NEED OF SCOUTS

Ignorance of the British Intelligence Alleged to Be Beyond Belief.

There Is Also Said to Be a Great Lack of Efficient Artillery.

Some Further News of the Battle of Tugela River---Colony Disaffection.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Further accounts of the Tugela river battle emphasize the ignorance of the British intelligence department in regard to the disposition of the Boer forces. The British were not aware that the Boers were entrenched along a series of low-lying hills, immediately northward of Colenso bridge, until a staggering fire compelled them to retreat when the attack seemed about to succeed. The Boer were also in greater strength than anticipated.

It becomes clearer also that the British guns were lost in attempting to get within effective range of the Boer artillery, showing that the latter outranged the British ordnance, which in spite of numerical superiority was wholly inadequate to reply to the long range Boer guns.

The British war office comes in for scathing denunciation from The Times for not providing effective artillery. It is pointed out, in this connection, that the longer ranged naval guns participating in the same attack escaped.

There was no news during the morning to enlighten the general situation. The war office reported that General French reconnoitered northward of Arundel Monday, Dec. 18. After shelling Jasfontein Farm, three miles eastward of the Boer position, the New Zealanders advanced and occupied the farm. The Boer guns opened and the Boers advanced to the attack, so General French ordered a retirement.

The latest news from Mafeking, dated Dec. 6, has just been received. It says a desultory bombardment was continuing, and that the sharpshooters were engaged in a smart duel mornings and evenings.

The dispatch also describes a novel method of sending a message adopted by some Boer Dec. 4. A 5 pound shell fired into the town that day did not explode. It was opened and found to contain a letter, as follows:

"Dear Powell (Colonel Baden-Powell): Excuse iron messenger. No other means of communicating. Please tell Mrs. ——, mother and family all well. Dont drink all the whisky. Leave some for us when we get in."

The sender's signature was torn off.

Troops Irritate Afrikanders.

A Cape Town dispatch dated Saturday, Dec. 16. says:

"Five hundred colonists of the Victoria West district, have perfected an apparently anti-British organization there, and as individuals have openly expressed disloyalty and have threatened to attack the railroad station, which is on the direct line between Cape Town and De Aar. The Afrikander Bundites, at a meeting there, passed a resolution asserting that the troops in the vicinity irritate the farmers dangerously. The meeting proclaimed its loyalty, but declared that the conduct of the troops forced the people to use expressions and commit acts which were capable of being interpreted as disloyal.

MOWED THEM DOWN.

Awful Effects of the Boer Artillery Fire at the Battle of Tugela River.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The first direct news from Tugela river is at hand. That is the first to give details of the awful storm of shells that were hurled at the British forces under General Buller when the attempt to cross the stream was made. The dispatch is direct from Chieveley camp and says:

"The relief column continued its advance from Chievely early today, intending to assail the Boer positions, which were known to be very strong to the westward and northwest of Colenso. During the two preceding days the Boers had allowed themselves to be bombarded without condescending to reply with a single shot. They further took half an hour's bombardment this morning without an exchange, when suddenly they belched out a stream of fire from all their intrenchments, besides opening a fearful cannonade with all their quick-firers, field and siege guns, which were posted from end to end of their position.

British Guns Respond.

"When their presence and actual position had been determined the British naval brigade commenced shelling all the ridges north of the town with marvelous accuracy. At this time the artillery attached to General Hart's division was busy among the intrenchments on the hills on the British left, under cover of which the Irish infantry brigade marched out in extended order to cross the river and attack. Undoubtedly aiming at this battery the Boers sent several shells near the ambulance train, which was forced to change its position.

"While this was transpiring the field artillery on the right were busy shelling the ridges of the Boers' left flank, their excellent practice attracting the attention of the Boers, who retaliated with a scathing fire, almost demolishing all the guns and stampeding the gun carriage and timber horses."

Advanced Money to England.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—It is rumored here that the Bank of Russia has advanced the Bank of England £8,000,000.

CANNOT ACCOMMODATE THEM.

