



THE WAR IN AFRICA. BULLER BELIEVED TO BE FIGHTING ON THE TUGELA.

NOT A WORD REGARDING HIS OPERATIONS MADE PUBLIC—A MESSAGE FROM MAFEKING.

London, Feb. 3. A m.—Important events are probably now taking place on the Upper Tugela, but the press censors are allowing no news to get through by the ordinary channels.

WAR RUMORS IN LONDON.

PUBLIC FEELING MORE BUOYANT SINCE THE SHOWING OF BRITISH STRENGTH.

London, Feb. 3. A m.—The air was filled with rumors yesterday, both here and at Cape Town. General Roberts was reported to have called upon the War Office for ninety thousand additional reinforcements, and General Buller was again represented as crossing the Tugela and engaging the enemy.

There were signs that General Buller was preparing to resume operations for the relief of Ladysmith, even if he had not already set his brigades in motion.

The whole effect of Mr. Wyndham's remarkable speech in explanation of the War Office's work was apparent in the Commons and in the press yesterday.

The most sensational episode of last night's debate in the Commons was Sir Edward Clarke's proposal that Lord Salisbury should take charge of the Colonial Office, and that Lord Rosebery should be sent to the Cape as a substitute for Sir Alfred Milner.

ALLEGED REQUEST FROM GEN. ROBERTS SAID TO HAVE ASKED FOR NINETY THOUSAND MORE MEN.

London, Feb. 2.—Sensational rumors are current that the Militia Ballot act will be put in force on February 14, and that General Lord Roberts, the commander in chief of the British forces in South Africa, has called for ninety thousand additional men.

VICTORIA CROSS FOR COLENSO HEROES.

London, Feb. 2.—"The Gazette" this evening announces that it is the Queen's intention to confer the Victoria Cross on Captains Congreve and Reed, Lieutenant Roberts and Corporal Nurse for their attempts to save the guns at the battle of Colenso.

BOERS MOVING TO MEET BULLER. LEAVING LADYSMITH FOR THE UPPER TUGELA COUNTRY.

London, Feb. 3.—Heliograms flashed from Ladysmith three days ago say that the Boer investment lines then were thinning and that the besiegers were moving in force toward the Tugela, indicating that a collision was expected there.

Lord Kitchener has been travelling from army to army in Northern Cape Colony, and General French, by instructions, is now in Cape Town consulting with Lord Roberts.

The Cape Town correspondent of "The Times," telegraphing yesterday, says: As a military train was traversing Hex River Pass to-day an unknown individual fired a shot and killed a soldier.

PLUMER AND THE BOERS FIGHT. STORY OF THE RELIEF OF MAFEKING WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

Lourenço Marques, Feb. 1.—A dispatch from Gaborone, dated January 25, describing a reconnaissance of some of Colonel Plumer's forces around the Boer laager southward, seems to dispose of the story that Mafeking has been relieved.

A Boer scout was captured yesterday by Colonel Plumer's outposts, and a small party was sent out to reconnoitre certain hills. They ascended the wrong kopje and blundered upon a Boer fortress armed with a Maxim.

CONSUL HAY'S JOURNEY ENDS.

Lourenço Marques, Feb. 2.—Adelbert S. Hay, the new United States Consul at Pretoria, left here this morning on his way to his post.

MASHONA'S OWNERS MUST EXPLAIN.

Cape Town, Feb. 2.—The Supreme Court has decided to make no order of confiscation in the case of the steamship Mashona at present, in order to give her owners time to show within three weeks that she had no intention to trade with the enemy.

THE PRINCE INSPECTS MORE YEOMANRY.

London, Feb. 2.—This morning at the Life Guards' Barracks, Regent's Park, the Prince of Wales inspected another contingent of Yeomanry and Honourable Artillery Company Volunteers prior to their departure from London to embark for South Africa.

LORD WOLSELEY DINES WITH QUEEN.

London, Feb. 2.—Lord Wolseley dined this evening with the Queen at Osborne.

AN OFFER FROM GARIBALDI'S SON.

