

# FATE OF LADYSMITH IN THE BALANCE. TWO BIG ARMIES MEET IN BATTLE.

## BUNCO IN HEIRESSES.

**Sighting Swains Purchased Hand of \$85,000 Beauty for \$5 Each and Were Both Fooled.**

A hot matrimonial chase after an \$85,000 heiress who turned out to be a servant girl in an uptown doctor's family ended to-day in the Yorkville Court when Mrs. Anna Berger, manager of a marriage bureau at 213-1/2 third street and Lexington avenue, was charged with getting money by fraud from two fortune-seeking swains.

The swains were Adolph Klein, a clerk, of 125 East Seventy-ninth street, and Max Masheimer, an auctioneer, of 132 East Ninety-fourth street. Both are about twenty-nine years old.

Their story, as told to Magistrate Brann, was most remarkable. It began in June last, when Klein read an advertisement telling of the longings of a wealthy heiress for a suitable husband. It was signed "Ideal."

Klein thought he would make the proper kind of husband for the lovely heiress and wrote a reply.

The letter brought an immediate response. It came from Mrs. Berger, whose matrimonial bureau was then located at 124 East Twenty-fifth street.

"It will cost you 20 cents," she wrote, "to open correspondence with the heiress."

"Cheap," chuckled Klein, and he sent the twenty.

Another letter soon came, asking him to call at Mrs. Berger's bureau. He called. Mrs. Berger informed him that to meet the wealthy heiress he would merely have to join her "matrimonial club."

Incidentally, she mentioned, this would involve a fee of \$5.

Klein wanted an heiress, and a small fee did not bother him. He paid the fee and became a club member.

Mrs. Berger appointed a meeting at the "club rooms" (her bureau), with the wealthy heiress. Klein, dressed in his best, appeared and was introduced.

The heiress was pretty and about twenty-six years old. She was dark-complexioned and vivacious and, withal, delightfully coy. She made an excellent impression on her suitor.

She told him that her name was Emma Woodford and that she possessed \$85,000.

This announcement fired the young man's ardor, and he made violent love. He found "Miss Woodford" shy, but favorable. When he proposed immediate marriage she declared she liked him, but could not think of marrying so soon.

She said she had been wearied by the social events in which she had participated, the previous winter, and

## GIRL WAS THE SPOOK.

**Bertha Stahl, Her Brother and a Saloon-Keeper Startled Paterson People.**



**BERTHA, WHO PLAYED THE GHOST.**

(Special to The Evening World.)

**PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 20.**—The Paterson ghost has been laid. It consisted of three persons—Bertha Stahl, thirteen years old; Jacob Stahl, her brother, fifteen years old, and Martin Curley, a saloon-keeper. It was due to the efforts of the last named that the fame of the ghostly manifestations were noised about.

Jacob Stahl, an employee of the City Gas Works, lives at Sixth avenue and East Fifth street, in a pretty two-story frame cottage. With him live his second wife, four children and his two children by his first wife, Bertha and Jacob.

selected his own investigating committee and they reported at the saloon. In a week they had the spirits upsetting beds, throwing sewing machines, dancing stoves, singing and shrieking. The Stahl believed it themselves, and Mrs. Stahl had nervous prostration. Stahl laid off from work and was afraid to stir out of a chair.

**CURLEY THE WINNER.**

Curley began to think of retiring from business at the end of the year. Arthur W. Bishop, of the Passaic County Children's Society, had a talk with Bertha yesterday. She acknowledged throwing things. She said to-day she did it to tease her mother. Curley only smiles when questioned. He is too busy to talk.

**BONDS FOR TUNNEL.**

Rapid Transit Commission Wants Issue of Needed—Would Amend Charter.

The Rapid Transit Commission met at 2 o'clock this afternoon and decided to ask the Legislature at Albany to amend the Charter to permit the bonds for the road to be issued as the money is needed, and without the approval of the Municipal Assembly.

The latter provision, it is believed by counsel to the commission, is really contained in the original Rapid-Transit act, but it was thought best to have it in the proposed amendment.

