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WAR REPORTS VARY.

British Defense Committee Cabinet Maintain Silence.

Dispatches Unfavorable to British.
Arms plentiful from Anti-British sources. Rumor of British Army Retreats. Calcutta Loyal to British Throne.

Special to Journal.

London, Jan. 27.—Dispatches narrating operations previous to the capture and abandonment of Spion Kop, seem to show increased activity on the part of the Boers.

There was a Boer reconnaissance near Oheerwaal on Tuesday.

A dispatch from Ladysmith, dated Jan. 27, says the Boer laagers (camps) in the neighborhood have not been removed since General Buller's movement began not even those behind the ridge overlooking the Tugela river.

The Boers are said to be concentrating near Action House, a few miles north-west of Spion Kop.

The Times correspondent in a dispatch from Pretoria, dated 24th, says the Boers are always digging trenches when out of range of the British guns, and work within range whenever the shells allow them to do so. They are also bringing up fresh guns, and every prisoner caught says the Boers will never let the British reach Ladysmith.

New York, January 27.—Special.—The Evening World in a special from London, says, it is reported at the Military Club, and cabled to the World with all reserve, that the Cabinet Defense Committee this afternoon decided upon the grave step of authorizing General Buller to capitulate Ladysmith, both upon the ground of humanity and policy, in order to save further drain upon General Buller's army. General Buller is said to have telegraphed that he could no longer hold the town, and that his plight was terrible.

New York, January 27.—Special.—The Evening World, has the following special from Berlin, which it publishes for what it is worth.—It is said in this city (Berlin) today, that officials of the German Foreign Office had received information, confirming the report that the army division under General Warren had been crushed by the Boers.

London, January 27.—Special.—An important meeting of the Defense Committee Cabinet was held in the War Office this afternoon. Sir Michael Hicks-Besley, came to town to purposely attend, and Mr. Chamberlain gave up important engagements for the same reason. Lord Wolseley, commander-in-chief was also present.

No mention is made here of the report circulated in the United States that General Buller had been defeated by the Boers. When last heard from General Buller was participating in General Warren's movement.

CALCUTTA, January 27.—Special.—A monster meeting of Hindus and Mohammedans was held in the city hall today.

A resolution was passed protesting unswerving loyalty and attachment to the British throne, and decided to offer prayers for the victory of the British in all their places of worship.

London, Jan. 27.—Special.—In connection with the meeting of the Defense Committee Cabinet, today, a rumor has been circulated that the War Office is conceding the gravest kind of news from Upper Tugela river.

The report even goes so far as to say that the forces of General Buller are in full retreat.

It is impossible to deny or confirm such reports, as the War Office maintains a strict silence.

HEERLEN, Jan. 27.—Special.—An alleged dispatch, said to come from Pretoria, says the British losses at Spion Kop were 900 killed, 1500 wounded.

This dispatch comes through Brussels, and does not receive much credit in this city.

LADYSMITH, Jan. 27.—By runner via Pieter Camp, Wednesday, Jan. 24.—The garrisons are watching General Buller's guns shelling the Boers. Their fire can be very effective. The movements of the Boers show that they are evidently determined to stubbornly oppose the advance of the relief columns. They show no signs of removing their guns and have mounted new ones and are continually strengthening their fortifications.

Our fortifications have been greatly strengthened since January 24th, and Ladysmith is now practically impregnable. Owing to the dry weather the trench has disappeared and the number of volunteers returning from the Tugela Camp exceeds that of patients being sent there. The hospital is operating and is capable of all the troops being sent there.

The last is terrible, the thermometer registering 107 degrees in the shade.

Under other circumstances the news from Ladysmith showing greatly improved sanitary conditions, the possibility of provisions and the strengthening of the fortifications would be regarded as insignificant, and would have been regarded as such.

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THE KENTUCKY CONTEST.

On Contest in House of Representatives Goebellies Win.

Special to Journal.

FRANKFORT, Ky., January 27.—The first test vote in the Goebel-Taylor gubernatorial contest, between the rival factions in the House of Representatives took place today, over the contest between Van Meter, Democrat, and Berry, Republican, the Goebellies won in two repertoires before the contest committee, four Republicans uniting in doing so.

Berry was entitled to seat. Louis, Democrat favored Van Meter.

Both sides recognized that while the vote would not be decisive in the gubernatorial contest, yet it would indicate within a few votes. The vote was 51 to 45, four members not voting.

The Republicans tried to prevent a vote at the last moment but failed. The announcement of the vote was greeted by loud cheers.

The House immediately adjourned until Monday morning.

It is believed the Legislature will decide Goebel governor next week.

MINISTER FROZEN TO DEATH.

Escaped From Hospital. Was Prominent Lutheran Pastor in Brooklyn.

Special to Journal.

READING, Pa., Jan. 27.—Rev. H. B. Strodsch, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Brooklyn, N. Y., for thirteen years, and lately of Pinegrove, Pa., was found frozen to death here this morning.

He had been a patient in St. Joseph's hospital, but left the hospital last night unknown to his nurses. He was found in the city park this morning, in an unconscious condition and taken to the city hall where restoratives were applied in vain. Mr. Strodsch was one of the greatest pulpits orators among the Pennsylvania Lutheran ministers.

WILL STAND ALOOF.

Attitude of United States On Contraband of War Question.

New York, Jan. 26.—The Herald will publish the following dispatch from Washington tomorrow: "It is authoritatively stated that if approached by Germany or any other power to enter into a general arrangement defining the rights of neutrals and announcing what shall be considered contraband of war this Government will decline to take part in the negotiations."

The attention of the authorities to an agreement of this character was directed by the speech made by Baron von Bulow in response to an interrogatory in the Reichstag. It was stated today by an official in a position to discuss the matter that during the Hague conference the American representative submitted proposals that all private property at sea should in time of war be respected. The conference refused to accept such a principle. This Government will certainly not restrict itself, it is said, to principles which are less comprehensive than those it has hitherto suggested.

F. B. Thibault, Health Inspector of Chicago, says: "Rodol Dyspepsia Cure cannot be recommended too highly. It cured me of severe dyspepsia. It digests what you eat and cures indigestion, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. F. B. Duffy."

POSSESSION OF HEMP PORTS.

Southern Flight and Many Filipinos Killed at Legaspi.

MANILA, January 24.—A dispatch from Sorsogon, dated Thursday, January 23, says Brigadier-General Robles' expedition has completed Sorsogon, Davao, Basilan, Abay and Legaspi, Luzon, and Viran, Mindanao.

The only resistance was at Legaspi, where 300 Filipinos were entrenched. After the fight it was found that Captain Vanecek and six Americans were wounded. Fifty dead and 15 wounded Filipinos were found.

It is estimated that there are 135,000 miles of hemp in these provinces and 74,000 miles in the ports of Sorsogon and Legaspi. The United States government has ordered the hemp to be destroyed.

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