Rome, Feb. 2.—Ricciotti Garibaldi, one of the sons of the famous Italian patriot, in consideration of services rendered by England to the cause of Italian independence, has offered the British Government to command a corps of Italian volunteers in South Africa.

CHURCHILL DEFENDS COLONEL LONG.

London, Feb. 3.—Winston Churchill, in a dispatch to "The Morning Post," comes to the defence of Colonel Long, whose error led the British to the battle of Colenso, and, while admitting that there was an error of judgment, contends that there was no error arising either from rashness or incapacity.

THE DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT.

ANGLO-GERMAN AGREEMENT AS TO SEARCHING VESSELS—THE GOVERNMENT STRENGTHENED.

London, Feb. 2.—In the House of Commons today the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, William St. John Brodrick, replying to a question, confirmed the accuracy of the statement of Count von Bülow, the German Minister of Foreign Affairs, in the Reichstag as to the British engagements regarding searching vessels.

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PLAN FOR PHILIPPINES. CIVIL TO REPLACE MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY DECIDES TO ACT WITHOUT WAITING FOR LEGISLATION BY CONGRESS.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The President is preparing to replace the military government under General Otis in the Philippines by a purely civil administration as soon as proper men for the responsibilities can be induced to go to Manila.

It has been decided, therefore, to send out three or at most five Commissioners to establish provisionally the form of territorial government recommended in the report of the Philippine Commission sent to Congress to-day.

Among the men who have been already canvassed for membership of this Commission are Governor Roosevelt, President Schurman, Robert P. Porter, Colonel Denby, General Frederick D. Grant and ex-Minister Barrett.

The President has given his hearty approval to the recommendations of the Philippine Commission, especially as to the advisability of immediately supplanting martial law in those portions of Luzon and the other islands which have been effectually pacified.

ANOTHER KENTUCKY VICTIM.

FORMER MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE SHOT DOWN BY AN UNSEEN HAND.

Whitesburg, Ky., Feb. 2 (Special).—William S. Wright, one of the best known men in Eastern Kentucky, was the victim of an assassin or assassins yesterday. He was a Democratic politician and formerly a member of the Legislature from Knott and Letcher counties.

THE PERIOD OF THE CLIFF DWELLERS.

PROFESSOR HEWETT BELIEVES THEY WERE CONTEMPORANEOUS WITH THE MAMMOTH.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 2 (Special).—Professor E. L. Hewett, president of the New-Mexico Normal University, Las Vegas, announced to-day that as a result of his explorations of the thousands of cliff dwellings near Santa Fe this summer, he has evidence that the cliff dwellers were contemporaneous with the mammoth and other animals of the tertiary period.

ARRESTS OF COUNTERFEITERS.

OPERATIONS ON A LARGE SCALE BROKEN UP BY SECRET SERVICE MEN.

Montreal, Feb. 2 (Special).—The arrest of Anthony Decker by Chief White, of the United States Secret Service, at Baltimore, for counterfeiting, broke up the biggest operation of its kind ever attempted in Canada.

FRICK AFTER ANOTHER STEEL PLANT.

REPORTED TO HAVE MADE AN OFFER FOR THE SPARROWS POINT WORKS.

Philadelphia, Feb. 2 (Special).—The meaning of Henry C. Frick's visit to this city recently was brought to light this morning when it was learned that negotiations have been opened for the purchase of the Pennsylvania Steel Company's plant at Sparrows Point, near Baltimore.

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PUERTO RICO'S TARIFF. SUBSTITUTE FOR FREE TRADE BILL REPORTED.

UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND LAWS HELD NOT TO EXTEND OVER NEW POSSESSIONS.

Washington, Feb. 2.—By a party vote the Committee on Ways and Means to-day took the position that the Constitution and laws of the United States do not extend over Puerto Rico and the Philippine archipelago, and will not become operative therein unless or until Congress shall so provide by legislative action.

The committee then decided by a party vote to report a substitute for the bill offered by Chairman Payne some time ago, providing for the extension of the tariff and internal revenue laws of the United States over the island, and it radically differs from the original bill.

ESTIMATE OF ISLAND'S REVENUES.