The Comptroller, Commissioner Rives and Mr. Boardman, counsel for the committee, will go to Albany on Tuesday and present the amendment to the Chairman of the Cities Committee of both houses of the Legislature.

## GRAND JURY TO GARDINER.

The Grand Jury to-day made to Judge McGowan, who had requested them, a protest against the action of District Attorney Gardiner in taking from them the consideration of the alleged Wall Street fraud against the Brooklyn Trust.

esty and intelligence.

Col. Gardiner, who has been suffering from a broken rib, came from Garden City, L. I., on Tuesday last and directed the Grand Jury not to take up the matter, as it would be handled by a special Grand Jury next month.

The members made no protest then, but as their work is light and some days they have not enough to engage them, they saw no reason why they should not take up the investigation.

The Grand Jury declare that they consider the investigation of the Wall Street schemes of the most vital importance. The December body had left it for their consideration and it was therefore a case which should come within their scope.

Judge McGowan assured the members indignantly that they had a perfect right to take up the case, and that the December body had no right to take it from them.

## 10 P. M. EXTRA

## WOMAN PLANNED SUICIDE, DRESSED FOR BURIAL, THEN SHOT HERSELF.

Esther Aaron, a widow, thirty-seven years old, after dressing herself for burial, got into bed at her home, 272 West One Hundred and Seventh street, this afternoon, tucked herself in nicely, then shot herself through the head with a pistol.

When her husband died some years ago Mrs. Aaron inherited a snug fortune from his estate. She ran through this money and became dependent. The morning she sent for Dr. Louis Cohen, of 1242 Madison avenue, her physician, and told him she was going to kill herself and showed him a revolver. He talked to her for two hours and she promised she would reconsider the matter.

Mrs. Aaron left several letters for friends, and her will was being drawn up by Dr. Cohen.

**LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.**

FOURTH RACE—Audubon 1, Arthur Behan 2, Laureate 3.  
 FIFTH RACE—Fleming 1, Little Hill 2, Watercrest 3.  
 SIXTH RACE—Laurina 1, Victoria 2, Maidstone 3.

**ENGINEER GETS BAD FALL.**

Bert Edson Sherman, the assistant chief engineer of the power-house of the Lexington avenue railway, fell in Bellevue Hospital, with bad body wounds and a fractured skull, from the top of a high platform in the power-house this afternoon, having missed a big fly wheel. Sherman lives in Woodside, L. I.

**SUPPOSED PAUPER MAY HAVE BEEN WEALTHY.**

A man known only as "Roberts" was found dead in the hallway of 223 Park Row this 20th and was buried in Potter's Field. Officials of the morgue were told today that the man had been in receipt of a large salary and had wealthy relatives. The person who gave this information refused to tell any more.

## JOHN RUSKIN DIES, AGED 81.

**Great Critic Whose Life Was Marked and Marred by a Strange Romance.**

**LONDON, Jan. 20.**—John Ruskin died this afternoon of influenza, aged eighty-one years.

John Ruskin was born in London in 1818. His father was a wine merchant, an austere, but cultivated man, who dying left his son a fortune of \$1,000,000. He was graduated from Christ Church, Oxford, in 1840, where three years before he had gained the Newdigate prize for English poetry. He began to write on art when about twenty years of age.

Believe that he had shown a taste for poetry, and his father bought him a picture, which gave him a professional

## British Artillery Opens on Fortified Kopjes Near Ladysmith.

**SPEARMANS CAMP, NATAL, Jan. 20, 11.15 A. M.**

The firing of field guns was heard early this morning from the left. Evidently Gen. Warren has commenced the bombardment of the Boer trenches on Tabanmyana Mountain.

There was also a brief musketry fire.

**LONDON, Jan. 20.**—A special despatch from Cape Town, dated Friday, Jan. 19, 1 P. M., says:

"The Ladysmith relief force is steadily working northward. Heavy fighting occurred yesterday. The Boers are retreating."

**BULLER MOVING ON.**

The War Office silent as to his battle for the Relief of Ladysmith.

