

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

A Daily Record of the Great Events That are Transpiring in South Africa.

TUESDAY'S REPORT

London, Dec. 26.—Up to 4:30 o'clock this morning nothing has arrived from South Africa that would indicate any change in the military situation there. The war office is issuing lists of further deaths and wounded as well as accounts of sickness. The most serious report of the last class is that horse sickness has broken out in both British and Boer camps in Natal. Four hundred British cavalry horses, it is said, have already been shot, owing to the occurrence of glanders. The disease is likely to spread with much greater rapidity among the British horses than among the hardy Boer ponies, and this may mean a considerable prolongation of the campaign.

A dispatch from Chieveley dated Tuesday, December 19, says: "The British naval guns have destroyed the Colenso foot bridge, thus preventing the Boers holding any position south of the Tugela river. The enemy is taking up fresh positions on the eastern side, nearer the British camp. The British position at Frere is being strengthened. The Tugela river is rising and there is a prospect of heavy rains. A two hour bombardment of Ladysmith has been heard from here. According to reliable reports the Boers had 200 killed in the fight at Colenso."

The news that the Colenso foot bridge has been destroyed seems to show that General Buller is more anxious to keep the enemy at bay than to attempt a further advance.

Despite the severity of the censorship, hints are being continually received of the serious spread of Dutch disaffection in both the Queenstown district of Cape Colony and Natal.

A correspondent of the Daily Mail at Pietermaritzburg says: "The extent of Dutch disaffection should make the imperial authorities realize the magnitude of the task before them."

There are unconfirmed reports from Cape Town that Gen. Sir Charles Warren, commanding the Fifth division, has returned there. Commandant Demeillon, who was taken prisoner at Elandsbaag and brought to Simonston, where he was confined on the British steamer Penelope, has succeeded in making his escape.

The Times this morning makes the following announcement: "We are informed that the government has decided that it is not desirable to make further demands upon the European garrison in India unless unforeseen difficulties arise."

An undated heliograph message from Ladysmith, by way of Pietermaritzburg, represents the garrison as in no way daunted by Gen. Buller's reverse at Colenso and as confident of being able to hold out indefinitely. The mails are just arriving from Ladysmith. All the correspondents comment bitterly upon the superiority of the Boer artillery.

WEDNESDAY'S REPORT

London, Dec. 27.—Dispatches from South Africa are still greatly delayed. But they are arriving more freely, which shows that the censorship has been relaxed. There appears to be no great change in the situation. A dispatch from Lourenzo Marques, dated Thursday, December 21, gives the following from the Boer head laager, dated Tuesday, December 19: "The British naval guns at Colenso have been cannonading Bulwer bridge over the Tugela river, with a view of smashing it. The bombardment of Ladysmith is proceeding slowly. Gen. Joubert has arrived here and has been accorded a hearty welcome. He addressed the burghers on December 25."

A dispatch to the Daily News from Ladysmith, dated Friday, December 15, by heliograph, says: "Another sortie last night. Gen. Hunter, with 500 volunteers, destroyed one six-inch Crueset gun, one Howitzer and one Maxim. One Briton killed. The Boer gunners fled."

There is an idea in some quarters that Gen. Buller's destruction of the Tugela bridge heralds an attempt to cut off the Boers north of the river, but the general opinion is that the British will not make any serious move pending the arrival of Lord Roberts.

The newspapers continue actively discussing and criticizing the management, or rather mismanagement, of the campaign. The advent of horse sickness throws increased attention upon the question of transports and the want of wagons which may be of use to the British forces to the railways. The Daily Chronicle says: "Plenty of wagons could be obtained from the United States, but the government, with very indolent patriotism, have refused to avail themselves of the opportunity. It would have been better if the authorities had followed Lord Kitchener's example at Athara bridge. Will they even now apply to the American factories?"

The Times editorially attacks the administration of the war office, calling attention to correspondence disclosing "glaring defects" and declaring that the British army is being managed for the benefit of the war office and not of the nation.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Wednesday, December 20, says: "Lord Methuen, I understand, intends to remain at Modder river about three weeks longer. From Boer sources, hitherto singularly well-informed, I

learn that there are 8,000 European officers and men skilled in modern military tactics, particularly artillery, now in Pretoria as a reserve. Our administrative official in the Cape service, who has just returned from official relieving duty in the Dutch district, says the news of the British reverses has been received with great joy even in localities where there is no open revolt."