Large Numbers Apply to the Free State Consul for Enlistment.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Charles D. Pierce, consul in this city from the Orange Free State, said that applicants for enlistments in the Boer army were still visiting his office in a steady stream. "I cannot do anything for them," said he, "because I have no authority to take such a course. I refer them to our consul at The Hague and tell them they will have to pay their own expenses, which would amount to about $100, in getting to South Africa. The majority of the applicants are American soldiers who fought in the Spanish-American war."

Asked what he thought about the way things were going in South Africa, Mr. Pierce said:

"The British can send 1,800,000 troops down there instead of 180,000 if they want to, and still they won't get the upper hand for a year or two. It is not the side with the most men that wins, but the one which shoots straightest."

FEDERATION OFFICERS.

Gompers and All the Others Re-elected Without Opposition.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 21.—The American Federation of Labor unanimously re-elected all its old officers, including President Gompers. The only contest occurred in selections of fraternal delegates to the foreign trades congresses.

Louisville, Ky., was selected as place of next convention. The other candidates were Cleveland, Columbus, Salt Lake City, Scranton, Pa., Galveston and Bay City, Mich.

A resolution was adopted, commending President Gompers' service and granting him leave of absence from duty with pay, until he shall have fully recovered from his recent injury.

PINGREE MEASURES PASSED.

Joint Resolution and Constitutional Amendment Through the House.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 21.—Governor Pingree has sent a special message to the house asking for the passage of a joint resolution that would authorize Attorney General Oren to institute proceedings towards recovering the money claimed to have been lost by the state through the military board's alleged transaction with the Henderson-Ames Co. of Kalamazoo.

The house unanimously passed the joint resolution.

The house also passed the Pingree joint resolution submitting to the people a constitutional amendment to permit similar taxation of all forms of property. The vote was 86 to 82.

AFTER BRITISH RECRUITS.

United States Commissioner Causes an Arrest at Rochester, N. Y.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Advertisements have been published in the local papers urging "British young men anxious to see service in South Africa" to communicate with N. Peverell, this city, and United States Commissioner Stull has caused Peverell's arrest. He was taken before Commissioner Stull and admitted to bail. He will be given a hearing on Monday next.

RECOGNIZED HIM AT ONCE.

Henry F. Corbett Declared to Be the Man Who Shot Rev. Cheney and Wife.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 21.—Henry F. Corbett, who was arrested on suspicion of having shot the Rev. David B. Cheney and wife, two weeks ago, was taken before the Cheneys separately and positively identified by both as the guilty man.

Filipinos Stranded.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Immigration Commissioner North has received a telegram from the inspector of immigration at Seattle, stating that 16 members of the Filipino troupe, landed in this city from the transport Leelanaw, last July, are stranded in that city and have become a public charge. The nine members of the troupe at present in this city will be sent back to Manila on the transport Grant.

School Case to Be Appealed.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 21.—Attorney General Douglas will take an appeal for the state in the case involving the state apportionment of school funds, in which Judge Crosby of Hastings decided that the legislature cannot impose conditions upon the distribution of so much of the school fund as comes from the interest on proceeds of state land sales.

Fixed on a Date.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 21.—The date for the winter carnival in St. Paul has been fixed. It will open Feb. 3 and run until Feb. 12. Arrangements are now being made to advertise the event and secure satisfactory rates from the different railroads.

Austrian Cabinet Crisis.

VIENNA, Dec. 21.—The Neue Freie Press confirms the report that Count Clary Aldringf, the premier, will tender his resignation of the Austrian cabinet, owing to the impossibility of carrying on parliamentary business in conquence of Czech obstruction.

Scofield Buys a Mill.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 21.—Governor Scofield has purchased the Hines sawmill of this city. The plant has a capacity of 35,000,000 feet of lumber a season. Governor Scofield's son is to be the new manager of the mill, it is said.

Principal Business Houses Burn.

FLORENCE, S. C., Dec. 21.—Fire during the day destroyed the Florence hotel, the Bank of Florence, the opera house and the city hall. These are the principal business houses in the heart of the city. Loss, $150,000.

Buying Horses for England.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—Four representatives of big English concerns are here buying horses for London and Liverpool market to replace those sent to the Cape. "Probably 2,000 horses," said a member of a local firm, "have been sold or contracted for already."