**LONDON, Jan. 20.**—Telegrams from the front indicate that the northward march of the relief column moving toward Ladysmith is proceeding steadily. The authorities here seem satisfied that now Gen. Buller's forces are within sight of Ladysmith the besieged place is safe at present from serious attack.

No news of real importance was made public up to 12 o'clock this afternoon, and there was nothing to show that the general engagement so frequently rumored has yet commenced, though, obviously, news of such a battle is momentarily expected.

Advice from Cape Town says Field Marshal Lord Roberts has appointed Lord Stanley, member of Parliament for South Lancashire and a former lieutenant of the Grenadier Guards, to be press censor.

Prince Francis of Teck has gone to the front.

**BOERS TO QUIT COLESBERG.**

Dutch Inhabitants Leaving the Town Which French Threatens.

**RENSBURG, Cape Colony, Friday, Jan. 19.**—A gentleman who has escaped from Colesberg reports that the Dutch inhabitants who are sympathizers with the Boers are proceeding to the Orange Free State, in anticipation of the evacuation of the town.

Mr. Van der Walt, a member of the Cape Assembly, has already gone. The Boer force there is estimated to number from 600 to 700 men.

There is also a strong force at Norval's Point.

The British shells did much execution eastward of the town. The Boer loss up to date is probably 200 men.

**FRENCH HEMS THE BOERS.**

Lord Roberts Reports a Further Advance in the Colobeng District.

**LONDON, Jan. 20, 4.45 P. M.**—The only War Office despatch this afternoon

**LONDON WILD AGAIN.**

Departure of Second Detachment of Volunteers Leaves Amid Frenzied Scenes.

**LONDON, Jan. 20.**—The departure of the second detachment of the London Volunteers for South Africa to-day led to a re-creation of the scenes of enthusiasm of last Saturday along the whole route from Wellington Barracks to the Nine Elms station.

The Londoners commenced assembling before daylight, headed by several bands, and the volunteers, numbering 700 men, left the barracks at 7.45, marching in fours.

For a time the people contented themselves with cheering, and the column advanced in good order until it reached Great George street, where the friends, wives and sweethearts of the men insisted on joining them and marching arm-in-arm.

Thus in the midst of constantly increasing enthusiasm the Volunteers finally reached the station at 9.30, where the Duke of Connaught, the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs and other military and civic dignitaries had assembled.

The Volunteers were rapidly entrained for Southampton and steamed away to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

Large crowds met the Volunteers at Southampton and gave them a rousing send-off as they embarked on the transports Aristo, Kinfans Castle and Gosh.

**BOERS WATCHED BRITISH.**

Saw Their Enemy Go into Camp After Having Crossed the Tugela River.

**BOER HEADQUARTERS, UPPER TUGELA, Tuesday, Jan. 18, via LORENZO MARQUES, Friday, Jan. 19, 10.30.**—It became known to-day that 300 English had crossed the Tugela, over the Great Tugela, and were on the Federal side. A display in force had been made toward Colesberg and another northward toward Oliver's Hook Bridge, which was blown up by us a few days ago.

Toward 5 o'clock the alarm was given that the English were coming. The look-outs observed long, successive lines of infantry moving down to the new British position, a bush-covered chain of hills, known as Swan's Kop. Their faces were sometimes lost in the trees standing along the river bank. At 6 they covered in open order, and advanced in two lines to the low kopjes on the river bank. At 6.30 they took up a position, amid complete silence on the Boer side, their horses tethered where there was the least danger from chance shells, and the men prepared to make a night of it at their posts.

Night had now fallen. With the gloom came fitful flashes of lightning from the thunder clouds which had been threatening all day. The clouds eventually separated, showing the moon, simultaneously with the clearing sky well-known Dutch hymns were repeated from kopje to kopje, with a strangely weird effect, highly inspiring both to the greybeards and the beardless youths.

The despatch is interrupted at this point.

**NO EXTRA CRIMES FOR 20.**

Arrangements for the 20th day of the year are being made by the police.