YESTERDAY'S REPORT

London, Dec. 28.—Winston Churchill's new arrival at Chieveley camp is perhaps responsible for some over-coloring of the gravity of the situation, but all to-day's news conveys the impression that Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position. Certainly the Boers are not inactive. At both Modder river and the Tugela they are said to be strengthening their forces and extending defense works, which, in both cases, are seemingly almost impregnable.

Dispatches from Chieveley indicate that Gen. Buller's forces will remobilize at Frere before attempting another advance. Doubtless he would be glad to retrieve the Colenso reverse before the arrival of Lord Roberts, yet he is hardly likely to attempt another frontal attack. It is more likely that he is preparing to strike should the Boers make any offensive movement.

Mr. Churchill's reference to Ladysmith may imply that the situation of the garrison is more desperate than had been supposed. The Boers continue fortifying the hills commanding the town. Gen. White, however, heliographs that all was well in Ladysmith on December 26.

Dispatches from Modder river represent Dutch disaffection in Griqualand West as growing very serious. In some towns the entire Dutch population has joined the Boers.

The rebels have formed a laager at a point about 30 miles west of Modder river camp. It is also announced that the Boers have raised the siege of Kuruman and have all withdrawn to Magersfontein.

Dispatch from Winston Churchill

London, Dec. 28.—The Morning Post has received the following from Mr. Churchill, under date of December 26, telegraphed from Chieveley Camp, where he has arrived: "All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Redvers Buller, and there is a stern determination to succeed next time at all costs. A painful impression was caused by the announcement of the change of commander-in-chief, and the soldiers here are resolved to vindicate their trusted leader. The situation, nevertheless, is difficult, the Boer position being one of extraordinary strength, with high hills lined tier on tier with trenches and galleries, rising from an almost unfordable river and with a smooth plain in front. The enemy have all the ranges marked, and many powerful guns dominate the various points of the river, while the drifts are commanded by converging musketry fire from probably 12,000 Boers. There are 16 miles of wild, broken country before reaching Ladysmith, which demands early relief."

Discussing Iola's Fires

Among the enterprising reports of Iola's fires which have appeared recently the following are particular gems of error:

The Garnett *Plaindealer* says: "A special telegram from Iola, Thursday forenoon announces that the Lanyon smelters, situated four miles east of that city were burning and that seven men had lost their lives in the conflagration."

Up at Colony it was reported thus: "As we go to press we receive notice of the explosion and burning of the LaHarpe smelters, and the killing of six men. No particulars."

The gas editor of the Yates Center *Nexus* tells it thus: "The large cement works at Iola burnt to the ground last Monday night. The fire was started by an explosion of the gas machinery."

The fire had spread considerably when it reached Leavenworth. The *Times* says: "Fire which started in the north end of the machine kiln destroyed \$500,000 worth of property belonging to the Lanyon Zinc company at LaHarpe."

The Nevada (Mo.) *Post* did the sensational feat to the limit, as follows: "A destructive fire visited Iola this morning about 7 o'clock. Result: Three men were killed, eight more missing and supposed to be buried beneath the burning debris, and \$100,000 worth of property destroyed."

Jennie—No man can love a girl with a white face and a red nose. Rocky Mountain Tea will make them change places, then you're all right. Ask your druggist.

Card of Thanks.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us through the sickness and death of our dear mother, MR. AND MRS. H. WRIGHT, MR. AND MRS. A. WRIGHT, MR. AND MRS. J. RICHMOND.

The "life-line" is out, extending the "glad hand" of life, hope and happiness. Reaches around the globe. The Rocky Mountain Tea. Ask your druggist.

WHOLESALE GROCERY

All the Preliminaries Have Been Arranged for Tholen & Achter to Move to Iola

CAPITAL WILL BE \$30,000

They Have Done a Fine Business at Humboldt for the Past Seven Years—Will Enlarge

The REGISTER, and a good many of the business men of Iola, have been aware for a year or more that the wholesale firm of Tholen & Achter, of Humboldt, was planning to move to Iola, and the REGISTER is glad to announce that within the past few days definite arrangements for the change have been made.