It is estimated that the revenues of the island will amount to about \$2,500,000 the first year after the bill becomes law. While the natural effect of the measure will be greatly to increase the trade between the United States and the island on account of the preferential rates of duty imposed by both, it is to be expected that Puerto Rico will continue to import a considerable amount of commodities from Europe.

SUBSTITUTE FOR PAYNE BILL.

FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED TARIFF LAW FOR PUERTO RICO.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The text of the substitute for the Payne bill adopted by the Ways and Means Committee to-day is as follows: That the provisions of this act shall apply to the island of Puerto Rico and to the adjacent islands and waters of the islands lying east of the 74th meridian of longitude west of Greenwich, which were ceded to the United States by the Government of Spain by treaty concluded April 11, 1899, and the name Puerto Rico, as used in this act, shall be held to include not only the island of that name, but all adjacent islands and waters.

"UNITED STATES" DEFINED.

MAJORITY AND MINORITY REPORTS TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

Washington, Feb. 2.—At the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee to-day reports were received from the sub-committee which has considered the meaning of the term "United States" as applicable to Puerto Rico, the Philippines and other new possessions.

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RIOT FEARED IN FRANKFORT. DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATORS HOLD A SECRET SESSION—EFFORT MADE TO ENJOIN GOVERNOR TAYLOR.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY REFUSES TO INTERFERE.

William Goebel's condition showed such marked improvement yesterday that his physicians now hope for his ultimate recovery.

The Democratic members of both houses of the Kentucky Legislature met in secret session at the Capitol Hotel and declared Goebel Governor.

A clash between a Sheriff's posse and the militia is momentarily expected, and bloodshed and riot in Frankfort seem inevitable.

Governor Roosevelt and two Justices of the Supreme Court of New-York State hold that Mr. Taylor is the only legal Governor of Kentucky, the Executive at Albany going so far as to say that "under no circumstances whatever should there be any backdown by Governor Taylor."

President McKinley decided that no cause has yet arisen to justify intervention by the National Government in Kentucky.

RIOT SEEMS INEVITABLE. SHERIFF'S POSSE EXPECTED TO FACE THOUSAND MILITIA.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 2.—Wholesale riot and bloodshed seem inevitable in Frankfort. This tragic result may not occur for a week or two weeks. Then again, it may come before another day. In the present status neither side is willing to yield.

The Republicans are in control of the machinery of the State Government. There is no sign that they will surrender this any more readily at the decree of a State court than on the mandate of the Democratic majority of the State Legislature.

COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR POYNTER.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 2 (Special).—The situation in Kentucky is most unfortunate. It gives us a bad reputation as a Nation. The attempted assassination of Senator Goebel, though serious, is the least serious of the complications there. Such crimes have frequently occurred in every country and in all ages.

GOEBEL SHOULD BE SUSTAINED.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 2 (Special).—The State of South Carolina deprecates the unfortunate condition of affairs in Kentucky, brought about by fraud perpetrated by the Republicans. Goebel should undoubtedly be sustained as Governor. The attempt to assassinate him was a cowardly outrage, and is condemned by the people of this State.

ASHAMED OF BLOODSHED AND RIOT.

Canton, N. Y., Feb. 2 (Special).—"As an American citizen, I am ashamed that the contest for an executive office in Kentucky could not be settled without bloodshed and riot. As a lawyer, I do not understand how one branch of the government can oust the head of another co-ordinate branch which has the additional power of veto, or how the equilibrium of the two parts of the government can be preserved by allowing one to determine who is the rightful occupant of the other.

JUSTICE CHESTER'S VIEWS.

Albany, Feb. 2 (Special).—Justice Alden Chester, of the Supreme Court, said to-night: "I have no copy of the Constitution of Kentucky, and have seen only fragmentary portions of it in the newspapers, so I would not care to say anything about the legal right of Governor Taylor to dissolve the Legislature and order its reconvening."

"The Goebel Election law was undoubtedly passed to accomplish just what it has done, and it seems to me absurd for Mr. Goebel's followers to declare that they are living within the law. Certainly they are living within their own law, as a man would live within his own house. They appointed Goebel Election Boards all over Kentucky, and they took advantage of every technicality they could on the count of ballots to deprive Governor Taylor of his votes.

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