TRIBUTE IS PAID

War Department Issues a General Order Announcing Lawton's Death

And Paying Proper Tribute to His Great Worth as a Soldier.

Died a Poor Man With a Mortgage on His Only Piece of Property.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A general order has been issued from the war department, announcing the death of General Lawton to the army, officially, and paying a proper tribute to his worth. It is the intention of the officials to have the remains brought to the United States for final interment, but it is not known when this can be done.

General Lawton died a poor man, although but few beyond his circle of immediate friends knew of the small pecuniary return that had come to him from his life work in behalf of his country. Therefore, some of these friends have thought proper now to come to the aid of his family as is shown by the following statement, addressed to the American people:

"Major General Henry W. Lawton, U. S. V., whose death occurred at San Mateo, Island of Luzon, on Dec. 19, 1899, has left little but his good name as a legacy to his wife and children. A piece of property purchased by him as a home in California, has a mortgage of half the purchase price still outstanding and unliquidated. The undersigned have voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the indebtedness. Contributions will be thankfully received by them and be devoted to the object hereinabove set forth.

"The aid of the newspapers of the country is requested.

"Contributions will be received by any one of the following:

"H. C. Corbin, adjutant general, Washington, D. C.; John F. Weston, acting commissary general, Washington, D. C.; William Ludlow, brigadier general, Havana, Cuba; William R. Shafter, major general, San Francisco, Cal."

Pension for Mrs. Lawton.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senator Fairbanks introduced a bill granting a pension of $2,000 a year to the widow of General Lawton. Representative Landis of Indiana introduced a similar bill in the house. Mr. Landis represents the district from which Lawton's first regiment was recruited.

BRUMBY'S FUNERAL.

Dewey's Flag Lieutenant Given Military Burial at Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—The body of Flag Lieutenant T. M. Brumby arrived from Washington at 5:10 a. m. The remains were taken in charge immediately by the pall bearers and under the charge of a special military guard were escorted to the state capital. The face of the dead lieutenant was uncovered at 10 o'clock, and between that hour and 12 o'clock was viewed by thousands of people. The funeral took place from the cathedral at 3 o'clock, and was conducted with military honors.

Major General Wesley Merritt, commander of the Department of the East wired the commander of Fort McPherson to order out the troops at the post to march as a special escort, and Company B, Seventh infantry, marched in the procession and fired the salute over the grave. There were also several companies of the Seventh regiment, one company of the Governor's Guards, one company of artillery and a large number of Confederate veterans in the procession. Accompanying the remains from Washington were Senator A. O. Bacon, Lieutenant Caldwell and members of the family of the deceased.

Descendant of Ponce de Leon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Nestor Ponce de Leon, a lineal descendant of the discoverer of Florida, died in Havana, Saturday, aged 62. Governor General Brooke several months ago appointed Mr. De Leon custodian of the archives of Havana and director of the museum of natural history there.

Invented the Trolley System.

FOX LAKE, Wis., Dec. 21.—Dr. E. J. Finney of this place is dead. He was the original inventor of the trolley system of propelling street cars. He held over 35 different patents, but did not possess the faculty of making them pay him much money.

Jury Recommends Clemency.

WAUKESHA, Wis., Dec. 21.—The jury in the Eckert murder case found George Eckert guilty of murder in the second degree and recommended mercy of the court. Eckert killed his wife by shooting her on Aug. 25 last while in a fit of jealous rage.

More Troops Reach Manila.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A dispatch received at the war department from General Otis reports the arrival of the transports Hancock and City of Puebla at Manila with the Forty-fourth and a portion of the Forty-third infantry aboard.

Mother and Children Cremated.

CONWAY, Ark., Dec. 21.—Near Greenbrier the residence of George Roberts was burned and his wife and two small children were cremated. Mrs. Roberts was ill and it is supposed was asleep.

Adjourned for the Holidays.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—After brief sessions, both house and senate adjourned for the holiday recess.

PLATFORM OF BOIES.

Former Governor of Iowa Has His Own Ideas of the Issues for Next Year.

WATERLOO, Ia., Dec. 21.—Horac Boies, former governor of Iowa, says the issues which the Democratic party should put forth in 1900 are:

"Unyielding opposition to a colonial system that requires for its maintenance the exercise in any degree of the military power of the government.