One of the chief drawbacks has been that no suitable room was available and no arrangement could be made for the erection of a building. A six months lease was signed up Tuesday for the old Lanyon building on the north side of the square, two rooms, and between January 8 and 15 the stock now in Humboldt will be moved here by teams. Several car loads of goods now on the road have also been ordered changed to Iola. It has been practically arranged to erect a building for the firm near the railroads at an early date and then they will be able to extend as much as they please, and this move is necessary as the building into which they will first move will not contain near all the stock which they ordinarily carry.

The new firm will be incorporated under the name of the Iola Wholesale Grocery and will be capitalized for \$30,000. Mr. Henry Tholen and Mr. Ben Achter, who have built up the business, will be members of the firm, and Lute P. Stover will be a third member. Both of the former gentlemen have lived in Allen county for a long time and have won an enviable reputation as business men. Seven years ago they started their wholesale grocery on a small scale at Humboldt and have prospered and grown ever since. They do not wander from their own firesides so extensively as do some firms, but within the territory which they do work they have a reputation for honest dealing and business sagacity which has secured and held a mighty fine business. Humboldt merchants have stood by them and patronized home industries and the Iola grocers have for years bought largely from them. The reason of the change to Iola is that this city has grown and the trade here has increased so much that it was deemed desirable to get in closer touch with the merchants. From this point the Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific railroads give excellent connection with adjacent territory for fifty miles each way, and the M. K. & T. is easily reached to the east and to the west. Two traveling salesmen will be put on the road, one on the Pacific and one on the Santa Fe, work which the members of the old firm took turn about doing. Two men will be employed in the office and three or four ware room men and teamsters will be employed. All of which means the addition of ten or twenty good prosperous citizens to Iola.

The advantages of having a wholesale grocery here in Iola are too obvious to need dwelling upon. The freight rates will be improved, the cost price of groceries will be considerably reduced and the merchant will be enabled to operate with a very much more diversified stock than formerly and with less capital invested. He can buy by the sack and the box where before he had to buy by the \$100 worth. He does not need to keep so much of any one thing, and can get a new supply at a few minutes notice.

With all these advantages coming to the merchant, it is up to the grocers of Iola to patronize the home wholesaler. Whenever and wherever he can throw business to the Iola Wholesale Grocery, it is the duty of the loyal business man to do so, for the town's good and his own. The benefits will be mutual and will help to build up a large concern which in time may employ many workers and add materially to the prosperity of the town. It is most sincerely to be hoped that the new firm will hold all the old trade and that the local trade will flow into the "home industry" channel.

The wholesale stage is a very gratifying mark in any town's progress and the REGISTER congratulates Iola that she has reached the stage.

It's like a "dip in the fountain of youth." Touches the cheek so gently that "youth lingers on the face of old age." That's what Rocky Mountain Tea does. Ask your druggist.

SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO.

Some of the Interesting Things Found in a Register of December 22, 1882.

Turning back the files of the Weekly REGISTER to the year 1882, a number of interesting items were found.

Among the advertisements noticeable the announcements of Geo. A. Bowls and W. A. Cowan that each had just got control of \$100,000 which they would loan cheaply.

Among the editorial notes is the statement that Senator Plumb had introduced a bill into Congress providing for a soldiers home in Kansas, the one now located at Leavenworth.

Among the Moran item is this: "If a man possessed the power to damn, the managers of the coal ring would be in a hotter place than all their coal would make if set ablaze at once."

At a high school meeting Anna Pickell read a paper on the subject: "Trials of a Young Girl's Life." Alice Hendricks read the old time favorite "Twenty Years Ago." The dialogue by Docia Young, Maddie Colborn, Clara Welch and Eugene Talcott, was very interesting. The school paper bearing the title "Our Dog," was read by Bula Reimert.

Invitations are out for the grand ball to be given by the G. A. P. Post at the opera house. Elaborate preparations have been made.

In the market report it is learned that hay is worth \$2.25; broom corn 60 to 90; wood \$3; chickens \$2.50 a dozen.

