Capt. R. R. Bains, bound from Galveston for Norfolk for coal, then for Hamburg, with a cargo of cotton and grain, stranded on Ocracoke Beach, six miles south of the Hatteras Weather Bureau Office, at 4 o'clock this morning.

The steamer carried a crew of 30 men, including the captain. Twenty-one men abandoned the ship and took to the boats soon after she stranded. The boats were wrecked in the heavy seas and the entire 21 were drowned.

Captain Bains and the remaining eight men were taken from the ship to day by Capt. James Howard and crew of Ocracoke Life Saving Station. The rescue was effected with difficulty owing to the heavy sea, the landing taking up almost the entire day. Captain Bains and the eight surviving members of the crew are now being cared for at the Ocracoke Life Saving Station. Some water is entering the hold of the vessel, but she is still in good condition and probably can be saved if prompt assistance is rendered.

GEN. LAWTON FUND

Is Steadily Growing. Opposition to Gen. Wheeler in the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The fund for the widow and children of Gen. Lawton has reached \$23,000 and is still growing. There is also movement to raise a monument to his memory by Spanish-American war veterans.

The President has intimated to Gen. Wheeler, who is said to be dissatisfied with the command given him in the Philippines, that he will not undertake the task of advising him either to remain where he is or to return to Washington and try to resume his seat in Congress, and the movement to get Gen. Wheeler appointed a brigadier general in the regular army, and at once retired, seems not to progress. The opinion is growing that there will be strong opposition to the seating of Gen. Wheeler should he return to Washington and ask to be sworn in as a member of the House.

Many Cotton Mills.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 21.—Official figures in the annual report of the Secretary of State show that during the present year twenty-six cotton mills were chartered and commissioned in this State, with a capital stock of \$5,650,000. This total is further increased to \$9,079,000 by the aggregate capital stock of sixteen mills, which have increased their capacity.

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