"An unqualified pledge that the future government of the Philippines shall be left exclusively to the people of those islands.

"The inviolate keeping of the pledge of this nation that Cuba shall be free.

"Opposition to a great standing army.

Opposition to Trusts.

"Ceaseless antagonism of trusts in whatever form organized and the immediate removal of all protective tariffs from goods controlled by trusts.

"A broad declaration that the issue of the currency of the country, both coin and paper, is rightfully a function of the government alone, the volume of which should be controlled by the congress of the nation instead of by private corporations organized for individual gain.

"An unqualified declaration in favor of the continued coinage on government account of both of the money metals at the existing ratio to the full limit required by the business interests of the country, such limit to be determined by congress."

A NEWSPAPER CHANGE.

Fredrick Driscoll's Connection With the Pioneer Press Is Severed.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 21.—At the annual meeting of the board of directors of The Pioneer Press Frederick Driscoll was retired as general manager of the paper and Conde Hamlin elected to succeed him. In addition, Mr. Hamlin was made vice president of the company. J. A. Wheelock was re-elected president and editor-in-chief, and Theodore Borup secretary and treasurer.

The true reasons for Mr. Driscoll's retirement are not known, but it is rumored that jealousies in the board of directors brought it about.

Mr. Driscoll established the Daily Union in St. Paul in 1862. In March of the following year he purchased Newton Bradley's half interest in The Press and took his place as business manager. Consolidation with The Pioneer took place April 11, 1875, and the Pioneer Press Publishing company resulted. Mr. Driscoll has occupied the position of general manager since that time.

TO FIGHT THE REGULARS.

Altgeld Faction of Illinois Democracy Organizes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The Altgeld faction of Illinois Democracy has taken its first step towards fighting the "regulars" in the primaries in the counties of the state next spring and summer. Temporary organization was effected at a meeting of about 50 active men at the Sherman. J. P. Altgeld was elected president. A charter will be asked for under the name of "The Chicago Platform Democracy." The objects are stated to be the organization of "progressive Democracy" and to advance the principles of "the Chicago platform in every county and city in the state of Illinois."

FIGHT GETTING WARM.

Great Interest Shown in the Iowa Senatorial Contest.

DES MOINES, Dec. 21.—The largest gathering of members of the legislature yet brought together in anticipation of the opening of the session is here at present. The speakership fight, preliminary of the United States senatorial contest, absorbs all interest. The Gear men claim they have more than enough signed pledges to elect Bowen speaker and the Cummins people make a like claim in behalf of Eaton for speaker.

VICTORY FOR ST. CLOUD.

Interstate Commerce Decision Against the Northern Pacific.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The interstate commerce commission, in an opinion by Commissioner Prouty, announced its decision in the cases of the George Tileston Milling company and the city of St. Cloud, Minn., against the Northern Pacific Railway company. The cases are under the long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce act and the decision is against the railway company.

Fear for the Rescuers.

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—During the latter part of October, Corporal Shirving of the Northwest Mounted Police and two companions were sent out from Dawson to search for illfated parties on the Edmonton trail. Nothing has been heard from their rescuers since and fears are entertained for their safety.

Falling Off in Grain Receipts.

BUFFALO, Dec. 21.—Practically all the grain bound down the lake for this port this season has arrived, and the total receipts when compared with last year shows a big falling off. This season's receipts of grain total 146,685,407 bushels, as compared against 218,885,511 bushels last year.

Hostilities Practically Suspended.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 21.—Late Colombian advices just received here say that while the revolution in that republic was not absolutely crushed good prospects are entertained of an amicable compromise. In the meanwhile hostilities are practically suspended.

Winter Racing at Winona.

WINONA, Minn., Dec. 21.—The city council has voted to construct a race track and skating rink on Lake Winona this winter; also to maintain a bicycle track free from snow on Broadway for its entire length.

Death of Mrs. Probstfield.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Catherine Probstfield of Moorhead died in St. Paul from paralysis induced by nervous prostration. She was the wife of Former State Senator Probstfield, who served in the senate eight years.

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