A public meeting was held to organize a library and Ella Cowan, Florence Rohrer, C. F. Scott and J. H. Fisher were appointed a committee on organization.

The choir of the M. E. church has been extensively replenished and is now doing good work.

Somebody stole the town pigeons, by making a raid on their retreat in the Baptist church steeple, and sold them to H. Klausmann. We understand a fund is being raised to release them. We contribute a quarter.

Wm. Buchanan can be found at the old stand, three doors south of the bank, dealing in flour, feed and wood.

"All persons indebted to us, please call and settle. This means business and don't forget it. Bartels Bros."

Constant reader contributes a note to the effect that he had just met a man from Missouri who reported the finding of a ten foot vein of coal in Barton county. "Now," says he, "if the vein exists and dips this way, could we not reasonably expect to find it here at a depth of some thousand feet?"

A Masonic Gift.

At the close of the installation ceremonies of the various Masonic bodies Wednesday Mr. L. C. Beatty, speaking on behalf of the brethren of both the Iola Lodge and the Chapter, presented Mr. J. B. Goshorn, who is Master of the Lodge and High Priest of the Chapter, with a beautiful and costly emblem representing both branches of the order. The jewel is of silver and gold and is of very considerable intrinsic value, however small that may be in comparison with the value which the recipient will place upon it by reason of the manner in which it came to him. Mr. Beatty's speech of presentation was very happy and Mr. Goshorn made an appropriate reply.

The special occasion of the presentation was the wish of the members of the order to show their appreciation for the zeal and enthusiasm with which Mr. Goshorn has devoted himself to the interests of both the Lodge and the Chapter during the past year. It was chiefly due to his influence that a dispensation was obtained for the location of a Chapter here, and it was also largely due to his enthusiasm that nearly thirty new members were added during the year to the Lodge of Master Masons. The gift was well deserved, and will be worn by Mr. Goshorn with much pride.

Building Rebuilt.

A heavy force of masons and carpenters was put to work on the ruins of the machine building at the Cement Plant which was recently destroyed by fire. As a result the building is very nearly rebuilt and it is hoped to resume its occupancy next week.

The immense west building which is to be used as a storage room is now enclosed and is undoubtedly one of the largest buildings in the county. This is the west building of the plant and the foundation was a continual wonder to visitors. It is a frame building and is about eighty by three hundred and fifty feet with a switch track on each side.

While at work at the plant yesterday evening Ves Bliss received a very severe bruising on his right leg by the falling of a heavy metal beam which he was carrying. The injury is merely painful and not dangerous as no bones were broken. As soon as the metal work for the main building can be obtained from the foundries other buildings will be commenced and the plant will rapidly assume shape and give the observer a clearer idea of its immensity.

Removal Notice.

I wish to announce to the people of Iola and Allen county that I have moved my store to the McClain Building, where I expect to enlarge and make the store a Department Store.

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Mighty Good Company.

"The Topeka Capital," says the Iola REGISTER, "has been asked for a list of the ten best weekly papers in the State, and shifts the answer to the weeklies. There are hundreds of them which will not hesitate to name nine of the best." J. E. House of Erie sends to the Capital a list of ten. To his notion the ten best weeklies of the State line up as follows: Mail and Breeze, Hiawatha World, Troy Chief, Paola Spirit, Osborne Farmer, Clay Center Times, Minneapolis Messenger, Eureka Messenger, Olathe Mirror and Sterling Kansas Bulletin. "There are a great many papers entitled to consideration in compiling this list," says Mr. House, "but I give the foregoing the preference. If papers printing daily edi-

tions are considered, the Ottawa Herald, the Iola REGISTER, El Dorado Republican and Emporia Gazette should displace four of the foregoing. Judgment is rendered after taking into consideration the editorial and news features, as well as the mechanical excellence of the journals. Many papers qualifying in one or the other respect do not come up to the mark in all three." There are a lot of mighty fine weeklies printed in the State. If 500 Kansans should submit lists of the ten best ones, it is not at all likely that any two lists would contain the same names. Exceptions will no doubt be taken to Mr. House's list, but it will be generally admitted that he picked out ten particularly fine papers, whether it is conceded that they should stand as the ten best ones or not.